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Tuesday February 10 – Week 3 Term 1

Dear Parents and Friends,

This week I would like to share some readings I have retrieved from the internet. These ones all come from Jan Smith (<http://www.jegsworks.com/gospel/verses.htm>) who has very helpful information, free, on her website. As we consider and pray for those in worse situations than ourselves, let us focus on God's majesty, His supreme authority and His big picture for our lives.

Romans 8:28

And we know that **in all things God works for the good** of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

This one can be hard to swallow when your life is full of troubles. How can the bad parts of life be for your good?

The short answer is that you get stronger by exercise and you can't see the whole story yet because you're living it. If someone carries a baby all the time, that child will never learn to walk. Learning to walk means falling down... a lot.

Out of deepest tragedy, God can craft your life into a glorious victory and blessing for yourself and for others. Let Him!

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶Be joyful always; ¹⁷pray continually; ¹⁸**give thanks in all circumstances**, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Here it is again. "All circumstances" includes the ones I want out of... right now! But we are to give thanks for those difficult and painful circumstances, too. Job did not understand why he was suffering so. But the whole world has gained much understanding by hearing his story of trouble and patience.

I trust these thoughts will bless you as you ponder on them throughout this week.

Have a great week.

Mrs Steward

Value of the Week: Care & Compassion

Meet the Teacher Night

Don't forget tonight is Meet the Teacher night. We will be meeting together in the Lower Multi Function Hall commencing at 7 pm. We would love to see as many parents as possible there. Following a short introduction covering whole school issues for 2009, parents will be moving to groups around the hall to meet their child's teacher, hear about specific issues that relate to that class and have the opportunity to ask questions. Feel free to move around from group to group if you have more than one child enrolled.

Swimming Carnival

The school swimming carnival is being held on Thursday 12 February, at Birrong Pool, for students in Years 2 – 6. Permission Notes were sent home last week. Please make sure you have returned the permission slip as soon as possible. The carnival will still be on if the weather is wet, please check the website in the morning for any changes if it is raining heavily.

Please Pray with Us

I know many of you are praying for the families affected by the devastating bushfires in Victoria. Could I please ask you to pray specifically for other Christian Schools in the areas affected. We have had specific prayer requests from the following schools - Flinders Christian College, Red Rock Christian College (Sunbury) and Lighthouse Christian College. Each of these schools have people in their communities who have lost loved ones, school students, houses, farms or entire belongings. Thank you for your prayers.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Mufti Day

We will be holding a Mufti Day on Tuesday 17 February to raise money for the victims of the bushfires in Victoria. It will be a gold coin donation for the privilege of wearing mufti.

Uniform Shop

Just a reminder of the opening hours for the Uniform Shop – Mrs Lebbos opens the uniform shop every day of the week from 8.30am – 9.15am and 3.00pm – 3.30pm.

If you are unable to get to the shop during those hours please collect an order form from the office and return it with your order and payment.

Helpers/Volunteers

There are many ways in which you can help in our school. A "Parent Help" note was sent home with last weeks' newsletter, giving you the opportunity to nominate some areas in which you may assist the students and school. If you have ideas or gifts in other areas not on the sheet, please bring them to the class teacher's or Principal's attention. Remember, many hands make light work.

Fundraising

A reminder that there will be a Fund Raising meeting at 2.30pm (just before you pick up your children) on Thursday 19 February (Week 4) in the school Library. Come along for some tea, coffee and biscuits to share your ideas for the school's fundraising for 2009. New faces and ideas are always welcome.

ICAS Competitions

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students will be receiving a letter regarding the ICAS competitions to be held later this year. The competitions on offer are: Computer, Spelling, Writing, Science, English and Mathematics. Please complete the form and send back to school with the money in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class by Friday 13th March.

