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CHRISTIAN SCHOOL LTD  
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## Tuesday March 17 – Week 8 Term 1

Dear Parents and Friends,

Freedom is a wonderful thing that many of us take for granted. I heard a scary fact on the weekend – there are more human slaves NOW than there when David Wilberforce was fighting for them (Amazing Grace). In Australia we are free to do and say almost anything. While this preserves our 'rights', it is also a huge responsibility. We are totally responsible for the words we utter and the thoughts we have. Not only that, we are totally accountable for them.

Before you make a promise, check yourself. Do you really mean what you are about to say? Will you stick to it, no matter what, until it has been fulfilled? If not – don't make the promise. Don't sign the document if you are not willing and able to fulfil the obligations attached to it. Are you thinking the best of the people you meet?

My prayer for our school community this week is Psalm 19:14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and Redeemer.

Have a great week

Mrs Steward

**Value of the Week: Freedom**

### **Harmony Day Mufti This Thursday**

Don't forget it is Harmony Day this Thursday and we would like your children to come in mufti wearing something orange. There will be a gold coin donation for the privilege of coming in mufti. It is not too late to order the Harmony Day lunch, but the final day will be tomorrow, Wednesday as numbers need to be known for catering purposes.

## **Education Tax Refund**

Parents are reminded that the Education Tax Refund (ETR) came into effect from 1st January 2009. The ETR provides refunds of up to \$375 (for expenditure up to \$705) per primary student and \$750 (for expenditure up to \$1500) per secondary school student for the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs of some of the most common school-related costs including laptops, home computers, home internet connections, printers, education software, trade tools for use at school, school text books and stationary.

Some expenses that are not eligible include school fees, school uniform expenses, costs of excursions, tutoring costs, game consoles and school subject levies.

Full details about the ETR including information about eligibility, frequently asked questions and examples of claimable expenditure, are available from the Australian Taxation Office website at [www.eduationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.eduationtaxrefund.gov.au)

## **Credit Card Payments Available**

Well done, the parents who have used the credit card / PayPal system we have offered on our website. You do not need a PayPal account. The school has subscribed to use PayPal security internet payment system to allow you safe and secure online payments. As many parents have requested to pay school fees and camp fees via credit card, this is now available from our school website homepage [www.cccs.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cccs.nsw.edu.au) We trust this will make your life easier.

## **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting for Calvary Chapel Christian School Limited will be held on Tuesday 7th April commencing at 6.30pm. Any person wishing to become a member must complete an application form prior to the meeting. Forms may be obtained from Mrs Jeney at the office.

## **Year 5/6 camp**

Thank you for all the families who have brought their deposit in on time. If you haven't brought in your deposit, it is important that you bring it in immediately.

## **Cross Country**

Our Cross Country Carnival will be held on 1st April at Lake Gillawarna and we will be needing some parent helpers for the morning. If you are available to assist, please see Mr Bluhdorn as soon as possible. Thank you.

## **Year 6 Mufti Day**

Year 6 will be having a mufti day on Thursday 26th March. Students will be bringing a gold coin to go towards their Year 6 gift they will present to the school when they graduate at the end of the year.

# MISSIONS

## Bible Society

Money for 25 Bibles has already been raised – keep up the great effort – we've got 4 weeks to go!

# GROUP NEWS

## Nature Group

### Frogs! At Last!!

After all the waiting, Mrs Auckett and the Nature Group were very excited to discover tadpoles and frog spawn in our frog pond. When we built the pond last year we were told that the frogs would 'just come', so we have been waiting impatiently for them to appear.



Last week the children got to try nectar from the grevilleas and nibble on some Lomandra leaves, and although we are disappointed that many of the plants have been damaged by vandals, we are hoping that we will be able to try other things in our Bush Tucker garden in the future.



## 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.

Date	Name
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Cheryl Dunn Kirsty Rackham
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Pina Niceta Carmel Lilli Violeta Veljanovska
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Cheryl Dunn
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Cheryl Dunn Joanne Nawar
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Cheryl Dunn
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Melissa Semeri Stephanie Paulo

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 blessing of having Mr Hoffmann on staff and working with us every day doing our maintenance– always with a smile !
- ✝ The generosity of the Government stimulus packages.



Pray for:

- ✚ Mrs Steward as she liaises with builders regarding the BGA Grants currently on offer.
- ✚ The safety and protection of the property as we have had plants and other articles destroyed by vandals

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES**

#### **Fun...Fit....Friends**

Panania East Hills RSL Youth Club

28 Childs St, Panania

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT 5.30pm – 7.00pm**

**(During School Term) Ages 5 – 25 (Boys & Girls)**

**Cost: \$5.00 per lesson (plus \$30.00 registration per year)**

**Come to the first lesson free**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: Sue Martin, Dance teacher on 0409 364 270**

### **MindQuest 2009**

On Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 April 2009 the forty ninth NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend **MindQuest** will be held for primary students from Year 1-6 at St George Girls High School, Victoria Street Kogarah. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over **37 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program**. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, logo lego, art and much, much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$150 (incl GST).

**Contact Mrs Wilson in the library for a brochure or Shelagh Poray 0245 731 139**

**Closing Date: Monday 16 March, 2009**

### **Bankstown Sport A Month – April**

Bankstown City Council is encouraging all residents to come and try Judo in the month of April free of charge.

For a free brochure visit [www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au) or call Council's Recreation Officer on 9707 9641.

Everyone who registers and takes part in a 'Come and try Judo' session throughout the month of March will receive a free **Active Bankstown Gift**.

## Bankstown YMCA Vacation Programs

Bankstown City YMCA is running their Vacation Care Program during the holidays – from Tuesday 14th April to Friday 24th April. A brochure will be going out with this newsletter or for more information, check their website: [www.sydney.ymca.org.au/bankstown](http://www.sydney.ymca.org.au/bankstown)

### COMING EVENTS

Thursday 19 March	Harmony Day Celebrations – Multicultural Lunch - students to wear something Orange
Friday 20 March	Year 1 Chapel Year 6 to Open Day at Christian Community High School
Thursday 26 March	Year 6 Mufti Day
Friday 27 March	Kindergarten Chapel
Wednesday 1 April	School Cross Country
Thursday 2 April	Year 5 Excursion to CARES Bass Hill
Friday 3 April	Year 5 Chapel
Thursday 9 April	Year 6 Easter Chapel Easter Service K – 2 Easter Hat Parade 2.30 near handball courts Last Day Term 1
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Tuesday 28 April	First Day Term 2
Thursday 7 May	Mothers Day Stall
Friday 8 May	Open Day and Book Fair
Tuesday 12 to Thursday 14 May	NAPLAN Testing
Wednesday 20 May	Athletic Carnival
Thursday 21 May	Fundraising Meeting
Wednesday 27 May	ICAS Computer Competition
Wednesday 10 June	ICAS Science Competition
Wednesday 17 to Friday 19 June	Year 5/6 School Camp
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

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## CHURCH DATES

Every Friday	4.00 – 5.15 pm Kids Prayer
Every Friday	Generation Youth for Year 6 up
Saturday 28 March	Nursing Home Visitation
Tuesday 31 March	Playtime commencing at 10.00 am

Visit Calvary Chapel Georges Hall website for more information about the church

[www.calvarychapel.org.au](http://www.calvarychapel.org.au)