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13 August, 2009

Term 3, Week 3

DATES TO REMEMBER

Convention Registration Day

Monday, August 24

Literacy Week

August 31 – September 4

Next Casual Clothes Day

Thursday, September 3

TACE Student Convention

Monday, October 5 – Thursday, October 8

TERM DATES

Term 3 Tuesday, July 28 -

Friday, October 9

Term 4 Tuesday, October 27 -

Wednesday, December 17

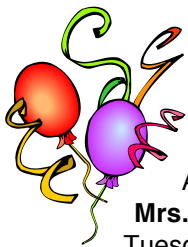
QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Sometimes God doesn't change your situation because He is trying to change your heart."

- Pastor Larry Rust

P&F MEETING

There will be a P&F meeting on Monday 17th August and we will be discussing the Spring Fever and Town Fair, which is Friday 28th August. (If anyone is free to help on that day, let us know.)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Ben Anderson

on Sunday, August 16 and

Mrs. Colledge on Tuesday, August 18

PRAYER CORNER

~ Praise God for the beautiful sunny weather we have had this week and that spring is just around the corner!

~ Pray for enthusiasm for students and teachers alike as they prepare for convention and continue to do their work.

TEXTING CAN LEAD TO HEALTH ISSUES!

To many parents, text messaging is an enigma – a practice their children engage in when they could just make a phone call or walk down the street to their friends' houses. It seems to be a strange but harmless means of communication.

What most don't know is that too much texting can be detrimental to their teens' health. That's because new technologies, such as mobile phones and social networking sites, give teenagers easy access to their friends 24 hours a day.

"The more technology we develop, the more we rely on technology," said Dr. Myrza Perez, a pediatric pulmonologist in California. A specialist in sleep disorders, she said that "before technology, we went to sleep when the sun went down. Now, with all these distractions, teenagers alone in their rooms stay up to extremely late hours on their cell phones and computers".

The trend of sleep deprivation is leading to many day time problems for teenagers, including headaches, impaired concentration, weakened immune systems, crankiness, increased use of nicotine or caffeine and hyperactive behaviour often misconstrued as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

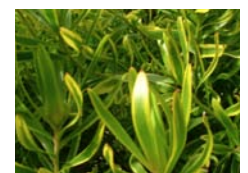
These symptoms are often interpreted by doctors as problems meriting medication, when in fact the best cure might be to turn off their phones at night.

Mikaela, 17, always use to sleep with her phone at her bedside. She said she would sometimes receive calls or messages as late as 3am and she would call or text back. She soon found herself suffering from near debilitating migraine headaches during the day.

Her doctors first instinct was to check her eyes. When that yielded no solutions, he sent her in for a CAT scan. It came back clear. Eventually, she was diagnosed with a condition growing more and more common among teenagers: too much texting.

"Cell phones, computer screens and even televisions emit light rays that keep you awake," Dr Perez said. "Before bed, people should turn off those devices and switch to a quieter, healthier activity, like reading."

Article printed in a Californian News Paper



Some pictures taken around the school by the grade 3-6 class. We have some clever little photographers among us!

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

We would like to welcome two new students to our school this term. **Jessica Douglas**, Year 7, and **Rhiannon Eastley**, Year 9. It is a pleasure to have both girls and we hope they have enjoyed their first few days with us ☺

PREP REPORT

We have really enjoyed starting PACE work this term and have already completed two tests. Our fizzy science experiments were the highlight of this week! We poured some lemonade into a glass and then dropped in some sultanas. It was really exciting to watch them go up and down in the glass. The sultanas were dancing in the lemonade and we decided that they must really like lemonade! We also made a rocket using a film canister. The film canister was filled with vinegar and then an aspirin tablet was dropped in. We had to stand back as the bottom of the container zoomed up into the air. Yesterday, we had a special visit from Peter who works at Aurora. He talked to us about electricity and how to stay safe in our home. We had lots of stories to tell him!

TOY FUNDRAISER

A toy fundraising catalogue has been sent home this week. By ordering from this catalogue you will be supporting the Kinder/Prep classroom and allowing them to add to their educational resources. Please have your orders back to Genevieve by Friday, 21st August.



GRADE 1&2

Medal Winners

Chloe – for a great job on her cross stitch for convention

Winston – for a really good start to cursive writing

Jacqueline and Becky – for neat writing

Koby – for neat writing

Shae – for learning the verses in her PACEs very well

GRADE 3-6

Over the past couple of weeks the Grade 3-6 class have been carrying out some experiments.

1. They discovered they could make an egg bounce.
2. They grew some bacteria.
3. Currently they have made some potato obstacle courses which which they will find the results of in four weeks time.

Here are some comments made by the students:

“I liked the egg bouncing experiment because it was fun and it felt very rubbery and gluggy.” Mackenzie

“I liked how I learned that an egg could bounce! And I watched the bacteria grow in the cloudy bacteria experiment.” Taylah

“I liked bouncing the egg.” Kyran

“It was fun bouncing the egg until I bounced it to hard and it broke!” Bryce

Also this week the primaries had a visit from Peter Milton from Aurora educating the students about the dangers of electricity. This was a fun informative session. The students learned about how they can be safe around the home and be able to recognise when electrical goods are not safe and what to do with them.

PERSON PROFILE



Brooke Rogers

What is your favourite thing to do when you get home from school?

Play with my horses, Romeo, Kiana and Ebony

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

A mango

What is the best present you have ever been given?

Our dog, Kairos

What is your favourite subject at school?

Word building

If you could go any where in the world where would you go and why?

Holland, because my Opa comes from there

What would you like to do when you leave school?

I want to look afeter animal

THE MUSIC BUS

Northwest music (the music bus), run by Tim Kessel, comes to Geneva and does music with the primary students. Tim is available for private lessons with students either in a one on one environment or with a group. Pricing will depend on time frame and number of students. For more information call Tim on 0400 608177 or contact the school office.

CASUAL CLOTHES DAYS

Week 6 - Thursday 3rd September

Week 9 - Thursday 24th September

SCHOOLASTIC BOOK CLUB REMINDER

Just a reminder that all book club orders need to be back in by tomorrow at the latest! Thanks for your co-operation.



TUNE IN TO 87.6 FOR CHRISTIAN RADIO!