Library News

Library days are Monday and Wednesday. Please remember to bring your library bags. I am looking for some library monitors, to help in the library at lunchtimes on these days. If you are in Years 5 or 6 please come and see me about this! This year we will be encouraging the students to participate in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. I will be informing the students of the requirements and rules. I look forward to your support in regards to this. I am sure the students will be excited and not find it difficult at all! Happy reading!!!

Mrs Wilson

GROUP NEWS

Origami Group

We have some talented students amongst us who are able to make wonderful creations from paper. As of Week 3 there will be an origami group at lunch time with Mrs Burgess so that others can learn the skill of origami. There will be helpers and participants. It will be a time of sharing skills, creating and thinking about who we can give these paper creations to as gifts.

Knitting Group

Just an update on last year's knitting group. Mrs McKeich has let us know that many of the blankets that were so lovingly knitted will possibly be included in a large shipment that has just arrived in Victoria today to help those families who have lost everything in the fires this week. It's wonderful to know that we can all help, in a small way, people less fortunate than we are and show God's love in a practical way. Thank you again to all the children and families who knitted squares for the blankets.

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 on 0410 566 782 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.

Day	Date	Name
	February 13	Cheryl Dunn
	February 16	Melissa Semeri Stephanie Paulo
	February 20	Cheryl Dunn Kirsty Rackham
	February 23	Vergeen Ebrahim Cheryl Dunn
	February 27	Cheryl Dunn
	March 2	Violeta Veljanovska Joanne Nawar
	March 6	Cheryl Dunn Kirsty Rackham
	March 9	Melissa Semeri Stephanie Paulo
	March 13	Cheryl Dunn
	March 16	Kathy McKeich Cheryl Dunn
	March 20	Cheryl Dunn
	March 23	Pina Niceta Carmel Lilli
	March 27	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 cooler weather.
- ✝ His protection of many in the Victorian fires.
- ✝ The opportunities we have to show God's love to others



Pray for:

- ✝ The teachers as they organise the Swimming Carnival for Thursday.
- ✝ The victims and families of the bush fires.
- ✝ Protection and safety as we conduct the swimming carnival on Thursday.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bankstown Sport A Month – February

Bankstown City Council is encouraging all residents to come and try AFL in the month of February 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 AFL' session throughout the month of February will receive a free **Active Bankstown Gift**.

Swap 'N' Sell

Reminder to all families, especially new families, that "Swap and Sell" is up and running again this year. Our Newsletter community page allows free advertising for all our school families.



SENATOR THE HON JAN McLUCAS

**Parliamentary Secretary to the
Minister for Health and Ageing**

MEDIA RELEASE

5 February 2009

PARENTS AND TEACHERS WARNED OF BACK-TO-SCHOOL ASTHMA SPIKE

The Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing, Senator Jan McLucas, today urged parents and teachers of children with asthma to ensure they have an up-to-date Asthma Action Plan as students begin a new school year.

The Australian Government has allocated \$5.4 million to the Asthma Management Program (AMP) in 2008-09 to produce best practice treatment, encourage proactive management and reduce the personal, social and economic impact of asthma.

An important component of the AMP is the Asthma Friendly Schools Program. This program, which will receive around \$1.4 million in Australian Government funding in 2008-09, provides training for teachers and asthma management guidelines for schools.

Senator McLucas said that an Asthma Action Plan could prevent serious attacks by helping people with asthma recognise worsening asthma symptoms and giving them clear instructions on what to do in response.

“In February each year, we see a dramatic increase in the number of school-age students being hospitalised and attending Accident and Emergency departments due to asthma-related illnesses,” Senator McLucas said.

“People with asthma, particularly children, are more vulnerable to the extreme temperature changes and respiratory viruses which students can be exposed to when they return to school.

“I urge parents and teachers of children with asthma to reduce their risk of having asthma attacks by ensuring they have an up-to-date Asthma Action Plan.”

Senator McLucas said the risks of asthma attacks among children increased at the start of the school year and it was important to prepare as a family.

“The spike in asthma-related hospitalisations among school-age students at the start of each school year is a stark reminder that asthma is a serious health condition which can, at times, be fatal,” Senator McLucas said.

