

Geneva Christian College

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PROVERBS 3:6

31 May, 2012

Term 2, Week 6

DATES TO REMEMBER

Student Free Day

TOMORROW - Friday, June 1

Long Weekend

Monday, June 11

P&F Time & Talent Auction

Friday, June 15

Cross Country

Friday, June 29

TERM DATES 2012

Term 2 April 24 - July 6

Term 3 July 24 - Oct 5

Term 4 Oct 23 - Dec 19

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Income is a fixed sum of money that is hard to live within, but harder to live without." - W.G.P.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Lucas Turvey – June 3

Ned Young – June 5



PRAYER CORNER

~ Pray for students and teachers as they work towards convention. Pray that they will be enthusiastic as they plan, practice and prepare.

~ Pray that all our relationships will be honest, caring and God honouring.

~ Pray for protection over our buses, drivers and students as they travel each day.

~ Praise God for His faithful promises in the Bible – that we can take hold of and make our own.

FAMILY PRAYER LIST

~ Turvey

~ Walker

~ Webb

~ Westlake

~ Wicks

BEFORE THEY CALL I WILL ANSWER - Isaiah 65:24

One night I had worked hard to help a mother in the labor ward; but in spite of all we could do, she died, leaving us with a tiny, premature baby and a crying two-year-old daughter. We would have difficulty keeping the baby alive; as we had no incubator (we had no electricity to run an incubator). We also had no special feeding facilities. Although we lived on the equator, nights were often chilly with treacherous drafts. One student midwife went for the box we had for such babies and the cotton wool that the baby would be wrapped in. Another went to stoke up the fire and fill a hot water bottle. She came back shortly in distress to tell me that in filling the bottle, it had burst (rubber perishes easily in tropical climates). 'And it is our last hot water bottle!' she exclaimed. As in the West, it is no good crying over spilled milk, so in Central Africa it might be considered no good crying over burst water bottles. They do not grow on trees, and there are no drugstores down forest pathways. 'All right,' I said, 'put the baby as near the fire as you safely can, and sleep between the baby and the door to keep it free from drafts. Your job is to keep the baby warm.'

The following noon, as I did most days, I went to have prayers with any of the orphanage children who chose to gather with me. I gave the youngsters various suggestions of things to pray about and told them about the tiny baby. I explained our problem about keeping the baby warm enough, mentioning the hot water bottle, and that the baby could so easily die if it got chills. I also told them of the two-year-old sister, crying because her mother had died. During prayer time, one ten-year-old girl, Ruth, prayed with the usual blunt conciseness of our African children. 'Please, God' she prayed, 'Send us a hot water bottle today. It'll be no good tomorrow, God, as the baby will be dead, so please send it this afternoon.' While I gasped inwardly at the audacity of the prayer, she added, 'And while You are about it, would You please send a dolly for the little girl so she'll know You really love her?'

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P&F TIME & TALENT AUCTION

The P&F Auction is just 2 weeks away and we would love some more donations on our list! If you have a special talent, some free time or a donation-worthy object and you would like to support the school – please let the school office know as soon as possible.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

It is very important that if you have not yet returned or paid for your Entertainment Book, that you do one of these two things immediately. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

HEALTH FORMS

We still have some families that have not returned their health forms! It is very important that we have these as soon as possible!

ABSENT OR LATE STUDENTS

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE Parents contact the school **before 9.00am** each day if your child is sick or going to be late. We make up to 10 phone calls a day to find out where your children are. You would only need to make one ☺

BEFORE THEY CALL I WILL ANSWER – Continued

As often with children's prayers, I was put on the spot. Could I honestly say 'Amen'? I just did not believe that God could do this. Oh, yes, I know that He can do everything; the Bible says so. But there are limits, aren't there? The only way God could answer this particular prayer would be by sending me a parcel from the homeland. I had been in Africa for almost four years at that time, and I had never, ever, received a parcel from home. Anyway, if anyone did send me a parcel, who would put in a hot water bottle? I lived on the equator!

