From the Principal’s Desk...

A Christian Community Must Reflect the Nature of God

Author Colin Marshall

Praying in small groups

Continuing from last week -

5. Move beyond ‘collecting prayer points’

The old routine of collecting prayer points is a mixed blessing. It is good to hear people’s concerns so that we can pray very specifically. It is one of the key ways we express our love for each other. But this routine does present some problems. It takes a lot of time, and the actual praying often gets tacked on at the end of the discussion. It can become repetitive, with the same issues being raised every week. It can be difficult at certain stages of the group’s existence for people to be honest and open with their prayer requests. The main problem, however, with sharing prayer points is that it promotes self-centred praying.

Our prayers are often of a totally different character to the prayers of the Bible. For example, look at the prayers in 2 Samuel 7:3-14. These prayers focus on the grand purposes of God; the salvation of Israel through David’s dynasty; the growth of the gospel and of believers; the coming of the Kingdom of God; the renown of God. In short, they are God-centred, not self-centred, prayers. They are full of thanks to God, rehearsing his holiness and saving power, and asking him to fulfill his plans to save the world.

Paul sets an agenda for prayer meetings in 1 Timothy 2:1-7. we are to pray for everyone, with the focus upon godly living and the salvation of all. Of course, we can also bring our personal needs to God in prayer (see 1 Peter 5:7; Matthew 6:25-34). By bringing all matters to God, even the minor details of our lives, we express faith in God’s rule over all things. God has committed himself to provide and care for us.

Try different ways of collecting personal prayer points. For example, focus on some challenge to personal godliness that came up in the Bible study, and then ask each person to take a minute to reflect on how these bigger concerns of God connect with their own lives. Then pray specifically about these things. Or ask each person to share something that they have learnt recently from their own Bible reading, or from the sermons at church; and then pray about those things.

Pointers 6 and 7 next week …
We apologise for the inconvenience caused by our outdated school website. The past year has been a constant battle to keep it going properly because of contractual difficulties. We are currently creating a new website and it is expected to be working by the end of this term. Look for it!
Today we had our Assembly in the church. We started with our prayer and then we sang a song and we danced. My favourite part was when we all got up and did the twist. It was good. By Helen

My favourite part was when the camel shuffled. It was funny. By Jo Jo

We sang songs and danced to the music. I like to dance, it was really super fun. I like the twist. By Vilia

My favourite part was when we all got up and did the Twist, it was great fun. By Wani
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).

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

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.

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.

DENTIST - HOLIDAY HOURS
The Dental Therapy Centre will be open during the school holidays on:

Monday    7th July
Tuesday   8th July
Wednesday 16th July
Thursday 17th July
Friday    18th July

LEISUREPARK LAZERS SWIMMING CLUB
Do your children enjoy swimming?
Have you ever thought about joining a swimming club?
Why not come along for a *FREE ONE MONTH'S TRIAL (AUGUST) WITH LEISUREPARK LAZERS SWIMMING CLUB
Swimming clubs are a great way to meet new people; stay fit and healthy; Prepare for the school carnival
“Normal pool Entry Fees Applies”

HOW: CONTACT SHARON SMITH: 0406130713
Most of you already know the sad and tragic news of the Baliban Family.

The Baliban family have two children in our school, Ruth in Year 1 and Lois in Pre-Primary.

Their sister Andreea, 3 years old, died of her injuries in Joondalup Hospital after being struck as her mother reversed the family car out of their home driveway last Friday morning. Andreea’s two sisters were in the back seat of the car at the time.

As you can appreciate, the circumstances of this accident are very tragic and the parents are very distressed. Our prayers, sympathy and Christian love go out to the family and we will be providing support where we can.

At this stage we do not know the details of the funeral. I have contacted the family pastor, Pastor Benjamin, for any support or help we can give at this time as a school community. He will keep in touch. Our hearts are shattered by this terribly sad news.

The gentle support given to each other and the family at this time is the first step in healing. The school needs to respond in a caring and supportive manner.

Our role is to encourage students / adults to express their emotions and how to deal with death, especially students in Year 1 and Pre-Primary at this time.

Above all, continue to pray for the family.

I find great encouragement in my own life with Jesus’ words to Martha and Mary as it is found in John 11:40. Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you will see the glory of God?”

Pedro Cruz
Principal

The Funeral Service will be held on Sunday 22nd June
at 6.00pm
In the Girrawheen Baptist Church

The Service prior to the Burial will be held on Monday 23rd June
At the Pinnaroo Chapel
at 12.30pm
The Burial will take place
at 2.00pm
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

Just 3 weeks for the conclusion of Term 2 - current and overdue school fees are very welcome. Please attend to this commitment.

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

“The Lord is my shepherd, “ is the opening line to which Psalm?

Psalms (Psalm 23 verse 1)

What is the last book of the New Testament?

Revelation (Revelation 1:1-22:21)

Who wrote the majority of the New Testament letters?

Paul (Romans 1:1 - Jude 1:25)

What was David’s occupation before he became king?

Shepherd (1 Samuel 17:15)

Who hid two spies but claimed not to know of their whereabouts when asked?

Rahab (Joshua 2:1-5)

THIS WEEK - QUESTIONS

Whose prayer resulted in his being thrown into a den of lions?

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What was the apparent source of Samson’s strength?

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From which country did Moses help the Israelites escape from their lives of slavery?

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Who was the fourth person in the fiery furnace along with Daniel’s friends?

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What did Joseph’s brothers do to deceive their father to cover up that they had sold Joseph into slavery?

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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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