



The Spirit

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EVENTS

JUNE

Monday, 11

Year 11 & 12 exams
commence this week

Alumni Assoc Mtg 6 pm

Wednesday, 13

Claire's Cottage CAN Activity
3:15pm - 4:30pm

CaSSSA Trimester 2 Round 5

Monday, 18

Year 9/10 mini block exams

Tuesday, 19

Year 9/10 mini block exams

Year 8 Humanities Expo
pd 1- 3

Wednesday, 20

Year 10 Futures Conference pd
1-6 AUD & Ionian Centre

Claire's Cottage CAN Activity
3:15pm - 4:30pm

CaSSSA Trimester 2 Round 6

One of my favourite verses from the Old Testament is from Micah 6:8.

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love tenderly

And to walk humbly with your God.

For me, throughout my more than thirty years that I have been involved in education, this verse has been a touchstone when dealing with students, parents and colleagues. "Walking humbly with my God" can sometimes present a challenge. When I think about all the wonderful achievements of our students in all the different areas of MSM life, as Principal I am very proud. I am always delighted for us to share all of our "good news stories", however I do find that there is a tension between being "proud" and being "humble".

I was going through some of the papers in my study at home over the weekend and I came across this article by David Briggs, holder of a master's degree from Yale Divinity School. This article provides some lovely insights into humility.

It is good to be confident in yourself and to always strive to be the best you can be. Yet, truly successful people strive not only to be their best, but to be great in how they treat others.

We have all seen the footballer who scores a goal and turns to his teammates to thank them for their help. We have also seen the player who scores and then runs around the field pointing at himself and calling attention to his achievement.

C S Lewis, the author of the Narnia books, said, "Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less".

Humility is sometimes referred to as 'the quiet virtue'. Humble people usually know their own strengths and weaknesses, are open to new ideas, and are able to appreciate the talents and needs of others.

And humble people are not walked over by others. Research has revealed that humble people are the people we like best of all. They are more likely to be successful in life, friendships and even love. Why? One reason is that they are less selfish and more understanding.

Thursday, 21

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MSM Athletics Carnival @ UQ

Friday, 22

Wellbeing activities pd 1 & 2

End of Term Indigenous
Reconciliation Liturgy &
Assembly 11am.

**Term 2 concludes for
students 12:30 pm**

25 - 29 June 2018

Window of Opportunity Days
for Year 11 & 12 Students

Friday, 29

End of Term for Staff

TAFE Term 2 concludes

JULY

Monday, 16

STUDENT FREE DAY

TAFE Term 3 commences

Parent/Teacher
Conferences 12 noon - 6 pm
Sophia Centre

Parent Academy
3:30pm - 4:30 pm

Rosies Student
Engagement Programme

Tuesday, 17

TERM 3 COMMENCES

Assembly

Rosies Student Engagement
Programme

Boastful, arrogant people or people with low self-esteem are more likely to demand constant attention and praise. They are more likely to get angry with other people and nurse grudges, playing games like refusing to speak or sending nasty messages or getting others to gang up. They are more likely to run round the field pointing to themselves!

But humble people help their friends find solutions when they disagree, instead of having an argument or fight. They have lots of friends because they are nice to be with. They are more likely to be able to see the world through the eyes of others.

As Atticus Finch said to his daughter Scout in 'To Kill a Mockingbird', "If you can learn a simple trick, Scout, you'll get along a lot better with all kinds of folks. You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view...until you climb into his skin and walk around in it."

In Faith & Love

Sharon Volp