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 -

6. Be outward-looking

Following on from point 5, just pray for each other. Pray for the work of God more broadly:

The group might adopt a missionary or evangelist for whom they can pray, as they keep track of his or her activities and needs.

Pray for the salvation of your unbelieving friends and families. Pray more widely for the conversion of those in positions of power, of people who have a public profile, or even of neighbours whom you don’t know.

Pray for your church’s programmes and plans. Perhaps adopt a particular ministry, such as Sunday School, and pray for it for a period.

7. Help group members learn to pray

It can be hard to get everyone in a group to pray out loud, especially when the group is quite new and people are not yet comfortable with each other. How can we make this easier for each other?

When we pray with others, we are not only praying to God, we are also leading others in prayer. This is true in any Christian context, such as conferences, committees and church. We must be conscious of others, not in order to impress them, on the contrary, we must seek to serve them. To help others learn to pray in your small group:

- Use the plural pronouns ‘we’ and ‘our’. This signals that we are all praying, not just the person speaking.

Say short prayers so that everyone can maintain attention.

Avoid jargon or complicated expressions; use language that everyone in the group will understand.

Don’t switch into an unnatural ‘prayer mode’. Use your normal voice and keep a normal posture.

Form smaller groups. Reducing your group size into twos or threes for prayer can lower peoples anxieties and allow them to pray more openly. Single sex prayer groups can have the same effect.
On the exciting Wednesday, the 18th of June, the cute kindies, pre-primaries, year 1s and the magnificent Year 2s went for an excursion to watch The Gruffalo in the State Theatre. First we went on the bus and the Year 2s shared the bus with the Year 1s and we played the silent game. Then we arrived at the Theatre and we had to wait for our seats. When we got inside we watched the magnificent Gruffalo show. After the show had finished we all ate a yummy snack which was a muesli bar. One of the pipes burst on our bus, so we had to wait for a long time. Then the bus was fixed. Finally we travelled back to school.

By Viviana Guardado.
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
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 ONE week for the conclusion of Term 2 - payment of current and overdue school fees would be appreciated. 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

Tomorrow will be the last day for JCE for this term. Come along with $2.50 and enjoy your celebration meal - Sausage Sizzle and drink. There will be no JCE during the school holidays.

You are invited !! Mark your calendar !! Come join us at our annual Emmanuel winter holiday fun day out at Wild Kidz

On the last day of the winter school holidays - Wednesday 23rd July anytime from 9.30am to 3pm - at Wild Kidz play centre, 7 Lumsden Road, Wangara (just off Prindiville Drive). Cost is $6 each for children aged 0-3 and $8 each for children 4-12. Hope to see you there - all welcome - any questions please contact Effi on 0410 902 961: D
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

Whose prayer resulted in his being thrown into a den of lions?
Daniel (Daniel 6 verse 7)

What was the apparent source of Samson’s strength?
Long hair (Judges 16 verse 17)

From which country did Moses help the Israelites escape from their lives of slavery?
Egypt (Exodus 13 verse 3)

Who was the fourth person in the fiery furnace along with Daniel’s friends?
An angel (Daniel 3 verse 28)

What did Joseph’s brothers do to deceive their father to cover up that they had sold Joseph into slavery?
Dipped his coat in the blood of a goat (Genesis 37 verse 31)

THIS WEEK - QUESTIONS

What kind of leaves did Adam and Eve sew together to make clothes for themselves?

Who did Jesus say was the ‘father of lies’?

What was the name of the tower that the people were building when God confused their language?

What is the common name of the prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples?

Whose name means “father of a great multitude”?

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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