

Weekly Update

Charlotte Mason College
Term 2 Week 4



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



As we are nearing the end of our first year as an accredited school, my team and I wish to thank you for patiently bearing with us during the establishment period.



While rapidly approaching our first major school-accreditation-audit, the CMC staff have been busily creating systems and a new Charlotte Mason Curriculum for Australia. The new curriculum will accomplish two goals. It will provide a framework that facilitates a rich cultural, academic and practical education for our On-Campus classrooms that is also transferable for use in a Home-Education environment. It will also allow teachers, parents and students to have some flexibility and freedom of choice in learning activities and assessment items, while satisfying Australian Curriculum requirements.

We hope to launch the new CM Australia curriculum in the coming weeks.

A comprehensive parent-training course is also in development and will be trialed during 2018-19. We are committed to building an education service that respects the important role of parents-as-education-stakeholders in partnership with the CMC teachers and support staff.

Because of the extensive development work in curriculum design, preparing for our first school audit and preparing to apply for our own Registered Training Organisation, Mrs. Stephanie McGill has taken over as Acting Principal, to allow me the time and space that this work demands and to focus on these audit preparations. I welcome Stephanie into this school management role.

Prior to this role, Stephanie McGill has been a part of the Charlotte Mason College vision, development and launch since December 2016 and has been working in on our School Management Team.

We also commend to you this newsletter as a 'watch-this-space' communicate in which we will give regular updates on important developments to assist you to have an enjoyable and successful learning journey with your family.

Bruce McNeice (Principal)

THE WEEK THAT WAS...



It is my first week, full time on the Charlotte Mason College Campus. What a wonderful week it has been! We surely have an awesome and diverse College community made up of On Campus, Flexible Learning and Distance Ed. students and families.

I have truly enjoyed getting to know the students, teachers, learning facilitators and parents better. This past week I have been witness to the learning and skill development of your children our future artists, writers, fundraisers, politicians, theologians, film makers, dancers, gymnasts, singer / songwriters, sprinters, administrators, event managers and leaders at work.

I have had the opportunity to see students On Campus, engaged in the necessary skill of learning to learn, investigating and researching truth, possibility, past and future.

I truly enjoyed receiving the hard work from many of our home educated students. I have seen and read some great essays, stories, book reviews, experiments, copy work, interesting projects, drawings, craft and sewing. Well done to you all! Students and families.

This week many of our High School students are working on proposals for a personal project. They need to come up with their idea, develop that idea, write a proposal and then share that proposal with their teacher and I for approval. To share with me they need to request an appointment with reception and have it placed in my diary. I have heard some of their ideas and am impressed. These projects are not just great learning journeys but allow the practice of much needed life skills that will take them into the future.

I am especially looking forward to Activity Day today as we head to the Fredrick Marsden Youth Centre

to jump out of our comfort zones (for some it might be a toe width and others a giant leap) and have a go at the 'Ropes Courses', where we will work on our team building skills and possibly courage. I'm looking forward to speaking with or meeting many of our CMC family over the weeks to come. My email is steph.mcgill@cmc.qld.edu.au if there is anything you would like to discuss please feel free to take the opportunity to send me an email. I am here to support you and your children to have a successful and enjoyable learning journey.

Stephanie McGill (Acting Principal)

WHAT IS THE CHARLOTTE MASON METHOD?

The Charlotte Mason method is based on Charlotte's firm belief that the child is a

person and we must educate that whole person, not just his mind. So, a Charlotte Mason education is three-pronged: in her words, "Education is an Atmosphere, a Discipline, a Life." To learn more, go to

<https://simplycharlottemason.com/what-is-the-charlotte-mason-method/>

NAPLAN

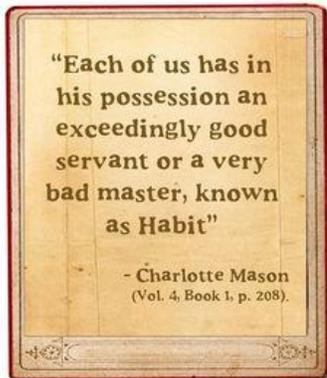
The NAPLAN test is due to be conducted on the 15th - 18th May across Australia.

You would have received a few emails about the NAPLAN over the past week or so. If this is the first you are hearing about NAPLAN please check your emails and respond ASAP.

For more information about NAPLAN at CMC contact reception on reception@cmc.qld.edu.au

For more information on the NAPLAN test please see the [link](https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/) below.
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CHARLOTTE MASON'S HABIT TRAINING



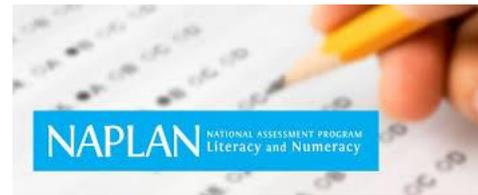
Charlotte Mason expressed the principle of molding a child's habits early on this way: "What you would have the man become, that you must train the child to be" The Early Years are the perfect time to concentrate on forming good habits in our children. But remember, it is never too late to instill a good habit. The first habit recommended, especially for Home Schooler by Simply Charlotte Mason is:

Orderliness

A place for everything and everything in its place—that's orderliness. Some days it sounds like a dream, but wouldn't it be great to make that dream come true on most days? Charlotte Mason recommended that we spend six to eight weeks focusing on the new habit we want to install. So here are some practical tips to help you get orderliness up and running in your home over the next couple of months.

