



CCCS Newsletter

Tuesday September 22 – Week 9 Term 3

Dear Parents and Friends,

Life is full of THUMPS. This exert from The Word for Today 'hits the spot'!

"'Count it all joy.'"
James 1:2

Max Lucado writes: 'When a potter bakes a pot he checks its solidity by pulling it out of the [furnace] and thumping it. If it 'sings,' it's ready. If it 'thuds,' it's put back in. Character is also checked by thumping...Late night phone calls...grouchy teachers...burnt meals...flat tyres...you've-got-to-be-kidding deadlines. Thumps trigger the worst in us...They aren't big enough to be a crisis, but if you get enough of them, watch out. Traffic jams...long lines...empty mailboxes...dirty clothes on the floor...Thump. Thump. Thump. How do you respond? Do you sing or do you thud?'

Jesus said, 'People speak the things that are in their hearts' (Luke 6:45 NCV), and there's nothing like a good thump to reveal the true nature of a heart...it's not in momentary heroics, but in the thump-packed humdrum of day-to-day living. If you've a tendency to 'thud' more than you 'sing,' take heart. There's hope for us 'thudders.'

Begin by thanking God ...not a half-hearted thank-you...but a rejoicing, jumping-for-joy, thank-you from the bottom of your heart. James says: 'Count it all joy when you fall into various trials...the testing of your faith produces patience.' God's doing the thumping...for your own good...You're going to be tested...you might as well learn from the thumps. See it as an opportunity to develop patience and persistence. Each thump helps or hurts you, depending on how you use it. Be aware of 'thump-slumps'...For all of us there are times during the week when we can anticipate an unusual amount of thumping. Handle them head on...bolster yourself with extra prayer... don't give up...and remember no thump is disastrous. All thumps work together for good when you love and obey God.'

James 1: 2 *Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kind.*

Remember it's not the trial that people notice, but your response to it.

Have a great week

Mrs Steward

Value of the Week: Humility

Missions Focus Term 3 – Radio Station Hope 1032 – Update

So far we have raised \$355.00 !!

The Winners names for Aaron and Dan Picture competition are:

Kindergarten	Danielle Heim
Year 1	Rachel Nawar
Year 2	Paula Rios Rivera
Year 3	Moira Bartolome
Year 4	Ellie Jang
Year 5	Eli Gomez
Year 6	Danielle Nguyen

There will be a Mufti Day on Tuesday 29th September (Tuesday week 10)

Awards and certificates will be given out at Chapel on Friday.

Help Needed

We are looking for someone to coordinate a team from Calvary Chapel Christian School for the Relay for Life event. The church is entering one or two teams and the school would like to enter a team as well. If you would like to coordinate this for us, please contact Mrs Steward on 9726 5106 or via email principal@cccs.nsw.edu.au . Thank you for your consideration.

Congratulations to our Students

On Thursday last week a representative from the Australian Youth Choir came to visit our school and speak with our students. She thanked us for allowing her to come and commented on how lovely it was to visit a school that had such well behaved students.

Congratulations to all our students for showing a visitor such wonderful manners and making such a good impression. We are all very proud of you.

Open Day Sponsorship

On Saturday 24 October, our school will be having an Open Day. We will have a free jumping castle, free sample bag, a sausage sizzle and drinks for sale, Devonshire tea/ coffee, the choirs – both junior and senior choirs will perform, classes will have displays, school tours and powerpoint presentations. It will be a busy day. If you would like to sponsor any part of the day, please contact Mrs Steward as we are having items printed and sponsorship details will need to be given to her by Thursday 24 September to be printed in time. You or your company could sponsor one of the items in the sample bag, the jumping castle or even make a donation which we will acknowledge and advertise on the day. This is a great way to promote your business and claim a tax deduction at the same time.

School Clean-up

Year 4 has organised a school clean-up afternoon for next Wednesday 30th September after recess. If you could send your child with disposable rubber gloves on this day it would be appreciated.

Summer Uniform Changeover

Monday 19 October (day 1 term 4) students will be required to wear their summer uniform. Please check that your child's summer uniform fits correctly (please ensure that the dress length for the girls uniform touches the floor when the child is kneeling with a straight back).

Uniforms will be checked **Tuesday Week 2**, so please ensure they are correct before this.

Please remember, students are not allowed to wear jewellery except for a watch and gold or silver stud earrings for the girls. No other jewellery is permitted to be worn.

Another reminder – NO chewing gum is allowed at school.

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday and Wednesday 8.30 am – 9.30 am

Tuesday 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm

Thursday 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm

The Uniform shop will not be open on Fridays.

Uniform orders can be placed at the school office at any time. Please ensure you send in the correct money (cash or cheque) in an envelope. Orders will be processed the following Tuesday. Orders can also be placed by email – uniforms@cccs.nsw.edu.au, and will be delivered the Tuesday after payment is received.

