DATES TO REMEMBER
Pie Drive
Friday, August 15
Convention Registration
Friday, August 15
Book Fair!
Wed, September 3
CONVENTION!
Sept 22 – Sept 25

TERM DATES 2014
Term 3 July 22 – Sep 25
Term 4 Oct 14 – Dec 17

VERSE OF THE WEEK
“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”
~ Matthew 16:15-16

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...
Amity Redman – July 28
Brooke How – July 31

PRAYER CORNER
~ Praise God for the rest and recuperation that the holidays brought 😊
~ Pray that students and staff will have renewed enthusiasm, energy and perseverance for the term ahead.
~ Pray for teachers and students as they plan, prepare and practice for convention – it’s only 8 weeks away!
~ Pray for safety for our buses on the roads.
~ Praise God that He has not repaid us as our sins deserve 😊

FAMILY PRAYER LIST
~ Russell
~ Saltmarsh
~ Burgess
~ Scrimgeour
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Encouragement - It's a Powerful Thing
'If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging.' Romans 12:8 NLT
Many a man and woman who quit would have kept going if they had just received a word of encouragement from someone. Encouragement is so vital that the Scriptures rank it up there with gifts like teaching and leadership (Romans 12:6-8). Here are two stories that illustrate the power of encouragement. Story one: Not long ago, the world watched as three grey whales, icebound off Point Barrow, Alaska, floated battered and bloody, gasping for breath at a hole in the ice. The whales’ only hope was to be somehow transported eight kilometres past the ice pack to the open sea. Rescuers began cutting a string of breathing holes about 20 m apart in the 15 cm thick ice. For eight days they painstakingly coaxed the whales from one hole to the next, kilometre after kilometre. Along the way, one of the trio vanished and was presumed dead. But finally, with the help of Russian icebreakers, the other two whales, Putu and Siku, swam to freedom. Story two: Jackie Robinson was the first black player in the US to play major league baseball. While breaking baseball’s colour barrier, he faced jeering crowds in every stadium. Playing one day in his home stadium in Brooklyn, he made an error and his own fans began to boo him. As he stood, humiliated, at second base, ‘Pee Wee’ Reese came over and stood next to him. He put his arm around Robinson and they faced the crowd together. The fans grew quiet; the game continued. Robinson later said that arm around his shoulder saved his career! Encouragement - it’s a powerful thing. SO WHO CAN YOU ENCOURAGE TODAY? 😊

WE LOVE OUR STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES
We welcome to Geneva this term – Hannah Scrimgeour in Kinder, Erin Beer in Grade 4, Kevin Walker in Grade 6 and Ethan Beer in Grade 7. Welcome 😊

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH
Gyemfie Omari – for his enthusiastic participation with the Devonport Strikers Soccer Club
**GRADE 3&4**

We have had a fantastic start to the term in the Grade 3/4 room. We have been preparing for Convention by learning group scriptures, training for athletic challenges and completing academic pieces of work to submit. We welcome Erin Beer to Geneva! We have all enjoyed getting to know her and we love her friendly, kind and enthusiastic nature.

**Student of the Week**

**Erin Beer** – for an excellent start at Geneva.

**FOR SALE**

Mike Spencer is an Australian author and has just published a great book “One People, One Destiny: a Christian history of Australia.” It is very well written and is available to purchase at the front office for $40.

**TOOLS NEEDED**

The High School Mechanics Class are looking for all kinds of hand tools! We need hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches, spanners etc. If you have any of these at your house that you don’t need, we would love them!

**MISSING BOOK CLUB?**

This is just a little note to check if anyone is missing a book from their last scholastic order as we have one at the office that looks lonely 😊

**Primary School Basketball**

The spring roster for Grade 1&2, Grade 3&4 and Grade 5&6 will remain as school based and will be played on Friday nights commencing on Friday 22nd August until 26th September and then from 17th October until 5th December. If you would like to play, please register online at www.devonportwarriors.com.au by Friday 8th August. If you require any assistance with online registrations or have any queries regarding roster please contact the Office on 64242440 between 10am-2pm weekdays.

**High School Basketball**

The format of the spring roster for high school basketball has not yet been determined but will depend on numbers. If interested in playing we would like to know if you would prefer to play a 3 on 3 competition; mixed competition; or normal competition to be played on a Wednesday night. If you would like to play can you please register your intention by emailing office@devonportwarriors.com.au or contact the office on 64242440 between 10am-2pm daily by Wednesday 6th August.