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Tuesday May 12 – Week 3 Term 2

Dear Parents and Friends,

When life is busy and the decisions you make affect a lot of people you try to make the best decisions possible. I turn to prayer before major decisions like that. I want to ensure my prayers are 'heard', even though I know God listens all the time. We are given instructions on how to pray. In Matthew 6: 10-14 we are given the well known example of The Lord's Prayer. This shows us how we are to give honour to God, ask forgiveness, then make our requests known and close by acknowledging God's supremacy. Often we just jump in making our requests and forget the other steps.

Recently I read something else on prayer – the five fingers of prayer. It suggests we base our prayers on our hand.

1. Your thumb is **nearest** to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember.
2. The next finger is the **pointing** finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction.
3. The next finger is the **tallest** finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the prime Minister, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion.
4. The fourth finger is our **ring** finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain.
5. And lastly comes our **little** finger; the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to GOD and others. Your pinky should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Just remember that God knows everything before we ask, so take the time to talk to Him and not just ask, take and ask again.

Have a great week

Mrs Steward

Value of the Week: Caring and Compassion

Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 20th May. The children have been practicing diligently during fitness and are preparing well. **We urgently need parent helpers for the day.** A permission note will be going home today and if you could possibly help in any way, please indicate this on the note. All notes need to be returned to school as soon as possible.

Sports

Girls in Years 2 – 6 may bring sports shorts in their bags to wear in whole school PE times on Mondays and Thursdays, as they may be participating in high jump training.

Open Day

What a wonderful morning we had together last Friday for Open Day. The students were beautiful in their presentations, the classrooms were exciting places of learning, the Book Fair was a buzzing with anticipation and the lunch time that was shared with many parents and visitors in a family atmosphere.

Thank you to the many people who helped out on the day and in the preparation for the day. Without everyone's help and co operation it would not have been as successful as it was.

Library News

Tomorrow is our last chance to get all those Mother's Day gifts ready for the children to purchase on Extra! Extra! Read all about it!!

Library Renovated in Record Time!!

I hope you had the chance to pop in on Friday to see our "new look" library. With the never ending hard work of Mrs Steward, Mrs Tarensenko, Mrs Auckett and Mrs Lebbos our library was miraculously ready for Open day. A few changes for you to see and a brand new layout, we have more space and movement room for all of our students. Come and have a look at the mural and the new Teacher Resource room. Every day is open day at the library.

Record Sales at the 2009 Book fair!

I would like to say thank you to all of our book fair supporters. Your support meant that over \$500 was raised for our library! I am overwhelmed with your interest this year, and being my first book fair I am very excited with the success. I am fairly sure with the cold days on our doorstep, many of you will be tucked up inside reading with your children. Not only is it fabulous for our library, but the commitment you have made to the development of your children by reading to them and with them is immeasurable!

Our students never fail to amaze me! On two separate occasions money that had been found at the book fair was handed in. As we were sent two copies of everything, some students missed out on buying what they wanted. During the busy times, there was quite a queue. Patience was shown, there was no complaining. Be proud of your children! Be very very proud! Here at CCCS we certainly are!!

Happy Reading,

Mrs Wilson.

Mothers Day Stall

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the Mums who so willingly gave up their time to wrap the beautiful gifts for the Mothers Day Stall. Mums spent two days doing all that wrapping and pricing and then came back to sell the gifts last Thursday. You really are a wonderful community of parents. Seeing the toddlers and pram restricted little ones in room 8 where their Mums were busy working and talking was fantastic. I appreciate how busy you are and how difficult it is to organise everything, but you gave some time to the school and I really appreciate it. A total of \$956.00 was raised from the stall.

2010 Kindergarten Enrolments

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2010. If you have a child turning 5 by the end of May 2010 they are eligible to commence Kindy in our school next year. If you are unsure whether you have your child on our waiting list, please check with the office. If you have relatives or friends who would like their children to come to our school, please ask them to collect an Application for Enrolment Form, so that they can put their children on our waiting list.

Healthy Breakfast Morning and Poster Competition

Don't forget that this Friday morning many of us will be enjoying a healthy breakfast picnic from 8.00. All breakfast orders should be in by now, but posters will be accepted for our competition until the end of today.

