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26 November, 2009

Term 4, Week 5

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday, November 27**

Devonport Show Day

**Friday, December 4**

Lamington Drive

Seabrook here for sport

**Tuesday, December 15**

Presentation Evening

**Wednesday, December 16**

School Picnic, Seniors Dinner

and Last Day of Term

## TERM DATES

**Term 4** Tuesday, October 27 -

Wednesday, December 16

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"One does not need to be a good fighter to put up a good fight."

- P.K. Shaw

## SCHOLASTIC REMINDER

All orders need to be back with correct money by this coming Friday, November 20.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

**Mr. David Lincolne**

for Tuesday,  
December 1.



## PRAYER CORNER

~ Praise God for the wonderful time the high school students had on their end of year trips.

~ Praise God for His many blessings and for the wonderful year we have had at school.

~ Pray for guidance for the board and Bruce Hogan as they continue to meet together to make decisions. Pray that they will have wisdom and make decisions that are wise and God honouring.

~ Continue to pray for the teachers and students in this, the last term of 2009! Pray that they will be able to complete the work they need to get done.

## AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

The date was July 16, 2008. It was late in the afternoon and I was sitting in my hotel room in Louisville, Kentucky. I was scheduled to speak that evening for the Kentucky Association of School Administrators. My presentation was scheduled for 7:00 PM, but I had been invited to show up at 6:00 to see a performance they said I'd enjoy. Little did I know that I was about to see something I would never forget.

They introduced the young musician. Welcome...Mr. Patrick Henry Hughes. He was rolled onto the stage in his wheelchair, and began to play the piano. His fingers danced across the keys as he made beautiful music.

He then began to sing as he played, and it was even more beautiful. For some reason, however, I knew that I was seeing something special. There was this aura about him that I really can't explain and the smile...his smile was magic!

About ten minutes into Patrick's performance, someone came on the stage and said..."I'd like to share a 7-minute video titled, *The Patrick Henry Hughes story*." And the lights went dim.

Patrick Henry Hughes was born with no eyes, and a tightening of the joints which left him crippled for life. However, as a child, he was fitted with artificial eyes and placed in a wheelchair. Before his first birthday, he discovered the piano. His mom said, "I could hit any note on the piano, and within one or two tries, he'd get it." By his second birthday, he was playing requests (*You Are My Sunshine*, *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*). His father was ecstatic. "We might not play baseball, but we can play music together."

Today, Patrick is a junior at the University of Louisville. His father attends classes with him and he's made nearly all A's, with the exception of 3 B's. He's also a part of the 214 member marching band. You read it right...the marching band! He's a blind, wheelchair-bound trumpet player; and he and his father do it together. They attend all the band practices and the half-time performance in front of thousands. His father rolls and rotates his son around the field to the cheers of Patrick's fans. In order to attend Patrick's classes and every band practice, his father works the graveyard shift at UPS. Patrick said..."My dad's my hero."

But even more than his unbelievable musical talent, it was Patrick's "attitude of gratitude" that touched my soul. On stage, between songs, he would talk to the audience about his life and about how blessed he was. He said, "God made me blind and unable to walk. BIG DEAL! He gave me the ability...the musical gifts I have...the great opportunity to meet new people."

When his performance was over, Patrick and his father were on the stage together. The crowd rose to their feet and cheered for over five minutes. It gave me giant goose bumps!

My life was ready to meet Patrick Henry Hughes. I needed a hero, and I found one for the ages. If I live to be a hundred, I'll never forget that night, that smile, that music, but most importantly, that wonderful "attitude of gratitude."



## KINDER/PREP REPORT

The Preps and Kinders have been working very hard the last few weeks. There are many things to finish off before the end of the year and still lots of music practices happening in readiness for Presentation night and other concerts. The Preps are enjoying their swimming lessons each week and love to work on the special surprise they are making for their parents! The Kinders are continuing their lessons about Community Helpers and on Friday they learned about the police officer. They made special badges and police hats. Loving one another and obedience is a big priority in the Kinder/Prep classroom and each little student is trying hard to remember to do this each day. One of their special little choruses says "Trust and obey, for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey."



### Prep Medal Winners

**Jordy** – shiny shoes  
**Daniel** – for diligent work  
**Caleb** – for listening and obeying at swimming

### GRADE 1&2 Medal Winners

**Sabrina** – for nice cursive writing  
**Dalton** – for learning the verses in his PACEs well  
**Jesse** – for working hard  
**Becky** – for reading well and with expression  
**Kalan** – for reading well  
**Winston** – for great sentence writing

### GRADE 3-6 Student of the Week

**Brooke** – for being such a nice quiet worker

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Meercroft Elderly Home

All Prep – Grade 2 students and a group of girls from Grades 3-6 will be involved. The students will be performing many of their music Convention items for the elderly people at the Meercroft Home. The concert will begin at 1:30. All students need to be in full summer uniform.



### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Northdown Christmas Carols

A selection of eleven primary students will be performing at the Northdown Carols. The carols start at 6:00pm. All students involved need to be in full summer uniform.

## HIGH SCHOOL CAMPS

The high school boys and girls went their separate ways this week, with the boys going on a fishing camp to Woods Lake and the girls staying at Interlaken and having a couple of day trips into Hobart. By all accounts both groups had a lot of fun. The girls enjoyed shopping, ice skating, Zone 3 and other exciting things while the tough, manly boys braved the elements, hiked to their camping spot and managed to catch some fish. We are very thankful for God's protection of the High School students and the staff that went with them.

## PRESENTATION NIGHT

Once again we are approaching the end of the school year and so Presentation Night is not far away.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, December 15  
**TIME:** 6:45pm for 7:00pm start  
**WHERE:** Latrobe Memorial Hall  
**WHO:** All students, Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles... everyone is welcome

More information will be sent out closer to the date.

## LATROBE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The primary students enjoyed the Latrobe Christmas Pageant on Friday. They walked down Gilbert Street to Bells Parade where a few of the students performed an instrumental item, Silent Night. Lots of fun was then had by all as the tug of war, water balloon volleyball and in the pond, out the pond game took place.

## GUINEA PIG CHRISTMAS SHOW

**WHEN:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 9.45am  
**WHERE:** Latrobe Memorial Hall  
**COST:** Entry \$5.00



Pet classes will include Cutest Face, Fancy dress, Pet Condition, Fastest Eater and Long Hair. For further information phone Marilyn on 64232414.

## STUDENT BUS PASSES FOR FREE TRAVEL

The Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources, Passenger Transport Services Branch is responsible for issuing Student Bus Passes For Free Travel. It is important that parents and guardians are aware of the need to lodge bus pass applications in sufficient time to enable passes to be issued well before the start of the new school year. Depending on the grade of the student, their pass may remain valid through to 2010, 2011 or 2012. However, others will expire at the end of 2009 and require reapplication.

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