



# Emmanuel Christian Community School

## Weekly Newsletter

Term 1 | Issue 7 - 20 March 2014

### Vision

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

**Mathew 28:19-20**

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### From the Principal's Desk...

A Christian Community Must Reflect the Nature of God

#### Diagnosing a sick prayer life

Author : Tony Payne

*Continuing from last week*

#### **VIRUS 2 : WE DOUBT THAT GOD IS WILLING**

Even if the effectiveness of prayer is granted and God's ability to act is accepted, there is still the problem of his willingness to act. For the Christian, this at first seems like a blasphemous suggestion. God not willing to act for our benefit? How absurd!

However, we feel this virus creeping up on us in the face of suffering. Why did God not intervene to stop the Asian tsunami? Why does my life continue to be dogged with illness and heartache? Why did he let my child become so sick?

The Bible's answer - very briefly - is that God very often achieves his purposes and answers our prayers **through hard times, not be delivering us from them.**

Sin and evil do not thwart his plans. On the contrary, he is able to work through the evil that we do in order to achieve his good purposes. We see this again and again in the Bible, such as when Joseph says to his lying, treacherous brothers, " you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good ..." (Genesis 50:20). We see it even more classically in the cross of Jesus, where the most incredible evil and suffering took place - and yet God was behind it all, achieving the most extraordinary victory (Acts 2:22-24).

When times are tough, or when God's answer to our prayer is not what we had hoped for - when we pray like Paul three times for the thorn in the flesh to be taken away, and it remains - it's then that we start to doubt whether God really has our good in mind. We begin to question his generosity or goodness.

The antidote to this spiritual virus is to inject our minds with the clear promises of our heavenly Father : that he cares for us (1 Peter 5:6-7), that he longs to give us every good gift (Matthew 7:11) and that even the smallest and most insignificant matter is not beneath his attention (Matthew 10:29-31).

*To be continued . . . . .*



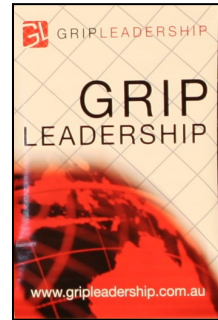
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## GRIP Students Leadership Conference

Rose Awaka, Anger Makeui, Jonathan Lasconi and Joshua Anasmo were chosen to attend the GRIP Students Leadership Conference to enhance their natural leadership qualities.

GRIP stands for : **Generosity**  
**Responsibility**  
**Integrity**  
**People**



### The Schoolyard Superheroes:



A leader is like a superhero, because they both serve others.

### HERO stands for:

**Helper** – Offering to assist others

**Encourager** – Using kind words that are helpful to others

**Role Model** – Displaying the right actions for others to see

**Organiser** – Volunteering to plan events that help others





## Be a Strawberry

A strawberry leader appears the same on the outside as they are on the inside



## Not a watermelon

A watermelon leader appears different on the outside than they are on the inside

**A strawberry leader is a leader with *Integrity*.**  
*Make sure you are a leader who is the same on the inside as how you act and speak on the outside.*

### 5 Ways to have very good integrity:

**Be Sure** to do the right thing

**Encourage** others to do the right thing

**Refuse** to lie

**Respond** when you see something that is not right

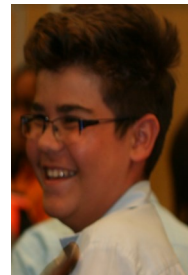
**Overcome** criticism

“Being a leader is not easy, you need to work hard.” **Rose**



“It is good to be a leader because you can help others.” **Anger**

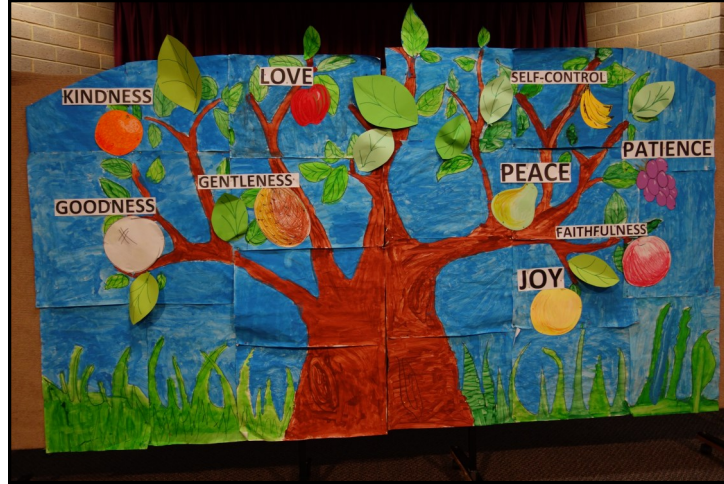
“When you are a leader, you think in a different way to how you thought before.” **Jonathan**



*“Be a good role model for others and show integrity if you want to be a leader.”* **Joshua**

## YEAR THREE ASSEMBLY

The theme  
Of the  
Year 3  
Assembly  
was  
Galatians 5  
Verses 22 & 23



The  
Fruits  
of  
the  
Spirit



Mrs Pucas wrote a script to help us understand how the Holy Spirit can change and help us to make a difference in our lives and with others.