The winners of the competition will be announced on Friday.

NAPLAN

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

Today was the first day of the NAPLAN testing for students in years 3 and 5. It is an important week for your children to get enough sleep, eat well and think well. We have some talented students in this school and we want them to do the best they possibly can in these national tests. Please pray for these students particularly this week with the extra pressure they are under, even though we try to make it as stress-free as possible.

Stage 3 Camp

The students in Stage 3 are very excited about the upcoming camp in just six weeks time. Anyone who has not finalised payment of the camp fees, please do so before the 22 May.

CANTEEN

As always, we are looking for helpers to come in from 9.00am – 11.00am. There is a free lunch for any parent or grandparent who helps and also one for their child. This is a fantastic opportunity to be involved in our school community, so please contact Mel Hoffmann at the school office if you are able to help.

Below is the roster for the next few weeks of the mums who have already volunteered to help. We really appreciate your efforts and I know your children love having you at school.

Term 2

Date	Name
Monday 18 th May	Cheryl Dunn Violeta Veljanovska
Friday 22 nd May	Cheryl Dunn Carmen Farah
Monday 25 th May	Kathy McKeich Carmel Lilli
Friday 29 th May	Cheryl Dunn
Monday 1 st June	Cheryl Dunn Joanne Nawar
Friday 5 th June	Cheryl Dunn Kirsty Rackham
Tuesday 9 th June	Pina Niceta Violeta Veljanovska
Friday 12 th June	Cheryl Dunn
Monday 15 th June	Cheryl Dunn Vergeen Abraham
Friday 19 th June	Cheryl Dunn
Monday 22 nd June	Melissa Semeri Steph Paulo
Friday 26 th June	Cheryl Dunn Kirsty Rackham
Monday 29 th June	Carmen Farah Joanne Nawar
Friday 3 rd July	Cheryl Dunn

If you are unable to work on your rostered day, please ring Mel Hoffmann before the day so that she can arrange for someone to take your place.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Praise God for:

- ✝ The success of both Open Day and the Mothers Day Stall
- ✝ The fantastic school community redeveloping amongst our parents.



Pray for:

- ✝ Those who are sick in our school community – staff, students and families.
- ✝ Years 3 and 5 students as they complete the NAPLAN tests.
- ✝ Preparations going into the Athletics Carnival being held next week.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CD Release

Mrs Tobar our Music Teacher has released her debut album, Redemption Story. If you would like to hear a sample of her amazing God given talent, the school office will be playing her CD over the coming weeks and will also have copies available for purchase. The CD's cost \$20 each and we know they will bless you with their worship and praise songs.

Come and Try Baton Twirling in May

Bankstown City Council has teamed up with the All Stars Baton Twirlers to give you the opportunity to have a go at baton twirling in the month of May.

Come along and try something new. It's free of charge, and everyone who registers, and takes part in a 'Come and Try' baton twirling session in May will receive a free Active Bankstown gift.

For more information visit Bankstown Council's Website www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au or call the Council's Sport and Recreation Officer on (02) 9707 9641.

COMING EVENTS

Mission Focus Term 2: Operation Christmas Child

Tuesday 12 to Thursday 14 May	NAPLAN Testing
Friday 15 May	Health Breakfast Picnic at 8.00am
Wednesday 20 May	Athletic Carnival
Thursday 21 May	Fundraising Meeting
Wednesday 27 May	ICAS Computer Competition
	National Simultaneous Storytime
10.45am in the Chapel	
Wednesday 3 June	Stage 2 excursion to Botany Bay
Wednesday 10 June	ICAS Science Competition
Wednesday 17 to Friday 19 June	Year 5/6 School Camp
Monday 22 June	Girls Soccer Gala Day
Tuesday 23 June	ICAS Spelling & Writing Competitions
Wednesday 24 June	School Reports Home
Thursday 25 June	School Photos
Tuesday 30 June	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday 3 July	End Term 2

CHURCH DATES

Friday 8 May	Kids Prayer 4.00pm – 5.15pm (Every Friday)
Tuesday 12 May	Playtime commencing at 10.00am
Saturday 30 May	Nursing Home visitation Rex Road Georges Hall Commencing at 1.30pm