From the Principal’s Desk...

A Christian Community Must Reflect the Nature of God

CHRISTIAN TEACHING

UNDERSTANDING STUDENTS

To understand the needs of their students, teachers need to listen to what they say and seek to understand what they mean. Too often a teacher only hears the answers that a student thinks the teacher wants them to give. To go beyond this, teachers must relate to their students and encourage them to build a relationship with them, and this takes time and effort. To do this, teachers need to move out of their comfort zone, to stop seeing themselves as “professionals” and to start acting as pastors to the children they are entrusted with. Children today face greater pressures than any time in the past to conform to the world’s pattern of thought. The media with its glossy and effective advertising, the television and video entertainment, the world of computers, computer games and the Internet are all powerful tools for shaping the way students think. These influences result in a breakdown in society’s values and changes in people’s moral decision making. This often leads to confusion about what is correct behaviour even in the church. Marriage breakdown, the increase in single parent families, problems caused by families moving away from the extended family, changing jobs, and changing the church attended, all contribute to making children more likely to be badly affected by the media. This effect can be both direct and indirect - indirectly through the imparted values of the peer group. Village people are not free from these pressures as custom and traditional Christian values are influenced by Western thought through education, reading and contact with the media.

Having a Vision for What can be Done

If teachers are to make a difference they will need to have a God-given vision to direct their teaching. Christian teachers are not called just to teach information or skills, but to develop and equip children with godly values to that they can cope with the pressures of the world. To do this, students will need to be secure in the love of their parents and teachers, and see themselves as part of a community of God’s people. They will need to be taught to discern what is good from what is not, to have their values built on God’s truth and be able to understand and accept their role as stewards in God’s world. Teachers should encourage students to be people of hope, who know that God is in charge of his world and all that happens in it (Romans 8:2).
Year Five Assembly: Mixed Up Fairytale

Have you ever wondered what would happen if your favourite fairytales got mixed up altogether? The year five class explored this question in last week’s assembly. Cinderella had lost her glass slipper, and had to find it so she could go to the ball. Along the way, she was helped by Rapunzel, Rumpelstiltskin, Prince Charming, Goldilocks, Red Riding Hood, the Seven Dwarfs, Three Bears, and Granny. She never did find the slipper, but she did find something that truly mattered—her friends. Along the way, the boy band “Backyard Boys” performed, and the Assembly inspector made sure that the assembly followed the seven standards for assemblies—called Assembly Indicators That Students Love, or AITSL.
TWO BUSY WEEKS AHEAD

We are sorry to “overload” you with events - but hope each day is fun-filled and worthwhile. Thank you for supporting us!! It is all happening at once!

MULTICULTURAL DAY

In WEEK 6, on Wednesday 27th August we have our Multicultural Day. Students get to dress up again - this time in a national dress. Parents are asked to provide some food to share in class on that day.

Families - please join in with lunch and stay for our “Parade of Nations’ and the African Drumbeat performance.

SWIMMING

Swimming for Pre-Primary to Year 3 will take place in Weeks 7 and 8 - 1st to 12th September. Please complete the “Stages” sheet and return to the office.

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR “STAGES” SHEET TO THE OFFICE?
SCHOOL FEES -
It would be appreciated if payment of school fees is attended to as soon as possible.
Please speak to Mr Johnson to arrange payment if you have not already paid your school fees.

SPORT - FACTION CARNIVAL SHIRTS
We have placed a sample of each faction colour shirt on the pin-up board near the notice board. We have a small number of shirts for sale for $3 each. They can be found at Best and Less, K-Mart and BIG W stores. The students should wear their faction colour shirt each Friday for sport practice this term.

NOTICE BOARD
If you have information for display, please contact the Principal or Deputy first.
ALSO : if you have a business or service which may be used by our school community and would like to display small advertisement, please provide the AD to the office and we will approve and arrange its display.

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop is OPEN on MONDAY MORNINGS from 8.30am to 9.30am and again on TUESDAY afternoons from 3.00pm to 3.30pm.

