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Term 1, Week 3 2009

DATES TO REMEMBER

Long Weekend - Mon, Mar 9
Swimming Carnival - Fri, Mar 20



End of Term 1 - Thurs, Apr 9

TO GIVE AWAY TO GOOD HOME

2 electric organs & stools: both nearly working, but with some keys out of action!! See Rosemary in the school office.



PRAYER CORNER

~ Praise God for the beautiful weather on Fair day and for the great time of fun and fellowship that was had!



~ Praise God for the beautiful rain we've had this week and pray for safe travels for our school buses and each other.



THE PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A school is what it is because of its philosophy – the set of principles that determine thought and conduct. A Christian school is Christian because it has a Christian philosophy that determines the kind and quality of education provided there. What is the basis of a school's philosophy? A school's philosophy derives from its theology, and an important part of theology is presuppositions. A Biblical presupposition is an assumption that is taken to be true according to God's word. Education grows out of philosophy, and in true education that philosophy is rooted in Biblical theology. In other words, true education is built upon presuppositions and values found in God's Word.

Presupposition number one is that God exists, and from that presupposition comes natural law. As an example consider this. The first law of thermodynamics states that energy can neither be created nor destroyed. Therefore the total amount of energy available in the universe remains constant; it does not change. But what was the origin of that energy, the source that created it? It did not just happen. It had a source, a cause, and that was God.

The second presupposition is that God speaks. The mind and heart and character of God are revealed in the Bible, and a Christian philosophy of education rests upon the recognition that all truth is from God. The Bible has been shown to be historically accurate. Some of the greatest events of history, taking place thousands of years ago in Egypt and Mesopotamia, have in modern times been verified through archaeological digs in the Middle East and through the discovery of the dead sea scrolls. The Bible is not a science textbook, but it speaks of science, and where scientific information is given, it has been proven to be accurate.

The third basic presupposition is that God created the universe. Because everything began with God, all the property of the universe belongs to Him, and from this knowledge man gains a foundation for science and economics.

To the three presuppositions already posed – God exists, God speaks, and God created the universe – a fourth must be added – the presupposition that God created man. Because God created man, he is accountable to God!



THANKS FOR A GREAT EFFORT!

A BIG thank you to all those parents, students, staff and friends for your support and contributions at our End of Summer Fair. We were able to raise approximately **\$3000** which is fantastic!!! We really appreciate each and every member of the Geneva Community who did such a great job.



KINDER/PREP REPORT

The Kinder and Prep students are enjoying interacting with one another and are learning so many important things each day. This week the Preps have been doing activities and learning about Adam and Eve's disobedience, Cain and Abel, wombats, autumn, numbers and blending sounds. Three helpful Kinder students had a lovely time making popcorn and funny face biscuits for the fair. The fair was definitely a highlight and all the Kinder and Prep students who came to the fair especially enjoyed the jumping castle slide!



Prep Medal Winners

Joel – hankie and hair
Jordan – for good spelling
Everyone – for memorizing Proverbs 3:5-6

GRADE 1&2 Medal Winners

Becky - for being a quiet, diligent worker and for beautiful manners
Koby - for working hard
Ben - for some good writing
Shae - for listening well in assembly

GRADE 3-6 REPORT

The grade 3 - 6 class is learning about Australia, its states and capitals, its history and its animals that are native to us. Yesterday, we made Echidna biscuits which was lots of fun and some students made snakes, and platypus shapes also. They were yummy.

Student of the Week

Max Batten - for excellent scores in his tests and a great attitude towards completing his daily goals. Well done!

GRADE 7-10

Commendations go to **Rachael Peck, Loretta Andersen, Joseph How, Elise How, Amelia Mosley** and **Jessica Olsen** for making excellent progress with their PACE work this term.

Our students of the week are **Luka Ulbrich** and **Nick Dacio** for the way in which they have settled in and are completing their PACE work.

KALEIDOSCOPE KIDS

Are you in grade 1-6? Do you like having fun, playing games or doing craft? Then Kaleidoscope Kids is for you!! Come and enjoy an afternoon at the Church of Christ (corner of Steele and William St.) on Saturday, March 28 from 1:45pm – 4pm. K Kids is brought to you by the Churches of Devonport. If you would like to grab a registration form please see Beck in the school office or contact Bianca Vos on 0408 319 931 for more information. Don't miss out – register NOW!!

NORTH WEST HOCKEY

The North West Hockey Centre Devonport is running two Hook in2 Hockey programs catering for children of all ages and abilities. The grade 3 to 6 program will start on Thursday 17th of April and conclude on Thursday 23rd of July) (there are no games during the holiday break). This roster costs \$20 (which includes ground hire, games, skills clinics and insurance). For an additional \$30 grade 3 to 6 players can purchase the equipment pack or an apparel pack. A registration night for both programs will be held on Thursday 2nd of April 2009 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm at Meercroft Hockey Centre – Devonport.

PERSON PROFILE



Zantac – the office bear

If you could be a biscuit, what kind of biscuit would you be?
- oh... one of those jam drop ones, very tasty

Who inspires you and why?

- Winnie-the-Pooh, I mean there he is, a chubby little bear, and he's still a legend hundreds of years on!

What is your **least** favorite food?

- I really don't like cauliflower... but it's good for you kids so eat up ☺

Where is your favorite holiday destination?

- I love going horse riding in the Mediterranean, see me up there in the picture?

If you could have a super power what would it be?

- I would love to be able to ride my bike and eat a bowl of baked beans one-by-one with chop sticks at the same time!!! Some superpower, hu?

What's a quote or saying you love?

- 'Love bears all things....' Or 'When all else fails, hug your teddy.'