



The **ACES** Club

Our Monthly Newsletter: November 2023

President's Report

Dear friends and subscribers,

Welcome to the November edition of the ACES newsletter!

First of all, I would like to inform each one of you that a lot has happened since our last newsletter back in September. Last week, the ACES Executive team (Melbourne) was given the opportunity to host a stall at the "Benedict Conference" which was held on 28 October at Australian Catholic University. Please read the short report from Jonathan Hili in this month's edition. The conference allowed ACES to connect with many people, and provide information about classical education and the progress of the movement so far. I would like to sincerely thank John Smyth and Fr Dean Mathieson, both from Melbourne, for organising this excellent event.



Secondly, during October, ACES held its inaugural online book club with Adrienne Freas from *Beautiful Teaching*. Adrienne, along with Mark Signorelli, guided us all through some of the chapters from the book "Awakening Wonder" written by Stephen Turley. The first session was recorded and I urge you all to watch this recording by following this [link](#). Adrienne has kindly volunteered to offer more online sessions to further study this fine book. Limited copies are available at a discounted rate by visiting the online bookstore at [Logos Australis](#). Sarah Flynn-O'Dea from Logos

Australis, in addition to other speakers, will also be organising a mini-conference on Saturday 18 November, which will include presentations and workshops. For further information and to register please visit her [website](#).

In November, ACES will begin exploring and developing classical curriculum documents. Thank you to all those who expressed an interest in being part of this huge and ongoing project. If you are a teacher with any type of experience in creating curriculum documents, units of work, etc. then please send ACES an email by 14 November. By creating curricula we can then ensure that schools across Australia that wish to become classical have these basic frameworks to implement. This curriculum will be based on the Australian standards.

During October, ACES held another professional development session on teaching history classically. This session, which was led by Mark Signorelli, provided an opportunity for a very engaging and insightful discussion about what it means to teach history classically. Please read a short article below written by Connor Ross, who was one of the participants in this session.

ACES will be having its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 9 December, 2023, from 9AM-10:30AM. If anyone wishes to join this online meeting, please send an email to ACES by Monday 4 December for the Zoom link, which will be sent along with relevant documents one week before the meeting. ACES is continuing to make a difference. We are hoping to do more next year and rely heavily on your support and assistance. Visit our [website](#) to see what we have achieved in the last two years. We wish to engage more directly with key stakeholders in the short term and offer them all a refreshing vision of what education really is about.

Finally in this edition, I want to kindly ask each of you to consider making an online donation to ACES. Your donation will help cover our running costs and contribute to the following initiatives: an annual journal; inviting international experts to visit Australia and work closely with teachers and parents in developing classical education resources; revamping our website; advertising our events in major Australian publications; offering discounted professional development opportunities; and staging face-to-face conferences. Your donation will go a long way to help us continue this vital work.

Please feel free to get in touch if you would like to be involved or have any questions: contact@classicaleducation.org.au.

Yours sincerely,

Kon Bouzikos
President of ACES

INTRODUCING *MATHILDE* MAGAZINE!

In this short [article](#), Veronika Winkels, founding editor of *Mathilde Magazine*, describes the mission and noble aspirations of this invaluable publication. You can find the organisation's website [here](#).



A REFLECTION ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Patrick Long, the Deputy Headmaster of Chavagnes International College in France, shares his experiences and wisdom gained from attending some of the sessions offered this year by ACES and *Beautiful Teaching*. Read the piece [here](#). Additionally, visit the college [website](#).

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In this [article](#), Natacha Carabelas gives a brief overview of the inaugural education forum held in Adelaide and focused on the current state of education in Australia. During this talk Dr Kevin Donnelly spoke about ACES and the impact we are having on the educational landscape.

