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10 September, 2009

Term 3, Week 7

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

“Life is like playing a violin in public and learning the instrument as one goes along.”

- Samuel Butler

PRAYER CORNER

~ 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.

~ Pray for unity in our families. Pray that God will bless each family at our school and help us to do things His way.

~ Praise God that spring is finally here and with it comes new life and enthusiasm!



WHERE ARE WE?

When it comes to raising teenagers, sometimes we just don't know where we are. We may have loud and clear evidence indicating we're not where we want to be, but O what we wouldn't give for a GPS downlink and map.

All parent/teen relationships can be placed somewhere on a scale of good and bad, rapport and conflict. If you're having very few problems with your teenager, or if the problems you are having are no worse than getting her to make her bed in the morning, you're very close to the rapport side of the scale. If your son has a drug problem and the police are asking where your daughter is, you're probably closer to the conflict side.

Rapport _____ **Conflict**

Keep this scale in mind when you are having difficulties with your teen. It may seem like an impossible problem to you that your son will never put fuel in the car. But when you realize that that's a minor problem compared to the parent whose teen has an abortion, it can help you keep your perspective.

Testing, testing, one, two, three...

Take the following test (see attached) to see where you are in your parent/teen relationship. This will help you place your family on the rapport/conflict scale. If you answer according to what is actually true most of the time in your home (as opposed to what you wish were true or what was true one Saturday a year ago), you will discover where you really are with your teenager.

Mulling over the many questionnaires completed by parents across the country, we discovered that parents tend to grade themselves unfairly. Parents with "good" kids were often harder on themselves, earning worse scores than what their real situations merited. Conversely, struggling parents tended to underrate the seriousness of their problems or contradict themselves. Some answered, "Yes, my son is on drugs," but also answered, "Yes, my son has strong moral convictions." It hurts to give answers that drive home the reality of a struggling relationship. But there is also great hope in beginning the process. In order to gain optimum help, please aim for brutal honesty.

Do this test for each teenager in your home. For personal enlightenment, consider taking the test on behalf of your own parents. How do you think they would have answered these questions about you way back then?

Exert from "On Becoming Teenwise" by Gary Ezzo & Robert Buckam



Mrs. Saltmarsh brought five little chicks in to school for the prep class to look after. Aren't they cute!

PREP

We really enjoyed looking after Joel's chicks for the day on Monday. They were so soft and cute. There were five chicks; one for each of us to hold! We watched them as they ate, drank, scratched and snoozed. Sometimes they chirped really loudly, but they didn't disturb us from our school work. Thank you Mrs. Saltmarsh for letting us care for the chicks.

GRADE 1&2

Medal Winners

Jacqueline – for neat writing

Kalan – for working hard

Chloe – for great poetry writing



Grade 1&2 Spring Haiku Poems

Spring is here at last
It is shining, bright outside
Spring is refreshing

By Winston Lamont

It is spring right now
The flowers grow in the spring
Animals have their babies

By Kalan Griffiths

Spring is really nice
I like the flowers in spring
Flowers grow so fast



GRADE 3-6

Student of the Week

Bryce – for a great attitude towards completing his goals



Shoebboxes – Operation Christmas Child

During this week, the Prep – Grade 2's enjoyed packing a shoebox full of goodies for a special child in another country. They were able to choose things to put in the shoebox such as a teddy, exercise book, pencils, slinky spring, washer, toothbrush, thongs and lots more. Our shoeboxes are very full, but we know that it will make the child who receives it very, very happy. A special thank you to the Grade 5 & 6 girls who have given of their time to help organise the items ready for packing. The packing process is not yet completed, but we are hoping to pack just over 100 boxes! Thank you for making this project possible through your generous donations both of money and items for the shoeboxes. Please note that our last casual clothes day for this term will be on Thursday 24th September.



FOUNDATIONS

Fusion is running a Foundations course in Burnie, one night a week for 12 weeks on a Tuesday night at the Fusion Centre in Cooee.

The course is authored by Mal Garvin, Fusions founder. It was designed to help people in their faith walk to become spiritually anchored and socially functional. Refined over four decades, Foundations has a unique integration that comes from Mal's grasp of contemporary culture, experience as a trainer, and biblical insights. It has three stream Living with God, Living with yourself and Living with Others

It will start on Tuesday 29th Sept and run till Tues 8th Dec, from 7.00pm till 9.30pm, with a weekend camp in Poatina early November. For more information please contact us as we have a colour flyer and many more stories of the impact of Foundations in people lives.

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