From the Principal’s Desk...

A Christian Community Must Reflect the Nature of God

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The Basics of Prayer

What is prayer? There are almost as many different ideas about prayer as there are people in the world. In some religions, prayer is a religious duty that keeps you in God’s good books.

Other religions have prayer wheels or incense where participation itself (i.e., burning the incense or spinning the wheel) is considered a communication with God. In other places, prayer is silent meditation. But none of these ideas express what Jesus meant when he talked about prayer. For Jesus, prayer was simply talking to God.

In fact, prayer can be easily understood by looking at the two parts of this statement. Firstly, prayer is talking - expressing to God (either out loud or silently) what's in our heart. This kind of words isn't very important - Jesus condemned people who used fancy words when they prayed so that other people would think they were important. He also condemned people who used lots of words for the same reason. You don't need to pray for a long time to be heard; you just have to speak honestly to God.

One of the great promises that God makes in the death and resurrection of Jesus is that you are now his child. And as his child, you can bowl up and talk to him any time you like. You can pray when you walk or when you sit or when you kneel. You can even pray when you are driving the car if you want to (although not if you prefer to pray with your eyes closed!). Finally because we’re his children, God wants us to feel free to pray to him about anything we like - nothing is too big or small to bring to God.

But that brings me to the second part of the statement. Prayer is talking to God. While it’s good to remember the incredible access we have to the God who made the whole universe, it’s also good to remember who we’re talking to when we talk to the God who made the universe. He is our creator and our savior and our judge.

This will have certain implications. For example, instead of coming and telling God what he should do, we should come to him humble to make our requests, recognizing that he knows better than we do. Sometimes God will answer our prayers in a totally different way than we expect (or want). In fact, God's answer to some of our requests may well be ‘no’. We need to remember that God promises to work in everything for our good - to make us like Jesus. He will always answer our prayers according to what’s best for us.

To be continued next week …
Thanksgiving for our new school land

On Wednesday morning we held our usual morning assembly on our new block of land.

All the students, staff and many parents, walked down to the block and all around the perimeter.

We all stood together to give thanks to God for His provision. We acknowledged the Whajuk people as the traditional custodians of this land, had Bible reading, a minute of silence and sang the National Anthem. Pastor Victor prayed a thanksgiving prayer.

We prayed for this land and God has answered our prayer!

The opportunity to plan an build our new school is so exciting!

We thank God for His goodness to us and seek His help in honouring Him in all that happens in our new school.

1 Corinthians 3:7-14

So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

The man who plants and the many who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.

For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds.

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw. His work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man’s work.

If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.

This is God’s Word.

Psalm 95:3-7

For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him.

The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker

For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

Amen
Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to have around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids and Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 may 2014.

Students, Parents, Care-givers and Grandparents who walk to school on this day are invited to join us for a FREE BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL from 7.30am - 8.30am.
CAR PARK PICK UP!

To assist with making pick up time more efficient, we now have a FAMILY NAMES DASHBOARD DISPLAY CARD for each family.

Your child / children names are clearly visible and this will help staff to find your child quickly from among the many waiting to be collected.

Staff will distribute the display Cards throughout next week.
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.

LAST WEEK - ANSWERS in RED

For how many days and nights did it rain in the story of the flood?

Forty (Genesis 1-2)

What was special about Jesus’ mother?

She was a virgin (Matthew 1:23)

Who gave gifts to Jesus when he was a young child?

Wise men / magi (Matthew 2:7-10)

What happened to Jonah after he was thrown overboard?

He was swallowed by a great fish (Jonah 1:17)

In whose image was man created?

God’s (Genesis 1:27)

THIS WEEK - QUESTIONS

How many apostles did Jesus choose?

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What are the wages of sin?

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Who is the first mother mentioned in the Bible?

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Who else, other than the wise men, came to visit Jesus when he was a small child?

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Who lied when he was asked to reveal the source of his great strength?

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Session 1: 15th May 2014
Session 2: 22nd May 2014
Session 3: 29th May 2014

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CONCERT CLASS : Every Friday - 12.15 - 1.00pm

We will begin in week TWO. This is a performance practice opportunity for children in years three to seven, who are currently having lessons on an instrument. The student must have their instrumental teacher fill out and sign the form below. The completed form needs to be returned to the office by Thursday, before the Friday when you want to perform.

Replacement forms are available from the office. If you need someone to play a piano accompaniment, place the piano part in the office with the completed form.

There will be a CD player if you want to play with a backing CD.

On Friday, performers need to line up outside the office at 12.15pm and wait for Miss Fiona to walk them across to the church.

CONCERT CLASS FORM : For Friday (date) : ________________

Student name : ___________________________

Year : ___________________________

Instrument : ___________________________

Level / Grade : ___________________________

Music teacher name : ___________________________

Signature : ___________________________

More than one piece may be performed if there is time

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ANAPHYLAXIS - ACTION PLAN - USING THE EpiPen
If your child is being treated with an Action Plan for Anaphylaxis, please get the signed form from your GP informing the school of his / her condition and treatment.

ASTHMA - ACTION PLAN - USE OF MEDICATION
The school must know if your child has this condition. An Asthma Plan must be given to the school together with the medication, so that your child will have the immediate attention should an attack happen during school hours.

PRAYER
Parents, relatives or friends who want to pray for our school, our school families, our community, are invited to meet for a short time 15-20 minutes, on Friday mornings from 8.45am in the Kindergarten. Refreshments provided after the meeting.

J C E - JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR
A great time and a great opportunity for your child to be part of this group on Friday evening of each week, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. J C E is an international organization that was founded in 1881. Girrawheen Baptist Church is involved in this very fulfilling program for children from Kindergarten to Grade 7.

BOOK SHOP - The Book Shop is situated next door to the School Office. A large variety of reading material, Bibles, cards for all occasions, CD’s, tapes, gift items, toys and trinkets for sale. Come in and browse and you will surely find something to buy for any occasion.

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.

Students should wear their WINTER UNIFORMS from next week, Monday 12th May 2014.

STUDENTS ATTENDING EMMANUEL IN 2015
Parents are asked to complete this form, indicating whether your child / children will be returning to Emmanuel Christian Community in 2015.

It would be appreciated if the school is given this notification as soon as possible as there are many requests for enrolments in 2015.

NAME OF STUDENT / STUDENTS
________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________
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.
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - 2014

TERM TWO

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SCHOOL FEES
Payment of school fees for Term Two should be attended to as soon as possible. Thank you to the parents who have paid their school fees.
Please speak to Mr. Johnson to arrange payments if you have not already paid your school fees.

SPANISH CLASSES
Spanish lessons commenced 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.

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