



# Gen

20 August, 2009

Term 3, Week 4

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Convention Registration Day**  
Monday, August 24 (back page)

**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

“Good things are not done in a hurry.”

- German Proverb

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

**Elise How**

on Friday,  
August 21

(tomorrow!) and

**Daniel Hardy**

on Wednesday,  
August 26.



## PRAYER CORNER

~ Pray for the students and teachers tomorrow as it is the last school day they will have to prepare convention items that need to be handed in before registration day, which is this coming Monday, August 24.

~ Praise God for the rain that we have had and how green everything is at the moment. Also for spring which is sneaking up on us. Praise God for this time of freshness and renewal. Pray that it will inspire us all to keep working hard and being creative.

## INFORMATION OVERLOAD!

“The servant is no greater than his lord.” John 13:16

When your constantly multi-tasking, important things can fall between the cracks. A lawyer who negotiated an unbelievable deal in favor of his client was asked how he did it. He replied, “I was the only person at the meeting that day who didn’t spend the whole time text messaging!” A respected researcher says we have trained our brains “to constantly flit around the universe of messages and information, seeking brief hits of excitement. Grazing ceaselessly, we never dig to deeply before moving on to the next distraction... and it ratchets up our stress levels in ways we are only starting to understand.” Another expert says: “We get more information in 72 hours than our parents received in a month, and most people don’t have the skills to deal with it. They let new things in, but don’t get rid of old information they wanted to act on.”

When was the last time you enjoyed some relaxed, uninterrupted down time? Can you even remember? We are so results-orientated that unless we are doing something that can be quantified, we think it is a waste of time. The fact is you need time away from the unrelenting onslaught of information to regroup, reflect and recharge. Jesus had a schedule to keep, people to minister to, disciples depending on Him, and a short time to do it all. Nevertheless, “He withdrew... into the wilderness, and prayed.” (Luke 5:16. Now, since “the servant is no greater than his lord,” do you think you are above all that? Are you wiser than He? Or more spiritual? Jesus said, “Come... apart... and rest a while” (Mark 6:31), because when you don’t come apart, you fall apart!

**Mobile Phone Policy:** Student mobile phones must remain turned off in students bags during school hours (8.45 am till 3.00 pm this includes break times). If a student mobile phone is seen it will be confiscated and must then be collected by the student's parent. Students must report to the office if sick or needing to go home early and office staff will contact the parent to organise transport home if necessary. Students are not to make own arrangements using their mobile phone.



**Why:** *National Literacy Week - Theme “SAFARI”*

**When:** *Wednesday, September 2nd, 2009*

**Time:** *12:00 pm onwards*

**Who:** *Absolutely Everyone*

**Lunch:** *Sausage Sizzle - \$1.50 each*

**You are invited to our National Literacy Book Fair. This will be a fun filled day with senior students reading stories to the primaries throughout the morning. Anyone can dress up, the theme is SAFARI and this will be judged at lunchtime, so students, parents & friends, please come dressed up. We will have sausages & onions cooking on the BBQ for lunch and during the afternoon we will be running activities and games. And all through the day there will be a large display of new books for all ages. They make great Christmas gifts and just so you know, there are only 114 days until Christmas!**



**Look forward to seeing you there!**

## CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Just a reminder that Convention registration is due next week on Monday, August 24. All student registration forms and health forms need to be handed in. All scripture memory and 100 pace award affidavits plus any academic written work, PowerPoint presentations, website designs, music arrangements or compositions, radio plays and video productions must also be handed in. Please see class supervisor for more details.



## PREP REPORT

Last Thursday was a beautiful day, so we spent some time on the deck doing some literacy activities. We had been learning about the "sh" sound and looked at and classified many different shells. We enjoyed spelling words with the shells too! Convention is coming up so quickly and we are practicing our music items and athletic events each week. Our craftwork is nearly finished and we are looking forward to Convention!



## PREP HEALTH ASSESMENTS

The family and child health nurse will be attending the school on Monday, 7th September to conduct health checks on students in Prep. The health assessment forms have been sent out and it would be appreciated if these could be completed and returned to school. The nurse will be available to review any other students, if required. Vision, hearing and height and weight checks can be conducted. If you have any concerns about any students, please contact the school office.

## GRADE 1&2

### Medal Winners

**Ben & Sabrina** – for a tidy desk  
**Dalton & Kalan** – for working hard  
**Becky** – for lovely manners  
**Winston** – for beautiful cursive writing

## GRADE 3-6

### Student of the Week

**Laura** – for a lovely attitude and a good effort with her PACE work

## GRADE 7-10

### Student of the Week

**Jess Douglas** - Jess has settled in really well and is coming to grips with everything that is expected of her

## GOOD PARENTING

Every Wednesday night, at 7:30 Southern Cross Television broadcasts a program entitled "The Strictest Parents". The program deals with children that causes their parents strife and anguish and who are then placed with another family for a period of time.

The program then shows the interaction between these children and the host families and how their rules and set boundaries help these children to put their lives and their attitudes towards their parents in perspective.

As parents we can learn many lessons from these interactions and it may well be worth our while to see how other people deal with some of the issues that we may have to deal with too.

## PEOPLE PROFILE



Kelly Batten and Mara Fae Wachmer

Can you play an instrument?

*Yes – piano, kazoo & recorder, yes – piano, recorder & kazoo*

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

*A bag of sour gummy bears, a bag of lollypops*

If you were animal what would you like to be?

*A horse, a bunny*

What is your favourite part of school?

*Science, break-time*

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

*Hawaii, because it is awesome, Italy, all the sights*

What is your favourite fairy-tale?

*Rapunzel, Cinderella*

What is your favourite TV show?

*Hannah Montana, High School Musical*

What would you like to do when you leave school?

*A horse breeder who works at the RSPCA, a vet at the RSPCA*

## 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.