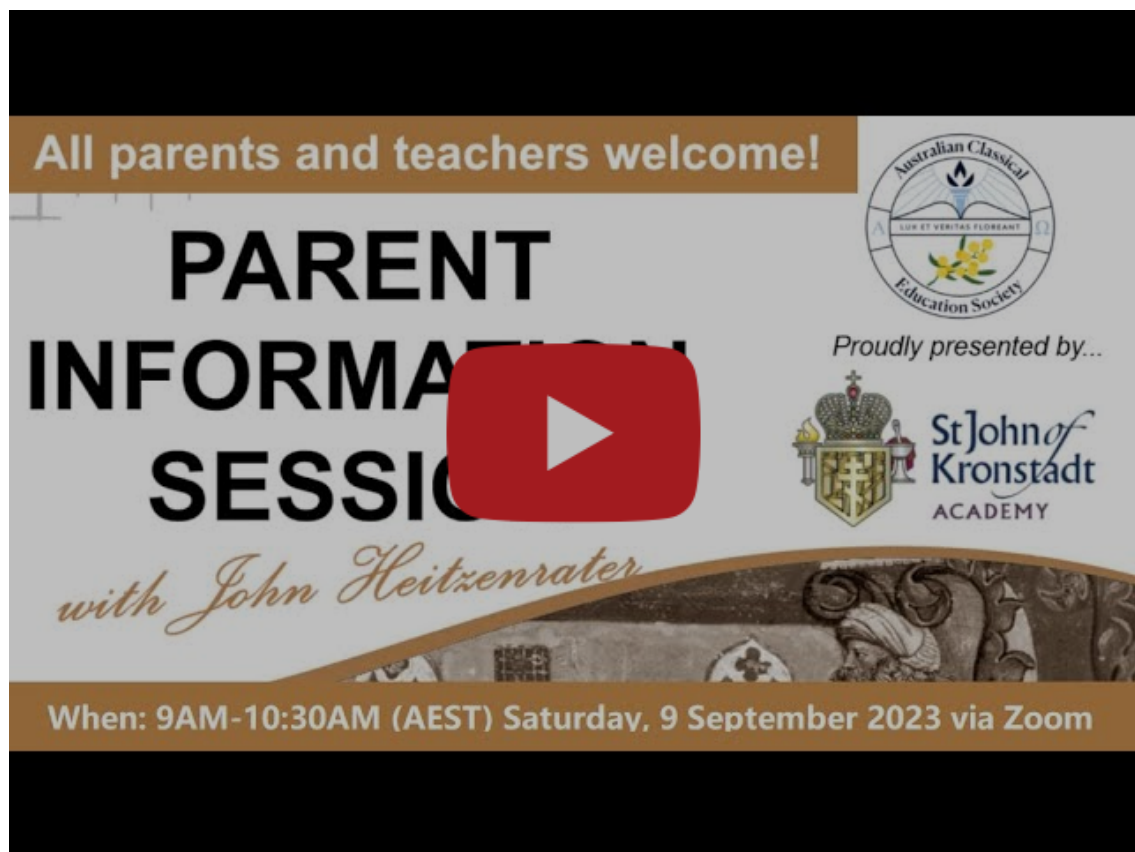
THE BENEDICT CONFERENCE

Jonathan Hili provides a [summary](#) of the "Benedict Conference" recently held in Melbourne, especially how some of the presentations aligned with the aims of classical education. ACES were honoured to have a stall at this event and promote classical learning and our association.



TEACHING HISTORY CLASSICALLY

Connor Ross shares new insights he gained after attending the online PD on teaching History classically. Find his thoughts [here](#).



