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27 August, 2009

Term 3, Week 5

DATES TO REMEMBER

Literacy Week

August 31 – September 4

Safari Dress-up Day

Wednesday, September 2

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 16

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The safest way to double your money is to fold it over once and put it in your pocket.”

- Kin Hubbard

PRAYER CORNER

~ Pray for perseverance and strength for the staff as they complete the final Convention registration process tomorrow.

~ Pray for the continued enthusiasm of teachers and students as they practice, practice, practice their music and platform events, as the work on their art and craft and especially for the senior students as they get all their judges forms and paperwork together.

~ 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.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO COMMON SENSE PARENTING?

So begins a little booklet that we have ordered for each family. It is written by Gary Ezzo of “Growing Kids God’s Way” fame. We are also collecting together a small library of information on parenting for your use. What follows are his closing remarks from the booklet.

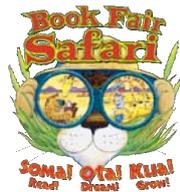
God did not intend parenthood to be an overwhelming burden. Rather, He intended it to be a rewarding privilege. Psalm 127:3 says, “...children are an heritage from the Lord...” God wants parents to have the same attitude toward their children that He has towards His spiritual children. The prophet Zephaniah said, “The Lord your God, in the midst of you is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over you with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over you with singing.” (Zeph. 3:17)

It is not enough for children to be obedient; they must also be happy, fulfilled and secure. This happens when you balance the four essential truths of training in Scripture – love, discipline, training and example. Love without discipline produces a child who is spoiled. Discipline without love produces a discouraged child with a broken spirit. Teaching without example produces a child who is bitter and full of resentment. And example without teaching produces a child who is exasperated and insecure.

The Biblically balanced parent knows when to allow his child freedom and when to pull in the reins. He knows how to train a child in obedience without any gimmicks. He also understands the importance of a child learning to obey immediately.

The Biblically balanced parent recognizes the importance of a career but never sacrifices the children’s present needs for their future benefits. He realizes that he does not need to be available every time his child wants attention, but he is not so busy with his own world that he never has time for his children. He also knows that there is a time for listening and a time for talking.

Finally, the Biblically balanced parents puts the husband-wife relationship first – just as God designed it. In His plan, the children are welcome members of the family, but they’re not the center of it. The strongest families have the strongest marriages.



During next week (Literacy Week), students will have the opportunity to go through the Book Fair and make a *wish list*. This does not mean you have to purchase these items, it simply means that your child has made a list of items they like. You can discuss the list with them. You as parents, also have the opportunity to have a browse through the great selection of books we have. You can do this on Wednesday next week at our *Book Fair Day* from 12.00 pm onwards or make a time through the school office. Just a reminder the theme this year for dressing up is “Safari”, but any favourite book character is acceptable. We will have sausages & onions cooking on the BBQ for lunch and during the afternoon we will be running a mini festival with face painting, balloon sculpturing, activities and games. A great day for all. See you there !!!



PREP REPORT

This week we have been doing a lot of fun literacy activities relating to the “ch” sound. We are so excited because we know how to say and write numbers in Chinese! It is so much fun counting in Chinese from 0 – 10, but it is also very tricky! We are glad we don't have to count to 100 using the Chinese language every day. Using chopsticks was also tricky, but we were able to pick up all the macaroni with our chopsticks and put it back in the container.



Prep Medal Winners

Caleb – for neat colouring and writing in our Bible story books.

Bayden – for listening and sitting quietly in assembly.



TOY FUNDRAISER

It is not too late to order from the toy catalogue, but please have your orders back to school this coming Monday, 31st August.



GRADE 1&2

Medal Winners

Shae – for doing 136 pages for the week

Jesse – for finishing all his art/craft for convention

Jacqueline – for reading 45 books for the Premier's Reading Challenge

Winston – for listening well in assembly



MS READATHON REMINDER

Just a reminder to those students who participated in the MS Readathon to get their sponsorship money in before August 31.

GRADE 3-6

Student of the Week

Brooke – for being such a quiet diligent worker. Well done!

Everyone – for such a great effort towards their convention work

PERSON PROFILE



Rhiannon Louise Eastley – say cheese!

Can you play an instrument?

Yes – drums, guitar, vocal cords ☺

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

White chocolate sultanas

If you were an animal what would you like to be?

A turtle, I love turtles. They are my favourite animal.

What is your favourite part of school?

Getting to see my friends.

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

Hawaii, to get a tan

What is your favourite fairy-tale?

Snow White

What is your favourite movie?

Mr Bean's Holiday

What would you like to do when you leave school?

Photographer

NAPLAN REPORTS

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) reports for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 who sat the national tests in literacy and numeracy in May this year will be sent home during the last week of September. Students in all independent, government and Catholic schools were tested earlier in the year and all parents across Australia will receive results in a common reporting format.

Your child's report will show national information including how your child performed in relation to other students in their particular year group, and in comparison to the national average score for each of the Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy tests. A parent information brochure will also be distributed with the report. Teachers will be provided with a complete analysis of their students' results and parents are invited to contact their child's teacher in order to discuss any aspect of the tests.