**MEN ..... HELP NEEDED !!**

On Monday 31st MARCH at 8.30am to erect the seating for our school church service.  
We need 2 men who can spare about 2 hours to put the seating in place for the children.  
Please let Andrew Johnson know if you can help - THANK YOU !

**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 'Tenebrae' 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 !!**

**Girrawheen Baptist Church**

**40 Days Of Prayer and Fasting - 5th March - 13th April 2014**

We invite you to join us in prayer and fasting over the 40 days leading to Palm Sunday and Easter. We pray for a miraculous breakthrough of God's LIFE in our nation and revival and transformation for Australia (2nd Chronicles 7:14).

**Five Point Prayer Plan - LIFE**

1. Call for you to renew your love and life for God.
2. Call for you to make a list of friends you will pray for on each of these 40 days, praying they will find new life in Jesus Christ. Write to each one of them a short note as a sign of God's love.
3. Commit to prayer for a release of God's LIFE in our nation.
4. Pray that we will see a culture of life replace a culture of death and that respect for life, from conception to natural death will be enshrined in law and public policy.
5. Pray each day for an outpouring of love, revival and transformation for Australia.

## 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](http://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

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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.

Payment dates for 2014 are :

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

We are now in week 7 of 1st Term - please speak to Mr Johnson to arrange any outstanding fees.

### **INDONESIAN - ATTENTION**

The Indonesian vocabulary test programmed for last Friday will be conducted tomorrow, Friday 21st March.

Maaf  
Ibu Smith



## EMMANUEL PARENT GROUP

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

POSITION	NOMINATION FOR 2014
<b>CHAIR</b>	
<b>VICE –CHAIR</b>	
<b>PRAYER CONVENOR</b>	
<b>SECRETARY</b>	
<b>TREASURER</b>	
<b>CRISIS SUPPORT PERSON</b>	
<b>FUND RAISING TEAM LEADER</b>	
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	
<b>SPORT SUPPORT</b>	

*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 : .....

KINDERGARTEN - TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

19 MARCH 2014



The Kindergarten children were happy and excited— they enjoyed the morning — a little while in there own back yard and later took their Teddy Bears across to the



Hainsworth Park - because Today was the day the Teddy Bears had their Picnic.

YIRRA YAAKIN THEATRE COMPANY - PERFORMANCE ON 9th APRIL 2014

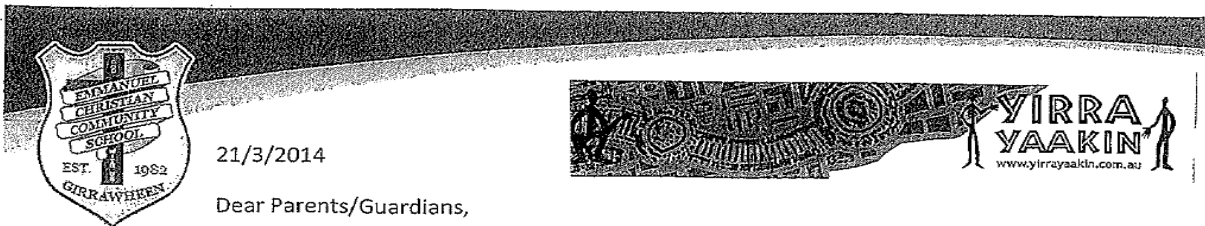
On Wednesday 9th April the Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company will perform Kep Kaatijn (Understanding Water) -

This experience will enrich our studies at school and link with Literacy, Culture and Science.

The Kindergarten to Year 3 performance will be from 9.30 to 10.30am

Years 4-7 performance will be from 1-2pm.

**Please complete the details - and return it together with \$5.00 to the class teacher.**



21/3/2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are very excited to have the Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company come to our school on Wednesday 9th April, 2014 to perform Kep Kaatijn (Understanding Water). This experience will enrich our studies at school and link with Literacy, Culture and Science.

The K to Year 3 performance will be at 9.30 -10.30 am and Year 4-7 performance will be at 1-2 pm.

To help cover some of the cost, could you please contribute \$5 towards the performance and return the slip below signed to class teachers?

Thank you.

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Yirra Yaakin performance on 9/4/14 and enclose \$5.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - 2014

### TERM ONE

SUNDAY	6 APRIL	ANNUAL SCHOOL SERVICE
MONDAY	7 APRIL	PARENTS NIGHT - 7:15PM
THURSDAY	10 APRIL	END OF TERM
FRIDAY	11 APRIL	STAFF PD

### TERM TWO

TUESDAY	29 APRIL	TERM TWO COMMENCES
MONDAY	26 MAY	PHOTOGRAPHS
WEDNESDAY	28 MAY	PHOTOGRAPHS - KINDY / PREPRIMARY
THURSDAY	03 JULY	END OF TERM

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES - 2014

### TERM 2

THURSDAY 22 MAY YEAR 6  
THURSDAY 05 JUNE YEAR 1

### TERM 3

THURSDAY 31 JULY YEAR 7  
THURSDAY 14 AUGUST YEAR 5  
THURSDAY 28 AUGUST KINDERGARTEN  
THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER YEAR 4

### TERM 4

THURSDAY 06 NOVEMBER PRE-PRIMARY  
THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER GRADUATION - YEARS 6 AND 7

## 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 see the colours differently to 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 Specialists or Optometrists.