From the Principal’s Desk...
A Christian Community Must Reflect the Nature of God

QUIET TIME WITH GOD

The word connected captures our contemporary experience of life. Many people rarely go anywhere without a cell phone, iPod, laptop, or pager. We have become accessible 24 hours a day. Some psychologists see this craving to stay connected as an addiction. Yet a growing number of people are deliberately limiting their use of technology. Being a “tech-no” is their way of preserving times of quiet, while limiting the flow of information into their lives.

Many followers of Christ find that a daily time of Bible reading and prayer is essential in their walk of faith. This “quiet time” is a disconnection from external distractions in order to connect with God. The “green pastures” and “still waters” of Psalm 23:2 are more than an idyllic country scene. They speak of our communion with God whereby He restores our souls and leads us in His paths (verse 3).

All of us can make time to meet with God, but do we? In Robert Foster’s booklet, “7 Minutes With God,” he suggests a way to begin. Start with a brief prayer for guidance, then read the Bible for a few minutes, and close with a short time of prayer that includes adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication for others. It’s vital to take time today to connect with the Lord, who is our life.

Author: David McCasland

We need to set aside the time to read God’s Word and pray
And listen for the Spirit’s voice, To guide us in His way - Sper
This year we, as a school, are joining *Samaritan’s Purse* in their goal of sending 340,000 shoeboxes to kids in need throughout Southeast Asia and the South Pacific. **OCTOBER** is the national collection month in Australia, and for the next two weeks we ask that you help us demonstrate God’s love to a child in need by collecting things to fill shoeboxes.

*Every shoebox gift is an opportunity to touch a child’s heart and share the love of Jesus Christ.*

**FRANKLIN GRAHAM**
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT,
Samaritan’s Purse
Many Christian parents feel conflicted about Halloween and its growing popularity in Australia.

It may appear harmless to some but quite sinister to others. Some choose to ensure neither themselves nor their children take any part in the event. Others choose to ‘adapt’ to it by welcoming the neighbourhood children who knock on the door and provide ‘treats’ in the form of Christian literature and novelties and sending them on their way with a blessing.

Whilst views about the distant origins of the celebration are varied, it seems clear that the prevalence of scary or sinister characters in costume - witches, ghouls, and monsters - is sufficiently alarming for many Christian parents to wonder about what they might do to counter this influence on their children.

We would like to inform you of a couple of websites which try to promote a Christian alternative to the darker influence of Halloween. “Light Shine” came about from seeing the need for Christian input and emphasis into this secular celebration and several churches in Perth take the opportunity to run children’s programs which emphasize that Jesus is the Light of the world. They dress in bright costumes, use candles and glow sticks, tell the story of Jesus an take part in craft activities which celebrate God’s light and life.

“Halloween’ is a similar idea and the website promotes suggestions for children and families to celebrate Jesus as the Light of the world.

Whilst we are in no way recommending that families take part in Halloween alternatives, we are informing school families that such opportunities exist and others have placed some of their ideas on the web if you are interested.

Halloween activities and symbols reflect paganism. The Bible condemns the practices of witchcraft, spiritism and sorcery - no matter how alluring their appearance.

The message of John 8 verse 12, “Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life”, is the life enhancing message we want children and families at Emmanuel to receive. He is the good Creator of light who desires good for His children.
GRANDPARENT DAY

The following timetable has been planned for Grandparent Day. We look forward to seeing many Grandparents on the day.

Week 4 - Monday 3 November 2014

9.30 - 10.00am
Grandparents visit Kindy and Pre-Primary classes only

Student councillors will greet visitors at front of school and direct them to library / undercover area for morning tea.

10.00am
Grandparents Morning Tea: served in the Undercover area. Please be seated and students will serve you morning tea.

10.30am
At school recess time students may join their grandparents.

11.00am - 12.00
Salvation Army Band concert.

12.00 - 1.30pm
- Singing item from Pre-Primary and Year 1
- BBQ lunch altogether.
- Grandparents visit classrooms 1-7 with their grandchildren.
- Siren sounds at 1.10pm. Assemble in Undercover area.
- Singing item: Years 5, 6, 7.
- Farewell to Grandparents.
**SUMMER UNIFORM FOR TERM 4**

Students have 2 weeks to transition into the summer uniform. By week 3, Monday 27th October, all students should be wearing the correct summer school uniform. Thank you for your support in the matter of uniforms!

**2015 BOOK / STATIONERY ORDERS**

Lists will be handed out to students in November. Completed orders must be returned to the class teacher by the end of November.

**J C E - JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR**

Every Friday during the school term.

Kindergarten to Year 7 children have a great time of fellowship - meeting together from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Children enjoy structured games and hearing the good news about Jesus.

**SPANISH**

Spanish Classes are run during Semesters one and two. Classes have concluded for 2014. Parents will be advised as to the date of commencement in 2015.

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**STUDENT “INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NIGHT”**

CANCELLED

We are sorry to inform you that the planned “Instrumental Night” on 27th October has been cancelled.

Miss Fiona is unwell and will not be teaching students during term 4.

Violin classes are also cancelled.

Our thoughts and prayers for a quick recovery are with Miss Fiona.

Get Well Soon!
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

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.

Thank you for taking the extra few minutes to enter and exit school grounds safely. We understand this is sometimes inconvenient BUT IT MAKES OUR SCHOOL SAFER and keeps our neighbours happy.
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

For what did Esau sell his birthright to Jacob?
A meal (Genesis 25:30-34)

What happened to Elimelech in Moab?
He died (Ruth 1:3)

What does the shepherd in the parable of the lost sheep do once he realizes one is missing?
Goes and looks for it (Matthew 18:12)

What is the name of the disciple who betrayed Jesus
Judas Iscariot (Mark 14:10)

What golden animal did the Israelites make as an idol?
Calf (Exodus 32:4)

THIS WEEK - QUESTIONS

Who did Jesus appear to first after his resurrection?
______________________________________________________________________

What job did Peter and Andrew do?
______________________________________________________________________

Which prophet tried to flee from God when asked to preach God’s message in Nineveh?
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What is the collective name of the stories Jesus told to convey his message?
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What was noticeable about Jacob’s twin brother, Esau, at Birth?
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IMPORTANT DATES / EVENTS FOR TERM FOUR

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TERM 4 - CLASS ASSEMBLIES - 2014

THURSDAY 06 NOVEMBER PRE-PRIMARY
WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER KINDY ASSEMBLY & GRADUATION

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