



**Son Centre**  
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

# Newsletter

Tuesday 16 May 2023

It's Education Week, and we are celebrating the great Teaching and Learning that is happening at Son Centre. We are grateful to God that we can deliver Christ-centred education in such beautiful, open spaces. We hope you enjoy these photos that show just a snippet of what is happening this week!

**Kristy Wilson**  
Principal



## Praying for our School

*Jesus Christ never changes! He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. - Hebrews 13:8*

As we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Son Centre Christian College this year, we acknowledge that Jesus has been at the centre of our school's story both in the past and in the present. We also have confidence that Jesus will be at the centre of our school's future.

An invitation is extended to all in our school community to join in a regular time of prayer. Our prayers will thank God for the blessings of the past 30+ years, stand on the promises of God's Word and all that He will do in our school this year, and seek God's will and guidance for our future years.

This week's prayer time will be Thursday 18 May @ 3:30pm at the school. We'd love for you to join us. The following week will be at 6pm with alternating weeks of prayer time to accommodate different schedules.

## Freestyle Dance Ministry (FDM)



We are excited to have Freestyle Dance Ministry do a one-hour program with our students on Friday 26 May.

FDM is a non-denominational ministry that runs workshops in churches and schools in different locations across Australia. FDM not only express faith through dance, but also faith with dance. There will be a Christian message element to the FDM workshop, as well as a dance component where Christian music is played.

For more information, please go to their website [Freestyle Dance Ministry | Dance. Discussion. Discipleship](#)

## Lions Eye Health Program



The Lions Club provide a Vision Screening Program free of charge to local schools. The Lions Club Members have been specifically trained to perform four vision screening

assessments including Visual Acuity, Colour Vision, Depth Perception and Spot Vision Screener.

Lions screeners are subject to Working with Children Clearances and adhere to state specific health and safety protocols.

The individual screening takes just a few minutes to perform. There is no physical contact made with the child and no eye drops are administered. It is important to understand that this is only a screening and does not constitute an examination or diagnosis of vision problems. Children currently under the care of an optometrist are encouraged NOT to take part.

A flyer with more information is attached, as is a Parental Consent Form should you wish your child to participate. Completed forms are to be handed into the school office by Friday 26 May.

### School Nurse Visit



Kerrie McCosh, a primary school nurse, will be visiting our school in early June this year. **Prep grade Health Assessments:** All parents/carers of Prep grade children will be asked to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the form to the school. If you do not wish your child to be seen by the school nurse, please sign the non-consent section and return the form to the school.

**Referrals (Grades 1-6):** Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, physical abilities, medical conditions, behavioural and parenting issues. *Please collect a referral form from the school office.*

Completed forms are to be handed into the school office by Friday 26 May. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form.

*Please note:* You can talk to the primary school nurse at any time throughout the year. The school has her mobile phone number.

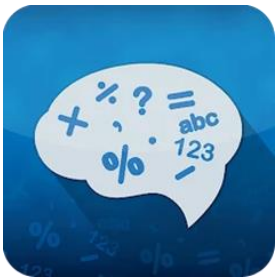
### P-2 Fun Day

Friday 9 June is the school winter sports, with our P-2 class joining other P-2 classes for a Fun Day at Nyah Primary School for the following activities:

1. Soccer (Swan Hill College VET students)
2. NETTA (Swan Hill College VET students)
3. AFL clinic – AFL
4. Large Outdoor Games & Mini Golf (Swan Hill College VET students)
5. Healthy Eating (Swan Hill District Health Dieticians)
6. Lower Murray Water (LMW staff)
7. First Aid (St John Ambulance Staff)

A free lunch (limit of 2 sausages per person) is provided but families need to fill out a form. A permission note and the lunch form will be coming home closer to the date.

### New Parent App for Communication and Newsletters



In the coming weeks, Son Centre will be rolling out a new app for Parents to connect with the school. It will have similar functions to SchoolStream, but also provide additional functions.

**EducateUs** can be downloaded from the Google Play Store or Apple Store.

This app will integrate with the school's database, so you can update phone numbers or address details for yourself under your profile. It will also provide a calendar of school events; help with attendance including notifications of when your student is absent and a place to enter absent notes; plus much, much more.

We will start with a simple rollout to get you used to the program. A Welcome Letter with your initial login details will be emailed and provided as a hard copy to you, and Kylie is happy to help with setup or you can contact their great customer support staff.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### From the PCF Committee



What a beautiful evening we had at our Mother's Day Family Dinner! It was a joy to see so many smiling faces gathered together to celebrate the amazing women in our lives.



We would like to start by expressing our gratitude to the many volunteers who helped to organise and run the event.

From planning and coordinating, preparing and serving delicious food, to setting up and cleaning up, your hard work and commitment were instrumental in making the evening a success.



Finally, a huge thank you to all of the wonderful women who came out to celebrate with us. Your presence and love brought a special energy to the room, and we hope you felt appreciated and celebrated. We know that your dedication and support are what



make our school community so special, and we are grateful for the opportunity to honour you on this special day.

As a PCF Committee, we are committed to supporting our school community and creating opportunities for families to come together and celebrate.



We have the following upcoming events that we hope you will attend:



- **Cuppa and catch-up** prior to assembly - The next catch-up will be, Wednesday 24th May, at 2pm in the Community Room. Light refreshments will be provided.



- **PCF Meeting** - Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 22nd May at 2pm** in the Community Room. Light refreshments will be provided.



Thank you again to everyone who attended and contributed to the Mother's Day Family Dinner. Your support and dedication are truly appreciated, and we look forward to more opportunities to celebrate and come together in the future.



Blessings,

**Lauren Dodgshun and Helen Tilbrook**  
(PCF Co-Presidents)

# CALENDAR

## Term 2 Dates 2023

4	Mon-Fri	15-19 May	Education Week
	Tue	16 May	Divisional Cross Country
	Thu	18 May	Prayer time at 3:30pm
5	Wed	24 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
	Wed	24 May	Assembly
	Thu	25 May	Prayer time at 6pm
	Fri	26 May	Dance Ministry Incursion
	Fri	26 May	National Sorry Day
6	Thu	1 Jun	Prayer time at 3:30pm
7	Mon	5 Jun	Report Writing Day – <b>Student Free Day</b>
	Wed	7 Jun	Vision Testing by Lions Australia
	Wed	7 Jun	Assembly
	Thu	8 Jun	Prayer time at 6pm
	Fri	9 Jun	Small School Winter Sports
8	Mon	12 Jun	<b>Public Holiday</b> – King’s Birthday
	Thu	15 Jun	Prayer time at 3:30pm
	Fri	16 Jun	Divisional Winter Sports
9	Wed	21 Jun	Assembly
	Thu	8 Jun	Prayer time at 6pm
	Fri	23 Jun	<b>Last day of Term finishes at 2:05pm</b>

## Term 3 Dates 2023

1	Wed	12 Jul	<b>Term 3 Commences</b>
10	Fri	15 Sep	<b>Last day of Term finishes at 2:05pm</b>

## Term 4 Dates 2023

1	Tue	3 Oct	<b>Term 4 Commences</b>
11	Wed	13 Dec	<b>Last day of Term finishes at 3:05pm</b>



**Attachments include:**  
Vision Testing Flyer & Permission Slip