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Weekly Newsletter

From the Principal

From 'The Message' Romans 7: 14-16

I can anticipate the response that is coming: "I know that all God's commands are spiritual, but I'm not. Isn't this also your experience?" Yes. I'm full of myself—after all, I've spent a long time in sin's prison.

What I don't understand about myself is that I decide one way, but then I act another, doing things I absolutely despise. So, if I can't be trusted to figure out what is best for myself and then do it, it becomes obvious that God's command is necessary.

Paul contemplates the dilemma and struggle that we have with ourselves. The struggle we see every day in the classroom and school yard, students struggling to make the best choice, to display good character. As parents and teachers, we are constantly reminding our children and students to demonstrate good character. Reminding them to say please and thank you, asking them to be respectful to one another, to be truthful, obedient, responsible and the list goes on. Sometimes it feels like a losing battle as we live in a society that says, "I am the most important person in the world".

How do we train children to exhibit good character? We plan to help students understand what good character is and how to display it through some focused learning next term. We will use material based on the Character First program. One of the strengths of the material is that it gives students some concrete strategies to help them display good character.

Each week in the newsletter we will devote some space to the specific aspect of character that we will be working on. This will give you the opportunity to reinforce at home what is being taught at school.

It is my prayer that we will be able to work together and help our students display good character in every aspect of their lives.

Blessings
Steve McAllister
Principal

Optional Parent / Teacher Interviews

Prep to Grade 6—On Tuesday, 27 June parents can meet with teachers if they have things they would like to discuss between 3:30-6pm. **Time slots are now available to book in uEducateUs.** If a suitable time is not available, please contact the teacher to arrange an alternate meeting.

Early Learning Centre - On Wednesday, 28 June parents of K4 children can meet with staff between 9am and 4pm. On Friday, 30 June parents of K3 children can meet with staff between 9am and 4pm. Please speak with staff directly to arrange a suitable time. Please note, these are optional interviews.

COMING UP

Friday 23 June
K3 - LAST DAY TERM 2

Monday 26 June
School Swimming #9

Tuesday 27 June
Optional Parent / Teacher
Interviews Prep - 6
K4 - LAST DAY TERM 2

Wednesday 28 June
School Swimming #10
K4 Optional Parent / Teacher
Interviews (No ELC students)

Thursday 29 June
Assembly - Hosted by Prep

Friday 30 June
Canteen & Free Dress
Last Day Term 2—Prep to 6
K3 Optional Parent / Teacher
Interviews (No ELC students)

Monday 24 July
First Day Term 3
K4 & Prep-6

Friday 28 July
K3 First Day Term 3

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VISION STATEMENT

Our School is a vibrant community partnering with parents to educate, nurture and equip their children to the Highest standard so they shine wherever they are, discovering their unique gifts and serving God significantly and passionately in a complex world



School Notices:

Assembly - Next Thursday, 29 June our Prep class will be hosting our last assembly for the term. It will begin after the bell at 8:50am. All welcome.

Canteen - Friday, 30 June is the last canteen for the term, order forms are enclosed and need to be returned by Wednesday, 28 June.

Semester Reports - Please find enclosed Semester 1 reports. If you have any queries with regards to the reports there are still time slots available on Tuesday, 27 June to meet with teachers.

Free Dress Day - BCCS sponsor a child from Thailand, his name is Wayupat. As is tradition, the last day of term will be a free dress day, please send along a gold coin donation with each student to contribute to the sponsorship.

Unexplained Absences - At the end of this semester the school is required to report all attendance data, in order to do this we need all unexplained absences to be explained. This can be done directly by logging into uEducateUs or by writing a note on the green forms sent home previously. If parents could please do this as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated.

Community Notices:

Carers EG—East Gippsland Carers Support Group welcoming all non paid carers of people with a disability, providing information, networking and social connection. Meeting at Uniting Care, Bairnsdale on Thursday 13 July from 6:30pm Please bring a plate to share. Contact carerseg@gmail.com or Anne 0401 347 025 for further information.

East Gippsland Gymnastics Club are running a school holiday program this coming holidays. Dates are Monday 3 July, Monday 10 July and Thursday 6 July. Sessions are from 10-12 and 1-3pm. This is a fun 2hr class for 5-12yr old children. \$25 per child, per class. Program allows children to use all gymnastic apparatus, including our 9m Tumble Track (trampoline) under guidance of our Nationally Accredited Coaches. No Gymnastics experience necessary. For information or to book please go to: <https://trybooking.com/290572>

East Gippsland Shire Library is once again running a Children's Book Week competition for children to draw a picture or write a story relating to this year's theme - **Escape to Everywhere**. "If you had the chance to escape reality, where would your imagination take you? Where would you choose to visit and what would you see there? It could be magical lands, mythical beasts or something else altogether. It's entirely up to you!" Entry forms are available from the school office or directly from the library.



Prayer Initiative

- Please pray for the **WALLIS & WALTERS-STUCKEY** families this week.

Praise Points

- Successful swimming program
- Wonderful experience for the K4 & Prep students on their excursion
- Foundations ELC assessment well went
- Martin Starkey is improving every day
- Positive student semester reports

Prayer Points

- Good finish to the term
- Safety for the last two days of swimming
- The assembly hosted by the preps next week.

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.
Romans 12:6