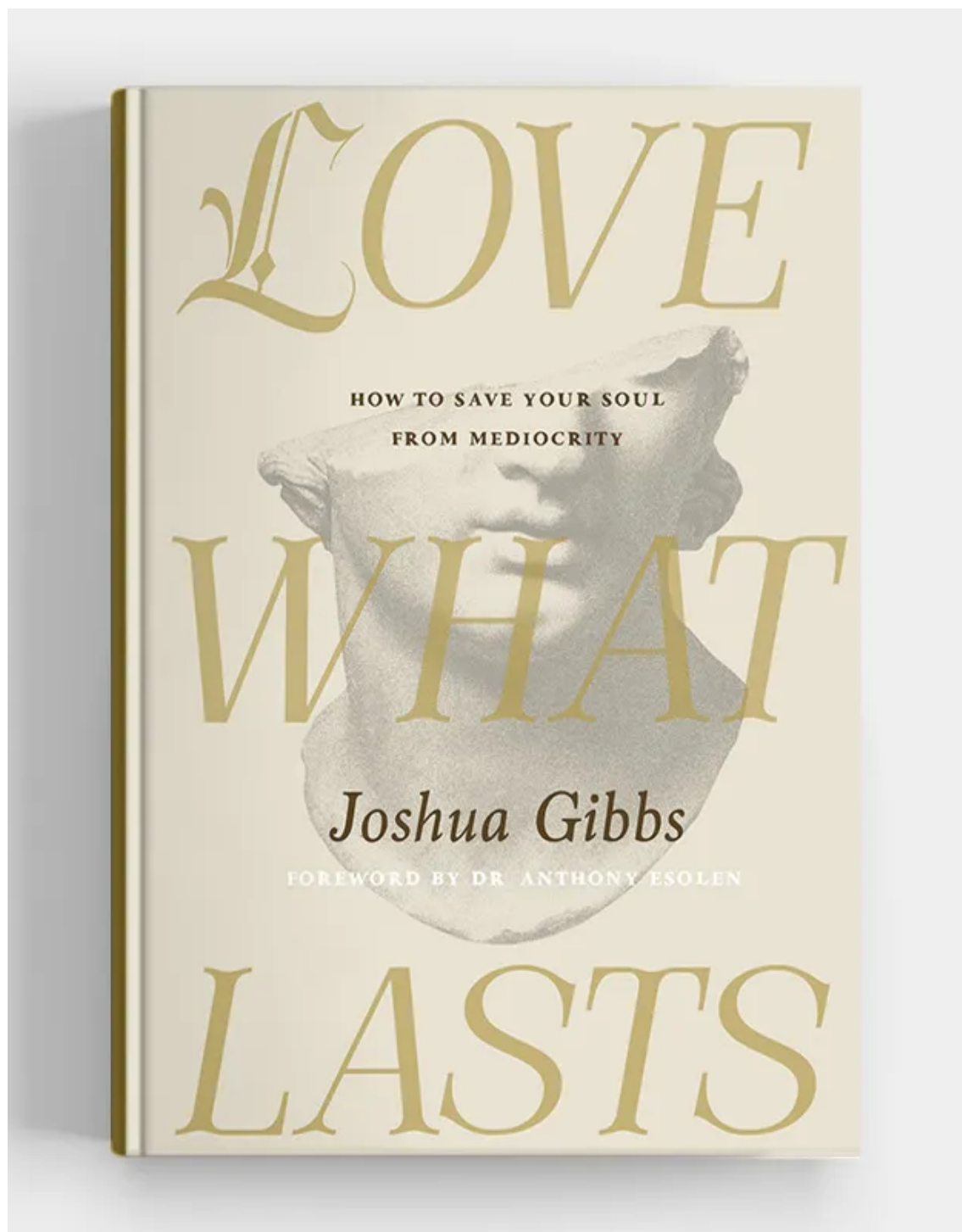
John Heitzenrater is the Headmaster of Chrysostom Academy, a classical college in Pennsylvania. He speaks about his experience in the role, the formation of classical schools, and being a parent of children who are educated according to the liberal arts tradition.

RECOMMENDED VIEWING

ACES Bookclub: "Awakening Wonder" - Session 1

This is the first of a series of discussions on the book by Dr Mark Turley, *Awakening Wonder: The Classical Guide to Truth, Goodness, and Beauty*. ACES is grateful to the support offered by Adrienne Freas and Mark Signorelli. Watch the video [here](#).

Books of Interest



In *Love What Lasts*, Joshua Gibbs offers readers a wide-angle view of contemporary culture, explains how we got here, and invites readers to reconsider the role old books, old music, and old films might play in their lives and the lives of their families. In a society which is helplessly addicted to the next big thing, loving that which lasts is true deliverance. The book can be purchased from CiRCE's [bookstore](#).



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Annual General Meeting



**Saturday 9 December 2023, beginning 9AM - Please email ACES
by the end of November for the Zoom link**



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