Halfway through the afternoon, while I was teaching in the nurses' training school, a message was sent that there was a car at my front door. By the time I reached home, the car had gone, but there on the porch was a large 22-pound parcel. I felt tears pricking my eyes. I could not open the parcel alone, so I sent for the orphanage children. Together we pulled off the string, carefully undoing each knot. We folded the paper, taking care not to tear it unduly... Excitement was mounting. Some thirty or forty pairs of eyes were focused on the large cardboard box. From the top, I lifted out brightly-colored, knitted jerseys. Eyes sparkled as I gave them out. Then there were the knitted bandages for the leprosy patients, and the children looked a little bored. Then came a box of mixed raisins and sultanas - that would make a batch of buns for the weekend. Then, as I put my hand in again, I felt the..... could it really be? I grasped it and pulled it out. Yes, a brand new, rubber hot water bottle. I cried. I had not asked God to send it; I had not truly believed that He could. Ruth was in the front row of the children. She rushed forward, crying out, 'If God has sent the bottle, He must have sent the dolly, too! 'Rummaging down to the bottom of the box, she pulled out the small, beautifully-dressed dolly. Her eyes shone! She had never doubted! Looking up at me, she asked, 'Can I go over with you and give this dolly to that little girl, so she'll know that Jesus really loves her?' 'Of course,' I replied!

That parcel had been on the way for five whole months, packed up by my former Sunday school class, whose leader had heard and obeyed God's prompting to send a hot water bottle, even to the equator. And one of the girls had put in a dolly for an African child - five months before, in answer to the believing prayer of a ten-year-old to bring it 'that afternoon'.

'Before they call, I will answer.'

KINDER REPORT

This week we learnt the new sound "b" and have enjoyed lots of fun "b" activities. We made some beautiful butterflies, had fun blowing bubbles outside and stuck balloon pieces onto our "Bb" letters. We are learning about healthy food and we cut and glued some yummy food pictures into a paper cupboard.



PREP REPORT

Our senses lesson for this week was about touching. We played a game where we had to close our eyes, choose an

object and guess what it was by feeling it with our hands. We learnt about "x", made a little box, had some fox stories and wrote lots of "x" on a fox picture. We are enjoying music and singing lots of songs about our great God.

Medal Winners

Bella – for good behaviour
Emily & Luke – for listening in assembly
Michael – for excellent spelling
Ella – for being a diligent and quiet worker

Koorong Catalogue

Please return money and order in an envelope marked "Koorong Book Order" to school by Friday 8th June.

GRADE 1&2

This week we started writing stories about adventures we could have sailing in a boat. So many exciting things could happen! We starting researching our dinosaurs, ready to make posters. We also started making dinosaur puppets using socks, pompoms and felt.

Student of the Week

Khye Howe – for improved work habits

GRADE 3&4

Student of the Week

Joel Saltmarsh – for improvement in his work habits and attitude



GRADE 9&12

Student of the Week

Casey Lodge – for a great effort in sewing and scrapbooking
Nicolas Dacio – for persevering with his woodwork

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

This month, our Aussie of the Month Award, went to Josiah Richards for his great effort at Burine Eisteddfod. Well done!

WHOOPIING COUGH

There is a current outbreak of whooping cough in Tasmanian Schools. Attached to this GEN in an information sheet for your perusal.

COOKFORACURE

On Friday the Grade 8 cooking girls, Makayla, Amber, Brooke and Bridey had a very successful fundraising event cooking soup for everyone to raise money for their Cookforacure project. The girls did a wonderful job and cooked some lovely pumpkin soup, savoury scones and muffins. They were able to donate \$100 to their nominated project – "Food Allergies and Asthma in Children". Full details about the Cookforacure fundraising projects can be found on the internet. The girls hope to follow up this success with another soup day next week on Friday. Thank you girls and thank you Mrs Payne for all your help ☺

PINK STUMPS DAY

Our school has registered as a participant in Pink Stumps Day 2012. Pink Stumps Day is a fundraising promotion that supports the McGrath Foundation to raise funds for research into breast cancer. We know that every dollar makes a difference and our fundraising goal is \$250.00. In June we will be holding a number of small fundraisers including a cup cake stall, pink clothes day, a pink polish stall and more. Please support this worthy cause. Keep reading your children's diaries and the GEN for updates.