



Gen

29 April, 2010

Term 2, Week 2

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, May 3

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday, May 6

AGFEST

Friday, May 7

Educators Forum & Student

Free Day

May 11 – May 13

NAPLAN testing

Friday, June 25

TACE Cross Country

TERM DATES

Term 2 April 20 – July 2

Term 3 July 20 – October 1

Term 4 October 19 – Dec 15

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

In spite of the cost of living,
it's still very popular.

- Kathleen Norris

BOOK CLUB

If you would like to order anything out of the latest Scholastic Catalogue please hand your orders in by Tuesday, May 4. Thanks.

PRAYER CORNER

~ Praise God for the holidays and for a new term. Pray that enthusiasm and creativity will continue throughout the term and that lots of work will be done.

~ Pray that students will behave in love towards one another and with respect and obedience towards the teachers.

~ Pray for strength and wisdom for the teachers as they embark on a new term. Pray that they will know how to handle situations as they arise and that each one will be blessed.

WHAT'S YOUR WORLD VIEW?

Everyone has one, but where does one's 'worldview' come from? Some of us claim to believe in God, and even claim to believe that Jesus was a real historical figure, but to accept the idea that God created the universe in six literal days, around six thousand years ago is another matter. The idea of a young earth is even shocking to some.

The definition we found was: *worldview – a particular philosophy of life or conception of the world.* The problem is, how did we obtain the particular view that we hold, and why didn't it allow for a literal six-day creation. Some simply adhered to the idea that life had to have evolved over millions of years, and God probably used evolution to accomplish the creation of the universe. (i.e. the big bang)

What you believe about the past shapes your worldview.

We know that many people are struggling with this. It seems that a person's philosophy about the world and its creation is a threefold system built on tradition, uncritical reverence, and acceptance.

1. **Tradition.** A lot of us were raised in a household that never once questioned the evolutionary teaching we received in school or via the media. Therefore, we never doubted the idea either. The home is not the only place tradition is a factor. One's culture and education have a huge influence as well. Tradition is the first stroke of the brush in painting one's worldview.

2. **Unconditional reverence.** Whether it is for the guy who is better than we are at sport, or the teacher we had for biology class, we tend to hold those who we think know more than we do in high regard. This can be especially dangerous. Instead of investigating what we learn, we just accept what these individuals say or believe as truth. We tend to think our ideas about the world are almost complete, "Now that we have the 'facts!'" The picture is, in fact, being painted for us.

3. **The finishing touches.** The finishing touches of a person's presupposition or worldview (our picture of life) are applied through **acceptance**. Most people believe what they believe out of fear of rejection. In addition, God has put a desire to be accepted by others in our hearts, but sin has twisted this desire. We, as God's created children, should yearn for His acceptance, through His Son Jesus. Instead we seek acceptance from the world.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Dear Parents, you would all have received your parent teacher interview times. Thank you to those people who have already responded. Your promptness is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet returned your interview slip please do so tomorrow, Friday, April 30. If you have any questions or queries feel free to contact Rebecca in the office. Thanks for your cooperation.



James Lincolne and Maddy Payne participated in the ANZAC Day service.



PREP REPORT

We welcomed Bailey into our Kinder and Prep class last week. It is great to have another little person to fill the classroom with joy and laughter! The Kinder boys are doing some lovely work at their desks and learning lots of new things each Kinder day. The Preps are doing a series of science lessons about their five senses. For the lesson about "seeing" the students were blindfolded and had to create a face in their workbooks. Some of the faces looked funny and we are thankful to God that He gave us eyes to see. We went on a special nature walk with our magnifying glasses to see and find some of the things that God made for us to enjoy. We came across lots of exciting and fascinating creatures and creations! Our special find was some beautiful red toadstools and a bird's nest which we now have in the classroom. The excitement has been building all week in readiness for the Targa cars, but the weather disappointed us! We had another solution and Mr. Butler kindly took us down to the road in the bus, but alas we waited 40 minutes and not one Targa car came past!! At least we didn't get wet or blown away by the wind! After getting back to classroom, of course, the cars started to stream past. We watched them from the window!!

Medal Winners

Aidan - for a great effort in learning to add.
 Bailey - for a happy, smiley face
 Lachlan - for working well
 Maddy - for clean teeth, hair, hankie, shoes, hands and fingernails



WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES

We welcome Adam Packard and his family to the school and hope that their time here will be a blessed one. We look forward to getting to know you and your family. ☺

Koorong Kids School Fundraiser

Attached to this weeks Gen is a Koorong catalogue. The school will receive 10% of sales. There will be 4 issues sent home throughout the year. We are planning to have some Koorong books available at this year's Book Day along with the Scholastic Book Club. Please have all orders back to the school office by Friday, 14th May.



GRADE 4-6

Our class has grown by another student again this week. We welcomed Adam into our class on Tuesday and he has been very busy learning about our daily routines and beginning PACE work. On Friday last week we had visitors from the Naval Submarine Corp who spoke to us about their role in the Navy. We also enjoyed a presentation from a visiting drama group who took us through some of the early history of Australia. The students have also produced some beautiful illustrations of sunflowers, which have given our classroom a burst of colour.

Student of the Week

Makayla Turner - Persistence in getting her goals achieved

Achievement Awards

Krystallee Lamont - Is enthusiastic in sport
Monique Turner - Eager to Learn



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Our Aussie of the Month for April is James Lincolne for representing Geneva so beautifully in the ANZAC day service on Sunday morning in Latrobe. Well Done James.