Cardigans and Jumpers

Mrs Collyer has sorted through the lost property bin and sent back to the relevant classes all items of clothing that have children's names in them. There are still a number of items that have no names and she would appreciate you collecting any that belong to your children from the uniform shop by the end of week 9. Any items remaining unclaimed after this date, will be donated to the clothing pool.

Car Park Safety!

When parking your car in the Beale Street car park to drop off or collect your children please remember:

- To **always** hold your child's hand as you **walk together** through the car park.
- Children should **never** be allowed to wander in, or play around the car park unattended.
- Please **don't** send your child **alone** through the car park on a message.



Mobile Muster and Print Cartridge Collection during September – Biodiversity Month

As our schools contribution to improving our world, we will be running a Mobile Muster for the rest of the term to collect old mobile phones and phone batteries. These can be recycled to make many new items including new batteries, jewellery, electronic components, and even fence posts! So look around the house for all your old phones, ask your family members, friends and work mates and let's get recycling!

At the same time as the Mobile Muster, we will also be collecting printer and toner cartridges from computer printers, fax machines and photocopiers. These can also be recycled out of landfill and re-made into many useful items.

We will be advertising in the local paper to encourage members of our community to take part in our campaign, and there will be boxes in each classroom, and one in the office area.

ICAS English Competition

Congratulations to the following students who achieved an award in the ICAS English Competition held on Tuesday 4th August 2009

Credit Award

Jessica Lee (Yr 6), Joanna Kim (Yr 5), Sonia Chen (Yr3)

Distinction Award

Joanne Xue (Yr 4)

BRAVO AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved 5 Bravos:

Kindergarten: Jeremy Philips

Year 3: Alexandra Eid, Beatitude Ncube, Tayla Dakanalis, Jennifer Nguyen, Seth Khouri, Aliny Leao

Year 4: Emma Rivas, Daniel Lilli

Congratulations to the following students who achieved 10 Bravos:

Kindergarten: Joy Ibrahim

CANTEEN

As always, we are looking for helpers to come in from 9.00am – 11.00am on Mondays and Fridays. 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 Sue Ibrahim 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 3

Term 3

Date	Name
Friday 25 th September	Cheryl Dunn Heba Ibrahim
Monday 28 th September	Carmel Lilli Cheryl Dunn
Friday 2 nd October	Stephanie Paulo Melissa Semeri

If you are unable to work on your rostered day, please ring the school so that we can forward this information to Ms Ibrahim before the day so that she can arrange for someone to take your place.

Special Note from the Canteen

If your child has ordered custard or jelly in their lunch order, please remind them to collect this from the Canteen as Mrs Ibrahim and staff cannot place this in the lunch order box due to the possibility of spillage.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Praise God for:

- ✝ Our well behaved students as we hosted the debating at school last Thursday.



Pray for:

- ✝ The continued healing of the bus driver and children from Sutherland Shire Christian School that were involved in the bus accident last week .
- ✝ The Board as they are involved in preparing and submitting applications in readiness to build our new gym/multifunction hall. Commencement before the end of this year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Teddy Bears Picnic

The Children's Hospital at Westmead are holding their annual Teddy Bears Picnic on Sunday 18 October 10.30am – 4.00pm at Rosehill Gardens.

To help promote the hospital we are taking part in the Teddy Bears Picnic Colouring Competition. The pictures are going home today and entries must be received back at school by Thursday 1st October.

If your child is unable to complete their picture by then, you can post their entry to:

The TBP Colouring In Competition
Public Relations
The Children's Hospital at Westmead
Locked Bag 4001
Westmead NSW 2145

Entries for the colouring competition close on Friday 9th October 2009.

We would love to see as many students as possible attend this year's Teddy Bears' Picnic. Tickets are just \$15 each or \$50 for a family of four. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster. For more information about Teddy Bears' Picnic, visit www.teddymearspicnic.com.au

Bankstown Vacation Care

6 to 16 October, 2009

Where? Bankstown Public School, Restwell Street (Block 4) Bankstown

Open from 7 am to 6 pm

How Much? \$44.00 per day, per child including excursions – ask about child care benefits

There will be lots of planned activities, which will keep the children entertained throughout the holiday. Some of the activities include, Hatching chickens for two weeks in the centre, Movies and Picnics and lots lots more. For Bookings and more information please contact the service on 9790 0947 or

8713 7700, mobile 0417 232 027

Relay For LIFE

Relay For Life is an event where teams of 10 to 15 people take turns walking or running around a local oval to raise funds for cancer research, education, support services and advocacy. Relay is for young and old and you can walk as many or few laps as you like. It's not a race and you don't need to run.

Calvary Chapel Georges Hall are once again taking part in this event and are looking for team members and also support from our school community.

