From the Principal’s Desk...

A Christian Community Must Reflect the Nature of God

Vision

Through the teaching of God’s Word we will bring people to Christ and help them to grow in him.

Matthew 28:19-20

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Diagnosing a sick prayer life

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Continuing from last week

Virus 3: We Misunderstand Our Relationship With God

The first two viruses attack our understanding of who God really is and what he is like - and thus make our prayer sick. This third one focuses more on our relationship with God.

Again, there are two varieties of this problem.

Type A: We underestimate our sin and the privilege of access

Firstly, e forget or underestimate just who an incredible privilege is our access to God in prayer. In our own minds, it’s amazing how easily we magnify our goodness, and diminish the righteousness of God. We lose sight of how blindingly pure and good God is, and how profoundly sinful we are. It’s possible, of course, that we never really understood this idea in the first place. We may have glided into Christianity without ever having squarely confronted the depths of our own lost ness, or the heights of God’s holiness. More commonly however, we just drift away from this understanding.

A mental virus weakens our very grasp on the gospel itself - that a sinful wretch like me could approach the holy God, and, rather than being excluded or destroyed by his holiness, he welcome through the Lord Jesus and granted free access to his throne!

Our relationship with God through the gospel is the basis of prayer. It’s privilege beyond imagining. Yet over time it becomes a very small thing in our eyes.

As a parent, I sometimes splutter with outrage at the way my kids take all their privileges and comforts and advantages for granted. And yet I’m really no better. I take for granted the incredible relationship God has initiated with me, the glorious privilege of having access to the throne of grace. And so I no longer avail myself of it.

To be continued . . . . . . .
We are delighted to show you photos of our beautiful, new, piano. It is placed in the library prep room for now, until it has a new home in our proposed new primary school.

The piano was funded by school fundraising events, a donation from the parent group and contribution from the school.

Music students now have a wonderful new piano to learn on in a place free from interruptions and timetable changes.

May God bless both teachers and students who are training to make a beautiful sound to God and help others enjoy this gift of music.

THANK YOU to all the students and families whose support of fundraising in 2013 helped to make this possible.
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday, 21 March, the interschool swimming carnival was held in one of the outdoor pools at Challenge Stadium. Like last year, the day started with heavy clouds, a chilled breeze and some rain, however once we got to the pools, we enjoyed blue sky and plenty of sunshine.

We took a team of 22 swimmers who competed in a total of 53 events! We also had a large number of parents support us. A big thank you to all who helped out in the bay and with lane timing.

There were a total of eight schools in the competition, and regular updates kept us on our toes. We finished the day, taking fourth place! Well done to all the swimmers at the carnival, and those who trained hard at training before school. Congratulations also to Kasie Smith who received a Gold, Silver and Bronze Award and to Caleb Long who was Year 4 Champion Boy.
ANNUAL SCHOOL SERVICE - SUNDAY 6th April
Our Annual School Service and Staff dedication will be held in the Girrawheen Baptist Church on the 6th April, commencing at 10.30am. 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.

GRANDPARENT DAY - CHANGE OF DATE
We are sorry, but we need to change the date of our Grandparent Day to MONDAY NOVEMBER 3rd in 4th Term.
Please mark this special day in your diary - and remove the previous one !

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 PrePrimary - 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
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: ___________________________
BANKING AT SCHOOL

Is on Fridays: 8 - 8.30am in the library
Families are encouraged to have their children do school banking each Friday.
Forms can be picked up from the school office.
Accounts can be set up on-line, and by phone OR
We can arrange for Bank officers to come to school and help you set up your child’s account.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO THIS
Children can bank as little as 50c per week - banking each week is the key to good savings habits.

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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SCHOOL FEES
It is time to remind families about the payment of your school fees.

Billing Cycle
Fees will be billed in four instalments, with payments due by the end of Week 2 of Terms 1, 2, 3, & 4.

1st Term : Friday 14 February 2014
2nd Term : Friday 9th May 2014
3rd Term : Friday 1st August 2014
4th Term : Friday 24th October 2014

Payment dates for 2014 are:

J C E - (JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR)
FRIDAY EVENINGS 5.30PM TO 7.00PM
Children aged 4 years to 12 years / grade 7
Enjoy fellowship and the good news About Jesus
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

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HEALTH

SCOLIOSIS
Scoliosis is an abnormal sideways curvature of the spine. It can be detected by a simple examination of the back. The normal spine has three curves - one in the neck, one in the upper back and one in the lower back. These curves can be seen from the side, but when you look from behind the spine should appear straight. If the spine has a sideways curve, this is Scoliosis. If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner.

COLOUR BLINDNESS
Colour blindness means that a person cannot distinguish some colours or sees the colours differently from other people. Very few people who are colour blind are blind to all colours. The colours seen differently are green, yellow, orange and red. If you have any concerns please see your General Practitioner, Eye Specialist or Optometrist.