FACEBOOK UPDATE

As our College’s Facebook page is now six months old I thought it important to present some feedback points.

Since officially launching the ASC FB page in September 2015 the site now has 740 Likes, an Average Daily Audience of 690 people, and a maximum reach of 3,178 people for March.

Part of embracing social media is to continue to provide a conduit for parent engagement in the celebration of the school events which we post.

The goal of the page has been to capture and share the daily life of all that happens in the classrooms and beyond.

The school also believes it is important to model the positive use of social media to all members of the ASC community. Like students and teachers, parents also have a key role in modelling appropriate online behaviour.

Given the instant and immediate reach of what is shared via social media, I would remind parents to consider if what they post is in the spirit of supporting the school and our students.

There are times when parental issues arise and parent commentary can appear online via social media. We believe these matters are best resolved in a private, face-to-face environment and not via posts on social media.

As a reminder to all please review the Community Social Media Guidelines on our Facebook Page.

We thank you for your continued engagement on our page and look forward to you sharing in the great things that happen here at the school.

BLUE BULLS

Carl Hansen, Year 8, was successful in the Central West Junior Rugby Union under 14s final trial and will be running on with the Blue Bulls for the Country Championships in Lismore in May and the State Championships in Orange in June. This is his fourth representative team in four years, his first at just age 10 when he ran on for Western Region PSSA. Well done Carl.

GOOD GRACIOUSNESS AND AICES HOCKEY

Grace Schumacher, Lucy Corbett-Jones and Rachel Corbett-Jones have been selected to represent AICES 16s hockey at CIS. We look forward to hearing about their achievements. Grace has also progressed from CIS Tennis to All Schools – must be Davis Cup next!

FAST FACT

The lighter was invented before the match.

Thought::Easter gives all who have suffered pain a sense that we are not on our own and, despite our emotions and feelings, God does understand. The Easter story gives us a glimpse of God’s broken heart, the physical suffering of Jesus demonstrating that he understands what it is to feel physical and emotional pain. The resurrection is a promise of presence; we are not on our own.
FROM THE CHAPLAIN
Reverend Tony Card

Jesus said, ‘It is finished.’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:30, NRSV).

So ends the story of the passion of Christ, a story that will be read and possibly enacted in churches around the world tomorrow. It’s a story that doesn’t get any easier for us to listen to, no matter how many times we have heard it. It’s a story that still captures the imagination and interest of our society. Tomorrow night’s new bulletins will all begin with stories of how this history changing event has been remembered in our cities and towns.

At our whole school Easter chapel today we focused on the theme “Were you there.” Students engaged with the crucifixion through drama and self-reflection. Tim Jackson (Yr 10), Abbey Barcham (Yr 11), Ben Darlington (Yr 10), and Will Munro (Yr 6) played the role of the carpenter who made the cross, a woman who followed Jesus, a soldier who was at the crucifixion, and a child who struggled to make sense of it all. In the weeks leading up to Easter every student had the opportunity to reflect on what the crucifixion meant to them. Many wrote words of thanks, asked for forgiveness, and questioned why this took place. Through the drama and reflections the students were asked to consider who they were in the story. Now it’s your turn; who are you in this story?

Are you among the disciples, having spent years journeying with him, listening to him, and sharing with him but still not aware of who he really is?

Have you followed him but deserted him when times got tough?

Are you with Peter, having faith and trust when you are with others who believe but deny him when a stranger asks about your faith?

Are you one of the soldiers, prepared to kick someone when they are down….for no reason other than they are weak?

Are you with the leaders, too wrapped up in your own power and privilege to see God when he is right in front of you?

Are you part of the crowd…welcoming Jesus as king one week and demanding he be crucified the next?

If we think about it we can all connect with at least one character in the story…and it doesn’t matter which one…for Jesus died for all…to restore us to a right relationship with God. That’s what Easter is really about.

May you be blessed by the Saviour this Easter.

With every blessing,  
Rev. Tony Card.

Thought for the week: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16, NRSV)
Our next feature author who will be at the All Saint’s Literature Festival this year is..

**J.C. BURKE**

Jane was born in Sydney in 1965. The fourth child and the fourth daughter! Her parents were journalists so there were always ‘colourful characters’ dropping in for dinner and as a kid Jane loved to impersonate these people.

Jane did not write a word until she was 35 years old. She undertook a Creative Writing Course while she was recovering from glandular fever. Her first novel was *White Lies*, which was published in 2002 and was made CBCA Notable Book for 2003.

*The Story of Tom Brennan* was awarded the 2006 Book of the Year for Older Readers by the Children’s Book Council of Australia, and is on the current NSW Higher School Certificate prescriptions list.