From the Principal’s Desk...

A Christian Community Must Reflect the Nature of God

CHRISTIAN TEACHING

Strategies to Achieve the Vision

Teachers will not achieve a vision without having clearly thought out strategies to achieve it. They will need to examine their teaching methods and material to find the essential messages that they are giving. Some teaching material looks “Christian” when first examined, but there are underlying values that give a different message. Teachers need to understand that faith development does not occur just through someone making a ‘decision for Jesus’ or just by being involved in devotional or church activities. There are stages of faith development that students will go through as they grow in age. If teachers think that all they need to do is lead students to make a commitment to Christ they have failed to understand how people develop and grow as Christians. Godly values are formed in a Christian learning community where people care for each other and where boundaries, expectations and values are understood and acted on. Christian values are formed as people interact with each other in love, as they see examples of how to live as Christians, as they are accepted as people of value, as they make mistakes and are forgiven, as they do wrong and repent and are restored to fellowship.

Teaching for Transformation

What does this mean? Just teaching for the effective transmission of information or skill will not change students. Teaching that is done by teachers with a vision for what their students can be with God’s help, has the potential to transform people. Experienced Christian Teachers, would often say at the beginning of the year, “I don’t know how I’ll help that child” yet by the end of the year she would be talking about how lovely and cooperative the child was. What made the difference? God’s power worked a transformation through her love, patience and hope for that child. Christian teachers should be aiming for transformation in the lives of their students. This occurs through prayer and reliance on the power of the Spirit in the lives of the teacher and students as they love each other, serve each other, and grow into an encouraging and worshipping community of people who are living for and reflecting God’s glory.
We celebrated BOOK WEEK all last week at Emmanuel. We had a great time. On Monday the teachers ‘swapped’ classes and read to year groups they don’t normally teach. Mr G and Mr Pirie especially enjoyed reading to Kindy and Pre-Primary children and Mrs Cruz enjoyed the year 7 class!

On Wednesday we all dressed up as a favourite book character for the day and had a BBQ lunch together.

On Thursday Mrs Smith read to the whole school from a favourite book and the teachers swapped classes again.

Please go to our school website to view some of the many photos taken on costume Wednesday.
Where’s Wally?

Can you find him in each photo?

Where’s Wally?
REMINDER!

Swimming lessons for Pre-Primary, Year 1, 2, 3

BEGIN MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2014

Please remember to bring bathers, towel and goggles and ear plugs if needed.

Students should wear their SPORT UNIFORM during swimming weeks and ARE NOT to wear bathes to school, but bring bathers and towel in a separate bag (this especially avoids the embarrassment of forgetting undies!)

May we suggest you give your children a little extra to eat during swimming weeks and it can be eaten AFTER swimming.

The lesson schedule is:

Group 1 - Pre-Primary / Year 2 - Leave school at 12.15pm for a 12.30 lesson. Return to school approximately at 1.30pm

Group 2 - Years1 / 3 - Leave school at 1.00pm for a 1.15 lesson. Return to school approximately at 2.15pm

Capable swimmers who have attained stage 12 will be catered for with special emphasis on water safety and rescue skills taught at levels 13 and 14 (However Certificates are only given for stage 12+ at in-term lessons). Very able swimmers are excellent role models for younger students who lack skills and confidence and are afraid of the water.

If you have questions or concerns about swimming lessons, please speak with the class teacher or Mrs Davis.

We look forward to a positive experience of skill development for all students.

Carol Davis
Deputy Principal
PARENT NIGHT

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15 - 7.15PM

ALL parents and guardians are encouraged to attend Parent Night.

You will receive information about:

* NEW tablet computers in 2015 for all students in Years 5, 6, 7.
* HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE
* VISIT your child’s classroom
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. THANK YOU to all families who have provided the correct shirts for their children.

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.
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

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.
## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM THREE

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## CLASS ASSEMBLIES - 2014

### TERM 3
- Thursday, 11 September: Year 4 Assembly

### TERM 4
- Thursday, 06 November: Pre-Primary Assembly
- Wednesday, 12 November: Kindy Assembly & Graduation
- Thursday, 13 November: Graduation - Years 6 and 7

## INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT NIGHT

We are looking forward to entertaining family and friends at this special program, to be held on Thursday 30th October 2014.

## WEEKLY INFORMATION

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