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

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Praying in small groups

Most Christian small groups pray. Most Christian groups easily drift into prayer ruts. Our times of prayer become hurried intercessions, a quick vote of thanks at the end of the Bible study, prayers for the sick or ‘those who aren’t with us’, or general prayers for more love and wisdom. Of course, these are all great things to pray for, but we usually end up praying for them by default, because we don’t put in the time and effort to think about what to pray.

Most groups find it easier to do Bible study (or have supper) than to pray. Prayer gets reduced to a minimum, sometimes included only to relieve our guilt about it.

This is not how we want it to be. We want our groups to love praying — to long to pray to God. We want to obey the Bible’s urging to “continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving” (Col 4:2).

Our group meetings can be training grounds for great prayer warriors. How could your small group “continue steadfastly in prayer”? Here are eight pointers for better small group prayer.

1. **Set an example**
   If you are a group leader, you must first address prayer in your own life. The group will see whether you are a prayer warrior or a prayer wimp. Enough said.

2. **Give prayer priority in group time**
   You may need to be creative in order to achieve this. Occasionally, devote the entire meeting to prayer. Start your meeting with prayer instead of leaving it until the end. Pray at several different points during the meeting. Pray spontaneously as issues arise from discussion.

3. **Keep track of the groups prayer concerns**
   Some groups use a ‘Prayer Diary’ so they can look back to what they have prayed about, as well as writing in specific events, people and occasions to pray for in the future. It is a very helpful aid to memory.

4. **Be confident in God through Christ**
   Ultimately, this is what drives us to pray. It is the truth of the gospel — that we are lost on our own, but have entered into relationship with God through Christ that will sustain us in prayer. We need to keep teaching the gospel. It reveals the love of the Father in his Son for his people. If we doubt that God cares for us and hears and responds to our prayers, we will never pray.

Continuing next week: the next 4 pointers for better small group prayer
National Reconciliation week 2014, was celebrated at Emmanuel on Thursday 5th of June. We commenced the day with a Bible reading, prayer and some reflective words at the morning flag assembly, led by some of our student councillors.

- Delene, Athiei, Liam and Boston -

We also had the privilege of hearing a traditional “Welcome to Country” by Kay-Lee’s mother, Ms. Rundle. This was then followed by an outstanding performance of a traditional Kangaroo dance, with accompanying didgeridoo music, performed by Kay-Lee and her grandfather, Mr. Rundle.

We then raised the Aboriginal flag as the whole school sang the National Anthem to conclude our morning ceremony.
On behalf of Emmanuel staff and students, we say a special thank you to Kay-Lee and her family for their time and effort. We thank them for making our day so special!

DID YOU KNOW?
Mr. Rundle is one of the Wongai third elders living in Perth today. Although he was born in Australia, he only got his citizenship and rights at the age of 10.
Thank you to all the students and teachers who participated in the hand-printing activity.

The canvas has been placed on the brick wall at the entrance of our school, as memorabilia of this day.

Thank you for your gold coin donations! The funds raised will be sent to Global Interaction for use in a remote community of WA.
Our Deputy Principal, Mrs Carol Davis will be on Long Service Leave from Monday 16th June.

Mrs Davis will be visiting her grandchildren in the US.

Mrs Davis will be back on the 28th July 2014.

We pray for a good and safe holiday for the family.

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**PARENT SURVEY**
Your school is interested in what you think.

Please take a moment to complete a PARENT SURVEY (don’t add your name) so we can better serve our community. Please place the completed form in the sealed box in the office - THANK YOU

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**GRUFFALO OUTING - Wednesday 18th June**

Kindy, PrePrimary, Year 1 and Year 2

The school calendar date for this event has been changed. We will attend Wednesday 18th June.

Please return form and payment by Monday 16th June.

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**ENROLMENTS FOR THE FUTURE**

Parents, relatives and friends are encouraged to consider the enrolment of their child / children for the coming years.

Children born after 1 July 2009 need to have an application completed and lodged with the school, so as to have the assurance of obtaining a place in the nominated years (Kindergarten through to High school).

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**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.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop is OPEN on MONDAY MORNINGS from 8.30am to 9.30am and on TUESDAY afternoons from 3.00pm to 3.30pm.
SCHOOL FEES FOR YEAR 7 - HIGH SCHOOL - 2015

Proposed School Fees for year seven commencing in 2015 will amount to $750 per term.

SCHOOL FEES - IMPORTANT

It would be appreciated if payment of school fees is attended to as soon as possible.

Please speak to Mr Johnson to arrange payments if you have not already paid your school fees.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

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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 - OPENING DAYS AND TIMES

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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.
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

What did Joseph’s brothers do to get rid of him?
Threw him in a pit and then sold him to strangers (Genesis 37 verses 24-27)

Who wrote the letter to Philemon?
Paul (Philemon 1 verse 1)

In what was Jesus wrapped before he was buried?
Linen clothes (John 19 verse 40)

What was the name of Moses’ brother?
Aaron (Exodus 7 verse 1)

What sin is Cain remembered for?
Murder (Genesis 4 verse 8)

THIS WEEK - QUESTIONS

“"The Lord is my shepherd, " is the opening line to which Psalm?
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What is the last book of the New Testament?
______________________________________________________________

Who wrote the majority of the New Testament letters?
______________________________________________________________

What was David’s occupation before he became king?
______________________________________________________________

Who hid two spies but claimed not to know of their whereabouts when asked?
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - 2014

TERM TWO

THURSDAY 03 JULY  END OF TERM

STUDENT REPORTS
Reports will be available for PARENTS ONLY to pick up from the class teacher on Thursday 3rd July at 3.15pm. If you are unable to pick up the report on the Thursday, please come in the next day (Friday) to get your child’s report.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA—STAFF MID YEAR CONFERENCE
Emmanuel staff will be attending the Christian Schools Australia Conference which will be held in the Perth Convention Centre on the 21st and 22nd July. International speakers from Canada and England will be participating in the conference.

Term Three commences on Thursday 24th July
Kindergarten commences on Monday 28th July

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