Vision

Through the teaching of God’s Word we will bring people to Christ and help them to grow in him.

Matthew 28:19-20

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A Christian Community Must Reflect the Nature of God.

HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN

Halloween began as a Christian festival to commemorate the dead souls of saints. It is celebrated on November 1st to honor all the saints who have gone before. It is believed that the first All Saints’ Day occurred in May of 609 or 610. The church ordained an annual feast day in celebration, which was held at different times of the year across Europe until Pope Gregory III settled on November 1 in 835. It was believed that the door to the otherworld was open on this night. Families welcomed the dead by leaving room at their tables, but disguised themselves from more malevolent spirits by wearing costumes or turning their clothes inside-out. To bribe the faeries for favour, food was left at the doorstep, and to ward them off, turnips were carved into lanterns. People also went door-to-door to ask for food or firewood for the bonfire feasts—the inspiration for trick-or-treating. All Saints’ Day’s roots are firmly set in the global phenomenon known collectively as the festival of the dead. There is nothing biblical about Halloween. There is no purgatory; the Bible does not give any instruction for the exorcism of homes; and every feast day that God ordained was to remember His work, not loved ones who had died. At the same time, many of the traditions of Halloween have lost their original meaning to the point that they are biblically neutral. Dressing in costume, begging for candy, and bobbing for apples are far enough removed from their pagan inspirations as to be allowable for Christians.

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN VIEW OF HALLOWEEN?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HALLOWEEN?

Although our modern celebration of Halloween has religious influences, there is nothing biblical about the holiday. It is affiliated with "All Saints’ Day," but even this holiday is not supported by Scripture. The Bible does not tell us to pray for the dead. There is no purgatory the dead need to escape from. The spirits of the dead do not come back to visit us on earth. And although the Bible does not forbid us from remembering our loved ones, neither does it ordain the practice, and attempting to contact them was punishable by death (Leviticus 19:31). It is not biblical to endorse or represent demons, evil, sin, or anything that would lead another to sin. But there is no injunction in the Bible against making lanterns out of gourds, wearing superhero and princess costumes, and asking neighbours for candy. At the same time, if the origins of Halloween convict a Christian to reject the entire holiday, he or she should feel the freedom to do so, while giving others the freedom to act on their own beliefs. Within the church, we are not to judge anyone who uses their Christian liberty in a way that contradicts our personal convictions. Romans 14:5-6 says:

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.

At the same time, verses 13-19 say we are not to use our liberty to lead another into an act that he or she regards as sin. "I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean" (Romans 14:14).

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http://www.compellingtruth.org/Christian-Halloween.html

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Meet our Years 7 & 8 Staff Members for 2016

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SUBJECTS

History, Geography & Commerce, Economics
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Philosophy / Ethics
LOTE—Latin
LOTE—Spanish
Foods & Nutrition, Clothing & Fabrics
Science, Mathematics, Sports, Bible, Health, Chemistry
Music
The Faction Carnival
On Friday we had our Faction Carnival. There were four factions; Maali, Yarrabee, Akuna and Uluru. I was in Maali. Yarrabee won. The first event was marching. Then we raced. After that the pre-primaries did flag race. Then we ate recess. When I played there was nothing to play. I finally got to play, but as soon as I started the bell rang. I got three badges, they were first, second and third. I got the first badge from flag race, I got the second from the egg and spoon race and I got the fourth from tunnel ball. On the leaderboard Akuna came second, Maali came third and Uluru came fourth. I felt sad because Maali didn’t win.
Finn Hunt

On Friday we had our Faction Carnival. First we did our marching. Then we started with our pre-primary flag race. Next we did our running race. After that we did our egg and spoon race. Then we had Subway for lunch. Finally we did the sack race. I felt really happy.
Gracey Khiap Thuam

On Friday October 23rd we had our first “NEW” sport carnival with 4 factions represented: ULURU (Red), YARRABEE (Green), MAALI (Black) & AKUNA (Blue). It was a terrific day of fun, fellowship and friendly competition (up until the parent/teacher relay! Did you see the fierce faces of competition on the home dash???) We were blessed with mild temperatures, cloud cover and NO RAIN! All competitors did their best, the crowd cheered and there was a lot of colour!! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS as well as all the participants for their great effort and sportsmanship.
On Friday we had our Faction Carnival. First we marched. Next we started the race. I was in the green faction. Then we raced. The first event was running. I came second. Then we did the egg event and I was in it and I didn’t drop the egg. I really liked the Faction Carnival.

