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Term 1, Week 6 2009

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Swimming Carnival  
TOMMOROW!!! P.T.O.**

**End of Term 1**

Thursday, April 9

**Term 2 Dates**

Tuesday, April 28 – Friday, July 10

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The happiest people don't necessarily *have* the best of everything. They just *make* the best of everything.

## P&F MEETING

There will be a P&F meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.45am, all parents welcome.

## FOR SALE

Brandnew laptop carry bags excellent value \$20 – school office

## GOVERNMENT MONEY

**Many families will have received the bonus payment from the government. We ask that you please make a contribution to your fee accounts if they are in arrears. Thank you.**

## PRAYER CORNER

~ Praise God for the beautiful weather we've had lately and pray that it continues for the Swimming Carnival.

~ Pray that the Swimming Carnival will be a great time of fellowship and competition and that everything said and done will be God-honouring.

## AN OBITUARY

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, 'Common Sense', who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was because his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: knowing when to come in out of the rain; why the early bird gets the worm; life isn't always fair; and maybe it was my fault. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an Aspirin to a student but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion. Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion, his daughter, Responsibility, his son, Reason. He is survived by his four stepbrothers; I Know My Rights; I Want It Now; Someone Else Is To Blame; I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

- Printed in the London Times



The grade 10 sewing class showing off their stitching skills ☺

**BEWARE!** There are head lice on the loose. Please check your children's hair regularly. Please also make sure that girls hair is tied back.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

When: TOMORROW at 10 am for a 10:30 am sharp start finishing at 1:30pm

Where: Devonport Olympic Pool

Who: students, teachers and all mums, dads, uncles, aunts etc. We need lots and lots of supporters!

Cost: \$2 all students who attend (regardless of whether they are swimming or not)

**Parents! It is important that you arrange transport home for your children as the buses will not be running in the afternoon. If you have any problems with transport phone the school office.**

## PREP REPORT

We all love learning to read. We can read simple sentences now and know that some sentences end with a full stop and some with a question mark. Our handwriting is also going well and we try to always write our letters and numbers neatly. Our science lesson was about winter. Drinking hot cocoa, putting on a jumper and sitting by the fire are some of the things that make us warmer. To help us understand the concept of cold, we passed an ice cube around in a circle from hand to hand. The ice cube eventually melted, but our hands were cold and wet! We made some beautiful cotton wool snowmen and are looking forward to winter so we can have a trip to the snow and enjoy this season that God made for us. We know that winter is a part of God's special plan for this earth that we live on.



## GRADE 1&2

### Medals

**Winston** – for learning the verses in his PACE's well

**Kalan** – for a great effort with English

**Ben** – for listening well in assembly

## GRADE 3-6

### Student of the Week

**Mackenzie** – for being a hard, consistent, diligent worker ☺

## GRADE 7-10

### Students of the week

**Erika, Nerys and Jake** – for working really well

**Joseph and Elise** – for their excellent work in Robotics

## PEOPLE PROFILE



Ashley Eyles – Kung fu expert !

If you could be a biscuit, what kind would you be?

- *chocolate chip*

Who inspires you and why?

- *Kung Fu Panda, because he is cool*

What food do you like the least?

- *fish from the sea*

Where would you like to go on holiday and why?

- *China, because it is the home of Kung Fu*

What is your favourite toy?

- *Yellow Teddy*

What do you want to be when you grow up?

- *a karate kid ☺*

What is your favourite book?

- *the Bible*

## ST PATRICK'S CHILDCARE

Need childcare and living in the Latrobe area? Why not try St Patrick's Childcare Center, located at St Patrick's Primary School in Latrobe. For more information contact St Patrick's on 64263048

## DEVVONPORT RUGBY CLUB COACHING

The Devonport Rugby Club will hold a coaching and registration session Saturday 28th March from 11.00am till 12.30pm. at the Don Rugby Ground Richardson Drive Don for new and existing U/14(12,13 or 14 this year), U/16(15 or 16 this year) and U/18 participants in preparation for the 2009 season.

Coaching will be carried out by accredited coaches via the Australian Rugby Union Smart Rugby & Safety Program free of charge.

Parents should accompany their child for registration and insurance information at no cost until season start.

The day will run in conjunction with the annual Senior Devonport Rugby Club invitation Knock-Out Cup where teams from around the state will compete from 10.30am till around 4.15pm, giving youngsters the opportunity to see the game first hand.

Food and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

All prospective juniors are urged to take this opportunity to learn the basics of rugby from our accredited coaching staff.

Enquiries should be directed to Junior Development on 64247680 or [www.devonportbulls.org.au](http://www.devonportbulls.org.au)