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18 February, 2010

Term 1, Week 2

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, February 27

Geneva School Fair

Monday, March 1

The Ark Van at Geneva

Friday, March 12

SCEE Swimming Carnival

TERM DATES 2010

Term 1 February 9 – April 1

Term 2 April 20 – July 2

Term 3 July 20 – October 1

Term 4 October 19 – Dec 15

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

I believe every human has a finite number of heartbeats. I don't intend to waist any of mine running around doing exercises.

- Neil Armstrong

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Amelia on Monday,

February 22 **Lachlan** on

Thursday,

February 25.



PRAYER CORNER

~ Pray for each teacher that they will be enthusiastic, loving and nurturing and that the students will flourish under their care this year

~ Pray for the building projects going on around the school, for safety for the workers and that they will be completed in good time

~ Praise God for the dedication of the P&F to the school and pray that the School Fair coming up will be a success

MERCY AND TRUTH

With school started for another year, the job of training your children becomes jointly our job too. Our current Bible memory passage, Proverbs 3, tells us in verse 3 to not let mercy and truth forsake you. The balanced blending of these two qualities makes the most effective Christian teacher and parent. Mercy without truth leads to compromise, and truth without mercy produces harshness. Mercy must be fortified with truth, and truth must be tempered with mercy.

The blend of mercy and truth makes us both attractive and intelligent in our dealings with our students and children. God wants us as parents and teachers to be attractive to our children. Harsh, cold, letter-of-the-law strictness does not attract our children, but rather grieves them and ultimately kills any desire they may have to do right. We must ever be careful when we deal with child disobedience and failure to preserve our child's view of a merciful, loving God.

Truth, however, must not be sacrificed for the sake of peace. Sin must be confronted with God's word. The wise teacher and parent know God's Word and gently use it to construct their child's lives.

The Word can be a hammer either to bludgeon or to build a life. If we use it without mercy, we may well destroy a child's desire for the things of God. If we use it with intelligence and mercy, we may build a life. "Lord, teach us how to mercifully use Your Word to build lives for You!"
- David Lincolne & 'Apples for Teachers'

GENEVA SCHOOL END OF SUMMER FAIR!

WHEN – Saturday, February 27

FROM – 10am until 2pm

WHO – EVERYONE ☺

WHAT – The Geneva "End of Summer Fair" to help raise funds for the school and promote a positive community spirit

The Fair is racing towards us at a rapid rate of knots! Thank you to all those people who have already started donating time, talent or items towards this very exciting event. It would be great if we could get all the fair forms that we sent out last week back in by tomorrow – Friday, February 19. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

POWER OUT

Next Thursday, February 25 there will be a 'power out' at Geneva from 1:30pm – 4pm. This will mean that the phones will be out for the 2 ½ hours while the hydro are working on the lines. If you need to contact the school during this time, phone 0418 870 767. We apologise for any inconvenience.

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

An initiative of the Tasmanian government, the "Aussie of the Month Award" is awarded once a month to a student in each high school who demonstrates a community spirit, good teamwork and respect for others. The teachers will decide who this is going to be and a badge and certificate will be awarded to the "Aussie of the Month".



KINDER/PREP

The Prep students welcomed Noah into their classroom for his first day of Kinder yesterday. He made lots of friends and enjoyed doing some special work at his desk. The Preps are continuing to learn lots every day. This week, they have learnt about koalas, seasons, creation, the letters "c", "p", "h" and they have been practicing writing lots of letters and numbers. They also enjoyed a "Popcorn Picnic" in the classroom!



Medal Winners

Isaac - for clean hands & fingernails, hankie, hair, teeth and shoes

Aidan - for listening and sitting quietly in assembly

GRADE 1-3

The Grade 1-3 class have had a very busy first two weeks and have settled back into school well. We welcome the five grade 1 boys to our class for this year. They have had a lot to learn about how our class works, but have quickly settled in and are remembering well. The children have been very busy swimming, learning more about the solar system, Australia and showing Miss Martin what they already know.

Trophies

Winston – for a good attitude towards PACE work

Caleb – for a great start to grade 1



Above: Good friends, Chloe, Maddie, Beckie and Sabrina and Joel with his amazing sand creation – an echidna!

STUDENT BANKING

Student banking is every Tuesday of the school term. If your child already has a bankbook this is just a reminder to encourage you send it in and to inform you of a new initiative of the Commonwealth Bank where each time your child makes a deposit they will receive a token. These tokens can be saved up and used to buy small things from a special Commonwealth Bank catalog ☺ If your child doesn't have a bankbook just contact Rebecca in the school office.



Above: Lewis being a very serious director and Max, Kyran and Krystallee doing some silent reading

GRADE 4-6

Grade 4/5/6 have settled into first term very well. We are really enjoying singing and praising Jesus during devotions each morning. Following devotions the students are working very hard on their PACE work. After which the students get excited about their afternoon activities, which include: silent reading, an author study, science, art and a game called buzz.



Student of the Week

Ashley – for excellent work habits

GRADE 7-9

Students of the Week

Bryce & Johnny – for diligent work and correctly following procedures

Jackie – for completing her first Social Studies PACE and scoring 100% in the test! WELL DONE ☺

STRAIGHT TALK

Faye & Jim Lyons, a Christian couple from Queensland, are visiting our school on Monday for a 90 minute presentation, *The Price Tag of Sex*, for our year 7 - 12 students. We have had the Lyon's visit on several occasions and highly recommend them. It is a challenging and inspiring talk for today's young people to help them understand the values of personal responsibility, self-discipline and character. As a parent if you would like to attend this presentation you are most welcome. Please let me know if you have any queries regarding the above.

- R. Lincolne

SCHOOL FAIR

Wanted - Jars with lids, preferably labels removed

- fillers for lucky jars

- 'pre-loved' things for the brick-a-brack stall