Dyllin Pike

On Friday we had our Faction Carnival. First we marched with everyone. Then we raced. I was in Yarrabee. I was happy that Yarrabee won! I felt happy. I like Faction Carnivals!

Layla Bradley

On Friday we had our Faction Carnival. First we did our marching and then we did our Faction Carnival. After that we had our lunch. After the bell rang we went back to do our Carnival and we came second and Yarrabee came first. We had fun at the Faction Carnival.

Wade Mabok

On Friday we had our Faction Carnival. First we marched. Then we stood still while the judges did something. The factions are Yarrabee, Akuna, Uluru and Maali. We did running, tunnel ball and long jump. Yarrabee won. I love it!

Sarah Lazea
and THE WINNERS ARE.....
YARRABEE!!!!

YEAR 3 Champion: Banjo Fitch & Julie Cha
Runners up: Thokbeny Makol & Abbey Piestrzeniewicz

YEAR 4 Champion: Nazra Turkash & Daniel Kargbo
Runners up: Nasa Bamara & Duot Bul

YEAR 5 Champion: Joel Anasmo & Sarah Price
Runners up: Kai Bradley & Mariah Ferraz

YEAR 6 Champion: Maker Deng & Moo Win
Runners up: Taban Lado & Katherine Baoo

YEAR 7 Champion: Boston Fitch & Sarah Lado
Runners up: Bush Duot & Joy Owuor
END OF YEAR PARTY

Last day of school for 2015 is FRIDAY 4th December AND WILL BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR.... Plans are underway for a NEW & DIFFERENT End of year celebration! We will keep you posted with details of the day’s events and cost in the coming weeks...

SO START SAVING YOUR POCKET MONEY!!!!

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEMESTER 2

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| MONDAY | 12 OCT | START OF TERM 4 |
| FRIDAY - SUNDAY | 16 OCT—18 OCT | YEAR 7 CAMP (NAREMBEEN) |
| FRIDAY | 23 OCT | FACTION CARNIVAL |
| TUESDAY | 27 OCT | INTERSCHOOL JUMP/THROW CARNIVAL |
| WEDNESDAY | 28 OCT | KINDY—KANGAROO ASSEMBLY |
| FRIDAY | 30 OCT | INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS |
| THURSDAY | 05 NOV | KINDY—KOALA ASSEMBLY |
| THURSDAY | 12 NOV | YEAR 6 GRADUATION |
| THURSDAY | 03 DEC | CONCERT NIGHT |
| FRIDAY | 04 DEC | END OF YEAR PARTY |
| MONDAY - FRIDAY | 07 DEC—11 DEC | STAFF DEVELOPMENT |
Subway Lunch Orders are BACK this Term!

Subway lunch order forms are sent to your children every fortnight. Please ensure that you return your child’s completed order forms on the scheduled FRIDAY. Lunch orders will be given the following WEDNESDAY. Date to return order forms are usually written on the subway order form.

We are sorry that NO LATE ORDERS can be accepted.

VacSwim Holiday Swimming Programs:
Enrolments for December/January programs are now OPEN! It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. This year there has been a small price increase from $10 per enrolment to $12.50 per enrolment (family enrolment for 3 or more children living at the same address is now $34.50). For further information and online enrolment visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming

SCHOOL FEES NEED TO BE SETTLED BY THE DUE DATE...

