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7, May 2009

Term 2, Week 2

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### AGFEST (for the high school)

Friday, May 8

### Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10

### Student Free Day

(Educators Forum for all staff)

Friday, May 15

### Cross Country

Friday, July 10

## TERM DATES

**Term 2** Tuesday, April 28 -

Friday, July 10

**Term 3** Tuesday, July 28 -

Friday, October 9

**Term 4** Tuesday, October 27 -

Wednesday, December 17

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

- Jesus Christ (John 15:13)

## PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

There are still a number of families that have not confirmed their time slot for Parent/Teacher interviews. It is very important that we know by tomorrow who is going where and what time their appointment is. Please make a big effort to confirm your time slot tomorrow. Just give the office a call and let us know. Thanks.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Just a reminder that Scholastic orders are due in tomorrow, Friday, May 8.

## PRAYER CORNER

~ Pray for the high school students as they go off to Agfest tomorrow, that they will have a fun and safe time.

~ Praise God for our mothers and for what they do every day - feed, cloth and love us ☺

## OUR HISTORY CHALLENGES US TO HONOUR OUR MOTHERS!

Elizabeth Macarthur arrived in Sydney with the Second Fleet in June 1790 along with her husband John, and their infant son. Her husband was to become one of the most controversial figures in Australia's history, yet Elizabeth was highly spoken of and respected by all.

She was a role model for all Australian mothers, with her activities including the following:

- She was a warm and caring mother to her 4 sons and 3 daughters, all of whom became valuable contributors to the developing colony.
- She managed 3 large properties during the frequent, prolonged absences of her husband. This involved caring for over 4000 head of sheep, supervising convicts and so much more. Her skills contributed greatly to the development of Australia's wool industry.
- She built and maintained a strong, peaceful, cultured family life regardless of the harsh Australian environment and the upheavals brought into her home by her infamous husband.
- She remained a loyal and devoted wife to her husband and often wrote of her tender feelings for him.
- Last, but by no means least, she was a role model of Christian character, drawing on her relationship with God for her strength, praying for health and patience, thanking God for His generous dealings with the family, and always showing gratitude, joy and Godly character.

That's quite an example to live up to!! But not only to mothers! Despite his faults, John Macarthur loved his wife and respected her work. Her children and grandchildren also honoured her.

Behind every great Mum is a great God giving her the love and strength she needs to fulfill her calling, but there are also people who honour her. So, as Mother's Day approaches, let's get behind our mums, acknowledging and supporting them, honouring them for all the unseen things they do. There is a challenge in that for all of us!



## PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

It is very important that we have the Parent Questionnaires back by Monday, May 11 as there will be a board meeting that night to look at the results of the Questionnaire.

## PREP – GRADE 2

We have begun a series of lessons about our five senses. Last Tuesday, we talked about sight. Miss Martin blindfolded us and we had to stick two eyes and a nose onto a face. We also drew a smiley mouth. It was very hard to do because we couldn't see! Some of us stuck the eyes on the ears and the nose on the chin! We are thankful to God that He made our eyes to see. This week our senses lesson was about hearing. We used a funny telephone made with two cans to help us understand how sound travels through vibrations to our ears. We played lots of other listening and hearing games too. The outside sounds were hard to hear because of the noisy lawnmower! We went further away from the loud mower and then we heard the sound of birds chirping, the wind blowing in the trees and the cars zooming down the road. Yesterday was World Kids Colouring Day. We went into the Grade 1 & 2 class and enjoyed colouring in together. When all the pictures were put together like a puzzle, it made a special Columbian picture. The World Kids Colouring Day was held to raise money for the children in Columbia whose parents can't afford to send their children to school, buy their school supplies or their uniforms. We are thankful to be able to help the Columbian children in a small way and we are even more thankful to God for the many things we have and use every single day.



Some busy little fingers colouring in!

## Prep Medal Winners

**Daniel** – for neat writing

**Joel** – clean hands/fingernails, shoes, teeth, hankie and hair

**Bayden** – for being a quiet and diligent worker

**Jordan** – shiny shoes

## GRADE 7-10

This week our students of the week are Mariah Rogers, Elise How and Amelia Mosley. They are all working away like busy little beavers and are progressing very well with the work that they need to complete for this term. All three of them also participated very well in our first introduction to Futbol on Monday.

Grades 7 – 10 have also spent some time looking at an inspirational young man called Nick Vujicic. Anyone that wants to know more about him and the way in which he challenges each one of us can go to <http://www.lifewithoutlimbs.org> and read more about this inspirational young man.

## GRADE 3-6

On Tuesday afternoon the Grade 3-6 class had a fun day participating in a fundraiser to raise money for the "Save the Children" fund. They had invited parents to come and join them in colouring in a life size mural of Cambodia. They talked about the things in life they take for granted. Some of these included clean water, clean sheets, nice schools, TV, good food and many others. Parents and Friends have kindly donated \$100 from profits made through canteen. Thank you parents and friends and than you to Yvonne Batten, Sonia Griffiths and Jenny Cute who were able to come and share our afternoon.

## Medal Winners

**Mara-fae** – for her willingness to help others including myself (Mrs. Colledge) and great PACE work

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

Many thanks for your ongoing support of this worthy project whether it be through donations made for casual clothes day or goods sent in for the shoeboxes. Every little bit helps to make such a big difference. We will be continuing to raise money for the shoeboxes through casual clothes days this term. Last term, we raised over \$300 and this has already greatly assisted in purchasing thongs, teddies, marbles and school supplies. Just keep in mind that it costs \$8 per box in postage/handling and we are aiming to do 100 boxes again this year. Please see the attached brochure for more information or if you would like to pack a shoebox as a family project.

Casual clothes Days for Term 2:

Week 3 - Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May

Week 6 - Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June

Week 9 - Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June

## PERSON PROFILE



Nerys Brown

What makes you tick?

*I love playing footy on the oval with my friends*

What's on your bookshelf at the moment?

*A Series of Unfortunate Events – Lemony Snicket*

If you could have anything to eat right now what would it be?

*Vanilla Ice-cream*

If you could be any character from any book who would you be?

*Violet Baudelaire from 'A Series of Unfortunate Events', she made a grappling hook out of curtain rods!!!*

What do you want to do when you leave school?

*I want to do a bit a traveling and then I want to be a vet. There was a little bird being attacked by a big bird and I rescued it and it survived! And then a visitors dog scared it into flight for the first time ☺*