You can gain additional information about the Calvary team or how to donate by visiting: http://www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au/?2009/bankstown_2009/calvary_chapel_georges_hall//

Or contact Geoff Allan, Community Pastor, Calvary Chapel Georges Hall on 9726 5355 or geoff@calvarychapel.org.au for more details.



HOLIDAY CAMPS

Crusaders are running 5 awesome Christian camps for kids in school yrs 3-11:

Activities include: rock climbing > dirtbiking > waterskiing > sailing > canoeing > wakeboarding > BMX > wide games > ice skating > archery > Bible talks > new friends and more!

For a free brochure visit www.crucamps.com.au or call (02) 9874 8933.

'CRU Camps' is a division of the Crusader Union of Australia which has over 79 years experience running safe, Christian camps for kids.

Come and Try Fly Casting in October

Come along to the FREE "come and try" **FLY CASTING** sessions in **OCTOBER** and find out more information about these in your local area.

Bankstown City Council has teamed up with The Lakeside Fly Fishing Club to give people aged from 10 and over a chance to 'Come and Try Fly Casting' in October 2009, completely FREE of charge.

Sessions are held at The Crest Complex (next to Velodrome carpark) Field 4. Enter off Carysfield Road, Bass Hill on Saturday 10th, 17th and 24th from 10.00 am to 12 noon.

What to bring/wear: Comfortable clothing, sunglasses, a hat and bottle of water. Rods, reels and any other equipment will be provided on the day.

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.

Premier's Adventure Challenge

To encourage children and families to visit New South Wales' museums and art galleries the NSW Premier is launching his 'Premier's Adventure Challenge'.

How the challenge works:

- Every primary school student (K-6) can participate by visiting one of the 70+ participating museums and galleries across NSW.
- They will be given their free Kids' Adventure Passport.
- Most of the institutions are free, but for those with a general admission charge, each passport holder will be entitled to free entry on weekends, public holidays and school holidays.
- The passport is valid from 13 July 2009 to 27 January 2010.
- Passport holders collect a sticker or a stamp on each visit.
- Once three stamps have been collected, complete and return the tear-off form at the back of the passport and the Premier will send them an official Premier's Adventure Certificate.

For further details go to www.arts.nsw.gov.au.

If you are visiting one of the museums or art galleries after church on Sunday and use public transport, you can get unlimited travel on City Rail trains, buses and ferries for just \$2.50 per person as part of the Family Funday Sunday program.

iNetFilter.com

iNetFilter Pty Ltd have provided information packs for all the families at our school. These flyers will provide you with information on their product – an internet filtering/content management service which may help you prevent your children inadvertently accessing inappropriate websites.

MindQuest

On Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 September 2009 the fifty first NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend, **MindQuest**, will be held for primary students from Year 1 – 6 at St George Girls High School. 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 (including GST).

See Mrs Wilson if you would like a brochure or call Shelagh Poray on 02 4233 2328.

Enrolments close Friday 4 September.

NSWAGTC School Holiday Workshops

When: Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 October, 2009

9.30am to 3.00 pm

Where: Hilltop Road Public School

81 Hilltop Road

Merrylands NSW 2160

NSW Association for Gifted and Talented Children is a non-profit, community-based organisation that provides enrichment activities for children with bright enquiring minds. We also provide information and support to parents, educators and others concerned with gifted children.

As part of our "Explorama" School Holiday Program, we are running a FREE Parent and Teacher Seminar that will explore "Thinking positively and Achieving Change".

Our "Explorama" School Holiday Workshops includes a variety of different hands-on enrichment activities for children aged 3 to 14 years and provides an opportunity for children with "like minds" to work together in a fun and relaxed environment.

Although these workshops are aimed at children who can be called "gifted", there is no requirement or formal identification for children to attend.

More information about our "Explorama" School Holiday Workshops or any other NSWAGTC event can be found on our website - www.nswagtc.org.au or by contacting our Events Co-ordinator Julie Porter-Stephens on 0408 167 249.

COMING EVENTS

Mission Focus Term 3:

Hope 1032

Wednesday, Thursday 23 & 24 September	Christian Community High School MADD night commencing 7.00 pm
Tuesday 29 September	103.2 Mufti Day
Friday 2 October	End Term 3

Mission Focus Term 4:

Hampers for the Elderly

Monday 19 October	First Day Term 4
Saturday 24 October	Open Day
Friday 6 November	Kindergarten Orientation
Monday 23 November to Friday 4 th December	Intensive Swimming - Kindergarten and Year 1
Tuesday 8 December	Carols in the Church Auditorium
Thursday 10 December	Last Day Term 4

CHURCH NEWS

Tuesday 29 September	Playtime commencing at 10.00 am
Every Friday after school	Kids Prayer in upstairs Chapel 3.45 pm to 5.00 pm