Fourth Term school fees have now been sent to all families. Thank you to all the parents who have already paid. For parents that have not yet paid, PLEASE ENSURE THAT PAYMENT IS ATTENDED TO BY THE DUE DATE. If you are unable to make payment on time, please make arrangement with Mr. Andrew Johnson on how best to fulfill your obligation. Parents who pay fees through CENTRELINK and have other questions can SPEAK TO MR JOHNSON. TERM FEES that are not paid will be added to next term fees and SMS messages are sent until full payments are received.
**ABSENTEE DETAILS**
If students have been away from school on any day of the week, a note from the parent or the doctor must be given to the class teacher upon return to school. Please remember to note the date and day and also the cause (e.g. sick, holidays) for the absenteeism. **SMS Message will be sent to your mobile phones as students are marked absent if no note or verbal message is received in the office on the day.** Children who arrive at school LATE or LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY should do so VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE, where attendance records will be updated. Class Rolls are submitted electronically at 9.00am and 1.00pm daily.

**BANKING AT SCHOOL**
Open every **THURSDAYS** between 8:00— 8.30am in the library. School banking is offered to all students at Emmanuel, via the Commonwealth Bank. Families are encouraged to have their children do school banking each Thursday. For NEW Families who wish to commence banking through the school, **APPLICATION FORMS** can be picked up from the school office. Accounts can be set up on-line, and by phone OR we can arrange for Bank officers to come to school and help you set up your child’s account. **PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO THIS.**

Children can bank as little as 50c per week - banking each week is the key to good savings habits.

**EMMANUEL SCHOOL BOOK ROOM**
The School Book Room is part of the ministry of Girrawheen Baptist Church and is situated next door to the School Office. They sell a huge variety of Christian materials and resources from books, Bibles, calendars, greeting cards, pens, toys, CD’s, DVD’s etc. Students enjoy visiting our book room during their breaks and it’s also a good place to buy small items for gifts to friends and families.

Any profit made by the Book Room goes towards supporting 5 Compassion children.

So come and check out the range of items we have in store!!!

**SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD...**
Our Lost & Found Box is FULL!!! It is very important that you label all your kids belongings like hats, bags, jackets, drink bottles etc. as they may be recovered by other people. If you happen to find any lost items or you are looking for one, the Administration office has a Lost and Found box where you can drop or claim a lost item. **Come check out our box if some of the recovered items belong to your child.**

**OPENING TIMES:**
- Mondays : 8:30 AM—1:00 PM
- Wednesdays : 8:30 AM—11:00 AM
- Thursdays : 8:30 AM—1:00 PM
- Fridays : 5:30 PM—7:00 PM
- Sundays : 12 Noon—12:30 PM
SPANISH UPDATE

Spanish Classes are provided for two terms only during the second & third term. No Spanish class during fourth term. In 2016, Spanish lessons will become part of the Australian Curriculum and Mr William Cruz will be our Spanish Teacher. Spanish lessons will be one hour per week for Years 2 to 8. There is a possibility that Spanish will be included in the Early Childhood class—Kindergarten to Year 1 but has not been confirmed yet. We will keep you informed.

JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Junior Christian Endeavor (JCE) will COMMENCE this FRIDAY—16 October. JCE is a children’s ministry run by the Girrawheen Baptist Church and is for children aged Kindy to year 6 who come together to meet other friends and learn more about Jesus in a fun and loving environment. We meet every Friday night during school terms and to date we have about 200 or more students from different schools attending. For any enquiries, please contact Laura Cruz (Kindy Kangaroo Teacher)

JCE RUNS EVERY FRIDAY from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.
Come along and invite your friends!

IMPORTANCE

We have had many children being dropped off very early and picked up late at 7:30 pm or later. Parents, can you please be mindful of this as there is minimal supervision during these times and it is for YOUR CHILD’S SAFETY that they are dropped off after 5:15 pm and picked up at 7:00 pm. Thank you to those parents who are always on time to drop and pick up their children!!

GBC PLAYGROUP BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner Hainsworth Avenue & Salcott Road
For Pre-School Children and Parents

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
9:00 am—11:00 am

COST: $2.50 each child over 1 Year and a piece of fruit

FOR INFORMATION: Phone Margaret 9303 4387 / 0411 431 300

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Men’s and Ladies Group meets in the Youth & Community Centre (Hainsworth Avenue—Side of the Church)
1:00 PM Start, 3:00 PM Finish

Phone Grace Phillips on 9342 0449 if you have any questions.

FELLOWSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Meets Every FRIDAY afternoon from 2:30—3:15 PM
at the School Library.

PRAYER REQUESTS NEEDED!

See or call Effie for more info
0410 902 961
GIRRAWHEEN BAPTIST CHURCH
3 Salcott Road, Girrawheen
SATURDAY, 5th December

BUYERS admitted from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
GREAT BARGAINS — EVERYTHING MUST GO!!!!

Sausage Sizzle, Cakes, Morning Tea and some Christmas Gifts... $2.00 for a grey bag of clothing...

FOR MORE INFORMATION
0411 431 300
BANKSIA UNITED
Nyoongar Soccer Team
A soccer program for young Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 8—16 years.
Koondoola Reserve (Behind Koondoola Primary School)
Koondoola Ave, KOONDOOLA.
SATURDAYS 10 AM—12 PM
BUS PICKUP AVAILABLE
For more information contact the Edmund Rice Centre on 9349 9660

EDMUND RICE EAGLES
Street Basketball Team
Basketball Development Opportunities on a Street Court Setting for youth aged 13—18 years.
Butterworth Park Basketball Courts, Butterworth Ave, KOONDOOLA
TUESDAYS 4:15—6:00 PM
For more information contact the Edmund Rice Centre on 9349 9660
A story is told about a mountain climber who liked to climb tall mountains for fun and to impress his friends. After years of preparation and training he felt he could handle any mountain terrain in the world, regardless of the degree of difficulty.

During a climbing trip, with five other men, he decided he would make the final climb to the summit, solo, so he could get there first and claim the glory, while the others slept. After the rest of the climbing party turned in for the night, he put on his climbing gear and headed toward the summit. As he started his climb, he was very glad there was a full moon to help him see where he was going.

Although it was foolish to climb at night, alone, he did use a rope and put in good piton protection as he climbed. With the benefit of the full moon, he made rapid progress up the mountain, in spite of the fact he was climbing at night. His confidence soared as he neared the summit, but unfortunately, thick clouds were starting to build around the mountain, and visibility was deteriorating rapidly, as a winter storm developed. In just a few minutes visibility dropped to almost zero, as heavy clouds and fog surrounded him. It was now too late to turn back, so he continued to climb up the mountain, hoping the storm would blow by quickly.

While moving along a narrow traverse, now in total darkness, he got into some “rotten rock,” and slid down the side of the ridge and over the edge of a cliff. The good news is the protection he put in held, and he was still alive after the fall; although he now found himself dangling in the air, suspended from his rope, unable to see anything around him. The bad news is, he had loosely tied his outer heavy parka across the top of his backpack while he was climbing, and he now discovered he had lost it during the fall. Slowly the cold night air from the storm began to chill him to the bone through his lightweight inner jacket. After struggling to turn himself around in a circle, and not finding anything to grab onto, in desperation he cried out, “Oh dear God in Heaven, please help me!”

Suddenly, from above he heard a strong deep voice boom out, “Cut the rope!” “What?!” As the climber listened over the wind, once again he heard a deep voice say, “Cut the rope!”

Except for the wind, silence followed, as the climber continued to hang onto the rope, while hoping to be able to grab onto something that would enable him to climb to safety. Unable to see his true situation, the climber concluded, as most people would, that hanging onto the rope was his only hope.

The following day, the rest of his climbing party discovered him frozen to death, still dangling from his rope -- only eight feet above a large out-cropping of rock. Had the climber cut the rope, he would have dropped down to a relatively safe area, where he could have built a fire, using some of the surrounding scrub brush, and probably survived the night.

From this tragic, hopefully fictional story, we can learn about trusting God. Do you look for security in a “rope” of some form? Or, are you willing to trust God with the many things in life beyond your knowledge or control?

Try to always remember: “For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.” Isaiah 41:13.