GENERAL GENTLE REMINDERS
Please let the office know if you have a new address, telephone number, and emergency contact or if your child has a medical condition. It is essential that this vital information be logged into the school data base system, thus promoting contact and communication with each other. We endeavour to be aware of any medical condition which your child may have. If your child has developed or been diagnosed since their initial enrolment, then you should make sure that the office is aware of the circumstances.

ARTICLE IN THE SUN HERALD - Amy McNeilage
Missing just one day of school has negative consequences for a student’s academic achievement, the first major study linking poor attendance to lower NAPLAN results has found. And school attendance patterns established as early as year 1 can predict how often a student will show up to class right through high school, according to the research.

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 (eg sick, holidays) for the absenteeism.

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.
Traffic Flow for Pick Up at 3:15PM
Please observe the traffic rules and routes at pick up time for 2 reasons:-

*** The safety of our children!
*** To ensure good relationships with our local residents.

After School Pick Up
Parents are reminded of the importance of informing staff if a person, other than yourself, will collect your child. This includes families who are picked up by after-school centres. Forms are with class teacher.

Please Be Careful in This Matter
Car Park Safety!
Parents are reminded NOT TO DROP THEIR CHILDREN OFF OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS and allow them to walk across the car park. Reversing cars do not see small children and it is very dangerous.

Thank you for RESPECTING THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

Let Us Pray Together . . . .
for our school, for our teachers, for our children, and for our families here at Emmanuel - and let us Praise God together for answered prayers!

Where : In the Kindergarten
Time : 8:40 - 9:30am
When : Every Friday Morning

Call - Effie Spallarossa : 0410 902 961
MULTICULTURAL DAY!
WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST

Our traditional Multicultural Day will be celebrated by sharing food together, taking part in a costume ‘Parade of Nations’ and enjoying the African Drumbeat presentation!

12.00pm - LUNCH together in classrooms, sharing a variety of foods students bring along.

12.50pm - ‘Parade of Nations’ for all students wearing clothing representing another country or culture.

2.10pm - ‘African Drumbeat’ entertainment team visit.

Families are asked to bring along a plate of food that is eaten in their own or another country, to share with the child’s class.

*Hot food should be brought to the school at 12.00 as we do not have any facilities for keeping food hot.*

**STUDENTS SHOULD WEAR CLOTHING OR COSTUMES FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY.**

There will be a ‘Parade of Nations’ for all students and prizes to be won.

**PARENTS AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME TO COME AND JOIN IN FOR THE LUNCH AND STAY FOR THE AFTERNOON. WE WOULD REALLY LIKE YOU TO JOIN US!**
BIBLE TRIVIA QUESTIONS
Each week there will be 5 questions for you to answer.

In this way you will be able to learn even more from the Word of God. Note your answers and check them the following week - in your school newsletter.

TERM 3 - ANSWERS in RED

When the disciples saw Jesus walking on water, what did they think he was?
A ghost (Matthew 14 verse 26)

What gift did Salome, daughter of Herodias, ask for after she danced for Herod?
John the Baptist’s head (Matthew 14 verses 6-8)

How did Samson kill all the people in the temple?
Pushed the pillars over and the temple collapsed (Judges 16 verse 30)

Which musical instrument did David play for Saul?
Harp / Lyre (1 Samuel 16 verse 223)

What was Esau doing while Jacob stole his blessing?
Hunting (Genesis 27: verses 1-3, 23)

THIS WEEK - QUESTIONS

Why did Jacob initially send Joseph’s brothers into Egypt?
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Who was David’s great friend?
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Who said, “thy God shall be my God”?
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Which of Christ’s belongings did the soldiers cast lots for after they had crucified him?
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What does the name Emmanuel mean?
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### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM THREE

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### CLASS ASSEMBLIES - 2014

**TERM 3**

- **Thursday** 11 September Year 4

**TERM 4**

- **Thursday** 06 November Pre-Primary
- **Wednesday** 12 November Kindy Assembly & Graduation
- **Thursday** 13 November Graduation - Years 6 and 7

### WEEKLY INFORMATION

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