Simplify. Sometimes we can't put everything in its place because there isn't room for it all. Take some time to clean out, so everything has a place.

Handle incoming items once. When the mail arrives, don't just plop it on a counter to be dealt with later. When it is in your hands, take care of it. Put the junk mail in the recycle bin (or give it to one of the children to put in the recycle bin). Open the bills and schedule them in your online banking service or put them in a designated Bill Paying place and make a note on the calendar to pay each



on an appropriate date. Handle it once. It will probably take less time than you think, and the same goes for groceries or library books or you won't have to deal with the piles that tend to grow when you lay them around the house. whatever you bring into the house. Put them away immediately. The more you leave items laying around, the more you have to pick them up or push them aside throughout the day. They just clutter things up. You have to spend the time to put them where they belong eventually. Why not do that right away, while they are in quite so your hands? Handle items once and enjoy keeping your house in lovely order.

Schedule three tidy-up sessions each day: one before lunch, one before supper, and one before bedtime. Enlist the children to do it. One mom I know assigns each child a zone in the house each week. During tidy-up times each child is responsible to pick up anything that is out of place in his zone and put it away. By scheduling several times to tidy up each day, the job won't seem overwhelming. (extract from www.simplycharlottemason.com Habits)

HEALTH & SAFETY



Charlotte Mason College is dedicated to the Health and safety of your child. Over the last two weeks, emails were sent to parents (On Campus, Flexi and DE Activity Day students) related to our Health and Safety Policies. Please read these emails with your child and support us to make CMC a great safe school! Each week we will focus on a CMC Health resource and Safety school expectation.

SUN SAFETY

shorts & skirts (no short shorts and skirts)

- **T Shirts and tops must have sleeves (no holes, straps etc.)**
- **Put sunscreen on before you come to school and re apply at school if necessary**

We care about the safety of all our CMC Community and especially our students any student who is not sun safe will not be able to play outdoors or must play under cover.

(under cover play is at the discretion of the teacher on duty and requires supervision so may not always be possible).

HEAD LICE

The presence of head lice is a very common childhood occurrence in the community. The primary responsibility for the management and treatment of head lice in students belongs with parents.

In some schools, the management of head lice infestations is a recurring and challenging matter. It requires commitment from the whole school community in a concerted effort to treat outbreaks and minimise transmission. Communication and support within the school community can be conducive to minimising future infestations. When facilitating a whole-of-school approach to the management of head lice: CMC will...

- advise parents of head lice outbreaks through letters to parents of students in affected classes
- regularly inform parents, particularly during peak periods of infestation, to be vigilant in checking their child for head lice or lice eggs and to treat all infected household members
- consider providing general information regarding head lice in the school prospectus, school newsletter, or on the school website for parent reference
- ask parents to notify the school if their child is affected

CMC Sun Safety goal is to minimise the risk of student, staff and others over exposure to the sun.

- **Hats must be worn outdoors**
- **Clothing needs to be at least to the knee for**
- if determined necessary to check students for head lice, ensure school staff, or other authorised adults conduct a visual check (no physical contact) in a discreet and sensitive manner (authorised by the principal)
- implement guidelines for play that minimise head-to-head contact during outbreaks of head lice and ensure care is taken regarding the provision of school hats during period of (noting that head lice can only live up to one day away from the human head).

We ask that parents check their student's hair regularly and follow the guidelines for notifying the school if necessary. Please see the below website for more information:

<http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/165/351/Head-Lice>

ACTIVITY DAY

Woo Hoo!

We have been having some awesome Thursdays, with 45 young people and a number of parents coming along regularly.

In Term 1, 2018, we focused on getting people together and games with movement skills.

This term, term 2, we have been focusing on the habit of Integrity and also athletics activities. We have been trialling a Charlotte Mason workshop for parents and coming up shortly is a Fathers panel with a couple of CMC Fathers sharing their vision.

We would love to welcome any of you on a Thursday! See you then!

Daniel Campbell
Primary Teacher
Activity Day Coordinator



What an incredible day we had today at Activity Day. Thank you to Fredrick Marsden Youth Centre all of our Students, their families and the CMC staff! Watch Facebook for more photos to come



MAY 2018
15-18th – Naplan
17th – Activity Day
24th – Activity Day
31st – Activity Day



COMMUNICATION IS KEY!

Check your email

CMC works hard to communicate with parents and guardians please remember to check your email Tuesday and Friday afternoons at the very least or you might miss something important!

Communicate changes with Us

Changes to your family circumstances, daily routines and other situations that affect your child during school hours need to be communicated to CMC through the reception.

Some examples could be: (pls note some of these affect Flexi and On Campus only)

- *Change of address, contact information, mobile numbers etc.*
- *Living arrangements (does your child live with another parent or guardian some weeks that we need details for?)*
- *Leaving school early or coming late.*
- *Away from school (sick, appointment?)*
- *Illnesses, Head lice, Accidents (information is important for awareness and cross transfer)*
- *Parents going on holiday and child staying elsewhere.*
- *Issues at home that may affect emotional health and wellbeing of your child.*
- *Afternoon Pick up or Morning drop off routine (busses, after 3:30, walking etc.)*

If we call you, it is important – please call us back!

