



IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH
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Tuesday March 24 – Week 9 Term 1

Dear Parents and Friends,

How are you all today? How often do you ask that question and not really care about the answer you receive or don't really expect much of an answer? Many times, I would suggest. Are there other questions we ask each other out of habit and not really expecting or wanting a truthful answer? Would we give time to the people who do answer these questions fully?

Jesus did not waste words. He was so in tune with His father, that He knew what to do, when to do it, what to say and how to say it. I long to be like that. Last week I heard someone say that whenever they are unsure of something they start reading the Psalms until they find the same situation. They said that everything is in the Psalms, just read through it.

So this week I have been reading through the Psalms again and been encouraged to find similar situations and new revelations coming out to me. I encourage you this week to put some time aside, not just grabbing a moment, but put time aside and search through the Psalms and see what God can show you that will be a blessing in your current situation. I'd love to hear some feed back of your experiences while doing this.

Have a great week

Mrs Steward

Value of the Week: Understanding Each Other

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. If you are paying off in installments, your next installment is now due.

Cross Country

Our Cross Country Carnival will be held on 1st April at Lake Gillawarna and we will need 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 the Year 6 gift they will present to the school when they graduate at the end of the year.

Education Tax Refund

The Annual General Meeting for Calvary Chapel Christian School Limited will be held on Tuesday 7th. 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

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. We trust this will make your life easier.

Harmony Day

Thank you to all the parents who generously donated multicultural foods for our Harmony Day lunch and also a big thank you to our parent helpers who were on hand to set up, serve and clean up the lunch. Your contribution to this day made it possible for us to raise over \$400. This money will be going towards the purchase of sports equipment for our students.

Help Needed

If anyone has any newspapers or 'child-appropriate' magazines (e.g., Women's Weekly, Woman's Day, New Idea, Better Homes & Gardens etc.) could you please send them to school as they are needed for craft etc. Please give to your class teacher or Mrs Nash. Thank you.

MISSIONS

Bible Society

Money for 40 Bibles has already been raised – keep up the great effort – we've got 2 ½ weeks to go! We will be holding a mufti day on Wednesday 8 April for the Bible Society. Please send a gold coin on the day.

LIBRARY NEWS

A very big THANK YOU to the mums whom have been covering our new books, your efforts are very much appreciated. The children love the new books and readers.

Also thank you to the kind person who donated some very popular new books, they are already being borrowed!

Our book fair is coming up quickly, mark in your diaries the 8th of May. That is our Open Day. The fair will run on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week too, you are welcome to browse, buy or make a wish list. Our students are very excited. There are some signs around our school, (see if you can find them).

I have informed the students of a drawing competition linked with the Premier's Reading Challenge, and given out information to those interested. Thank you to the busy illustrators, I will post in all entries early April.

Happy Reading!

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 27 th March	Cheryl Dunn
Monday 30 th March	Cheryl Dunn Joanne Nawar
Friday 3 rd April	Cheryl Dunn
Monday 6 th 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:

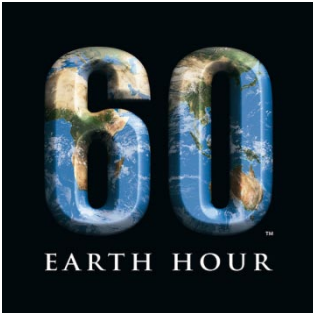
- ✝ The success of our Harmony Day with fantastic food and wonderful mums who catered for the day.
- ✝ The generous school community we have who are caring for others less fortunate than themselves, even during financially testing times



Pray for:

- ✝ A favourable outcome for the BGA grants that have been submitted.
- ✝ The children as they train for our Cross Country Carnival.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Earth Hour

Many households around Australia will be turning their non-essential lights and appliances off for Earth Hour this Saturday night. The organisers are hoping that 1 billion people worldwide will be “voting with their lights” by joining in at 8.30 pm. In past years organisers have been able to report a noticeable drop in power usage during Earth Hour resulting in 100’s of tonnes of greenhouse emissions being saved.

For more information go to <http://www.earthhour.org/about/>

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

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 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

School Holiday Workshops For Children With Enquiring Minds

There will be workshops at Peakhurst Public School, Bonds Road, Peakhurst commencing Tuesday 14th April from 9.30am to 3.00pm each day for children from K – Year 6

The goal of these workshops is to encourage the children to explore ideas and challenge themselves by:

“thinking outside the square”

developing friendships - thinking strategies - trying new things – brainstorming - experimentation and sharing - taking intellectual and creative risks - developing ideas through discussion - sharing and working with other like minded souls.

For a full description of the Workshop courses and costs please visit their website:

www.australiangiftedsupport.com Book early to guarantee a place – Bookings Essential

School Holiday SPECIAL

70% Off Retail Price - Warehouse Sale at Care and Share

About us: We are a leading supplier to Christian gift, homeware and bookstores around Australia.

Where: Unit 1, 350 Edgar St, CONDELL PARK, NSW

When: From Thu 16 Apr 2009 to Sat 18 Apr 2009.

Thursday & Friday 8am – 4pm and Saturday 8am – 1pm

What: Care & Share Products will be holding their first ever WAREHOUSE SALE for 3 days only. There will be a wide range of giftware, homeware and jewellery on offer including candles, accessories, stationery and more! You won't want to miss out on these items at reduced prices.

PLUS - FREE gift to the first 100 people.

Contact: Danielle Grant on 9773 0348 or email danielle@careandshare.com.au

COMING EVENTS

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
Tuesday 7 April	Bible Society Mufti Day
Thursday 9 April	Year 6 Easter Chapel Easter Service
	K – 2 Easter Hat Parade 2.30 near handball courts
	Last Day Term 1

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

CHURCH NEWS

Every Friday	4.00 – 5.15 pm Kids Prayer
Saturday 28 March	Nursing Home Visitation
Tuesday 31 March	Playtime commencing at 10.00 am
Sunday April 5	Encounter night
Good Friday April 10 and Easter Sunday April 12	“Because” Easter Services with Communion, special music, kids games, morning tea and a huge Easter egg hunt.
Tuesday 28 April	Playtime commencing at 10.00am
Tuesday 12 May	Playtime commencing at 10.00am

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

www.calvarychapel.org.au



The Tiger Who Lost His Roar

By Year One

Once on a freezing cold day in China there was a tiger. He was a wild tiger and he was very hungry. He was also very cold and shivering because it was snowing.

He started to get a very sore throat. He could see a snow leopard nearby. He wanted to scare him off so that he could have the first bite at any food around. He opened his huge mouth to roar but he found that he could not make a sound.

The tiger decided to run away and hide. He found a wide tree to hide behind. He was very thirsty after running so hard. He wanted to find some water. He looked around and saw some water under a bridge.

Carefully, he walked to the water. He gratefully drank some water. To his amazement his throat felt much better. He wondered if his roar had come back. So he opened his mouth and let out an enormous roar. All the animals that heard were so frightened that they ran away to hide.

The tiger felt so happy and was grateful for the water that gave him back his roar.