From the Principal’s Desk…

A Christian Community Must Reflect the Nature of God

Diagnosing a sick prayer life

Author: Tony Payne

TYPE B: We think faith is a feeling

We also misunderstand our relationship with God if we think that feelings are its barometer. Our relationship with God is an objective fact, but our feelings vary widely from hour to hour in response to all kinds of stimuli.

‘Faith’ is not a mysterious religious feeling or quality; it is trust, reliance and dependence on God. And the important thing about trust is not how strong the trust is or what it feels like, but whether the thing you’re trusting in is trustworthy.

Do you think you are less of a Christian when you feel sad or low or discouraged? Or do you think you are less of a Christian when you are sick or suffering or tired?

If you do, then perhaps what you are really trusting in or relying upon is not Christ himself by the quality of your ‘faith’. This is relatively a common mistake. It’s not our faith that gets us right with God and saves us; it is Christ who saves us through his atoning death and glorious resurrection. He has done the work. Our job is simply to trust in his incredible trustworthiness. How this feels will change from day to day. But Jesus Christ does not change - he is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

The same is true of prayer, which is a verbal expression of our faith. Sometimes we will feel very much like praying. Sometimes we won’t. Sometimes prayer feels sweet and delightful; at other times, it feels like a wrestling match; and at other times, we feel as if the heavens are silent and distant, and that our prayers are going nowhere.

These feelings are natural and common (to sinful people like us), but they are no indication of the quality of our prayers to the extent to which God has heard them. Indeed, if we wait until we feel like praying some of us might never pray again.

If we make the mistake of thinking that we need to be in a certain mood, or feel a certain way, before prayer is really legitimate, we have caught a nasty version of Virus 3.

To be continued . . . . . .
On Wednesday the 26th of March, Neta Knapp, well known Aboriginal artist, came to visit the year 6 students. As a child of the stolen generation, she shared her many stories about growing up on a mission.

If you’d like to see some of Neta’s work, you can visit the True Blue Art Gallery located in Fremantle.

www.truebluegallery.com

We also learnt about Aboriginal iconography and practiced by painting our own stories on a boomerang.
Visit and Donation from Luke Simpkins MP

It was exciting when Luke Simpkins came to our Year Six class last week to donate a set of Diary of the Wimpy Kid to our class. We have already got one set in our classroom library, but because the books are so popular, there are never any left on the shelf for some students to read. So, having another set will mean more students will be able to read this popular and fun book. Thank you Mr. Simpkins for your kind donation.
EMMANUEL PARENT GROUP

Parents and extended families are very important to our Christian Community School. Many good, helpful and fun things cannot be done without you. Will you pray about this matter of taking a role in our Emmanuel Parent Group (EPG)? Perhaps you see a position for which you are gifted? Perhaps you would like to know more about a role? You will not have to work alone, others will support you.

THANKYOU FOR TAKING TIME TO THINK AND PRAY ABOUT HOW YOU MIGHT HELP!

The members of the ministry team will be elected by vote at the first Parents Night Meeting on 7th April 2014

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If you wish to nominate for any of the positions listed below, please complete and leave your nomination form in the office - Thank You

NOMINATION FOR EMMANUEL PARENT GROUP MINISTRY TEAM

I ........................................................... Nominate ...........................................

(Name of Person making Nomination)

For the position of ................................................................. For 2014

NOMINATION ACCEPTED BY : .............................................................

(Name in Capitals)

SIGNATURE OF PERSON NOMINATED : ..........................................................

DATE : ................................................
ANNUAL SCHOOL SERVICE - SUNDAY 6th April
Our Annual School Service and Staff dedication will be held in the Girrawheen Baptist Church this Sunday - 6th April, commencing at 10.30am. Students must be at the church by 10.00am. All students are expected to attend this service. Any absences should be covered by a parental note in advance of the service.

PARENT NIGHT - MONDAY 7th APRIL
Commences at 7.15pm in the Church.
Nominations for the EPG (Emmanuel Parent Group) - all positions
Information regarding Grade 7 in 2015 and beyond - High School

ANZAC DAY SERVICE - TUESDAY 8th APRIL
The service will be held on Tuesday 8th April commencing at 9.00am for 30 minutes.
It would be appreciated if students could be at school by 8.30am to remember our ANZACS and learn more of the service they gave. Parents, relatives and friends are welcome to attend this remembrance service.

EASTER SERVICE - THURSDAY 10th APRIL
We plan to have 2 short Easter Services at school. The First will be ‘Tennebrae’ service at 9.00am for 20 minutes. The second at 2.30pm will be Easter Celebration for 20 minutes. All parents will be welcome at our services.

J C E - JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR
TOMORROW will be the last day for JCE for this term
Don’t forget to bring your $2 for your HOT DOG
JCE will recommence next term

CYBER SAFETY
Constable Care will visit our school in term 2, on Thursday 27th May, 1-3pm.
The students in years 4 - 7 will learn about CYBERSAFETY and students in Pre-Primary - 3 will learn about PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOUR.
The internet and the many devices available (laptops, ipads, phones etc) are a wonderful resource for learning. However, there are dangers and risks involved in unsupervised and uninformed use.
The Australian Government has an excellent on-line resource for students, parents and teachers at
www.cybersmart.gov.au
We recommend this site as a good place to begin educating children about the safe and responsible use of the internet and welcome any opportunity to work with the students and their families at Emmanuel
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.

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 for 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.
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.

BIBLE TRIVIA QUESTIONS - WEEK 2 - ANSWERS TO WEEK 2 QUESTIONS - IN RED

Who, when accused of being with Jesus, lied and said that he did not know him, three times?
(Simon) Peter (Matthew 26 verses 69-74)

Which creature tricked Eve into eating of the forbidden fruit?
Serpent (Genesis 3 : verses 1-6)

At Christ’s crucifixion what did the soldiers place on his head?
Crown of Thorns (Matthew 27 verse 29)

What is the first line of the Lord’s Prayer?
Our Father which art in heaven (Matthew 6 verse 9)

What relationship was Ruth to Naomi?
Daughter-in-law (Ruth 1 verse 4)

THIS WEEK - BIBLE TRIVIA QUESTIONS

Who lied to God when he was asked where his brother was?
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Which Old Testament character showed his faith by being willing to offer his son on an altar to God?
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What significant event is recorded in Genesis chapters 1 and 2?
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What was inscribed above Jesus’ cross?
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Whose mother placed him in an ark of bulrushes?
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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS IN NEXT WEEKS NEWSLETTER
# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - 2014

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## SPANISH CLASSES

Spanish lessons will commence on Monday 5th May. Classes are conducted from 3.30pm to 4.15pm.

If you would like your child to learn Spanish, please complete the form below and return it to the office.

**NAME OF STUDENT / STUDENTS:**

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