“Children with asthma can lead full and healthy lives with the help of their GP, but we cannot afford to be complacent.

“Developing a written Asthma Action Plan with your GP is an integral part of asthma management. It is a must for every child with asthma to have a current plan.”

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The AMP aims to facilitate best practice treatment, encourage proactive management and reduce the personal, social and economic impact of asthma.

“Eighty-five per cent of schools across Australia are involved in the Asthma Friendly Schools Program, which provides training and support for staff to deal effectively with asthma,” Senator McLucas said.

“It is important that school staff are prepared to deal with asthma, particularly during these periods of increased risk.”

Further information on asthma management is available through Asthma Foundations Australia (www.asthmaaustralia.org.au) and the National Asthma Council Australia (www.nationalasthma.org.au).

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 10 February	Meet the Teacher Night
Thursday 12 February	Swimming Carnival – Birrong Pool
Friday 13 February	Year 5 Chapel
Tuesday 17 February	Mufti Day Fundraising for Bushfire Victims
Thursday 19 February	Fundraising Meeting in the Library @ 2:30pm
19 – 24 February	Healthy Harold Life Education
Friday 20 February	Year 4 Chapel
Tuesday 24 February	Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday 27 February	Leaders Chapel
Friday 6 March	Year 3 Chapel

Friday 13 March	Year 2 Chapel
Friday 20 March	Year 1 Chapel
	Harmony Day Celebrations – Multicultural Lunch
Friday 27 March	Kindergarten Chapel
	Year 6 Young Leaders Excursion
Friday 3 April	Year 5 Chapel
Thursday 9 April	Year 6 Easter Chapel
	Last Day Term 1
Monday 27 April	Term 2

CHURCH DATES

Saturdays 3pm – 4pm	Children's Prayer
Tuesday 17 February	Playtime 10.00 am
Saturday 28 February	Nursing Home Ministry



CLASSROOM CAPERS

On the following page Year 6 have written about the people the school houses are named after.



GLADYS AYLWARD

On the 24th of February 1902 Gladys Aylward was born in Edmonton, London. She spent all of her life savings on a passage to Yuncheng, Shanxi province, China. In 1938 the region was invaded by Japanese Forces and Aylward led 94 children to safety over the mountains. On the 3rd of January 1970 she died in Guandu Taipei. She was buried in a small cemetery on the campus of Christ's college in Guandu Taipei country. Her Chinese name was Ai-wei-de meaning 'virtuous one'. She was a famous Christian because she was a missionary in China and she had saved 94 children from Japanese Forces.



Eric Henry Liddell

Eric Henry Liddell was born on the 16th of January 1902 in Tianjin, China. He went to school in China until he was 5 years old.

He became a Scottish missionary with the London Missionary Society. His first job as a missionary was at an Anglo-Chinese college for wealthy Chinese students.

** He was a committed Christian so he refused to run in the Olympics on a Sunday so started training for the 400m race instead. He won this event and many others through his life. He was known as the flying Scotsman.*

He died on the 21st of February 1945 at the age of 43 in the Weihsien Internment Camp in China.



Smith Wigglesworth

Smith Wigglesworth was born on June 8th in 1859 in Menston, Yorkshire, in England.

He was born again at the age of 8.

Wigglesworth worked as a plumber, but he abandoned this trade because he was too busy after he started preaching. He married Mary Jane Featherstone and had five children - Alice, Seth, Harold, Ernest and George. Smith Wigglesworth's wife worked at the Salvation Army. He worked at the Assemblies of God. Many people were saved and healed through his ministry and some were even raised from the dead.

Aylward by Katie, John and Lucas

Liddell by Rachel, Paul, Alison, Danielle, Tinashe, Darlene, Jessica, Mario and Sarah

Wigglesworth by Courtney, Kanasha, Ethan, Jonathan C, Jonathan L

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uniform shop.