WEEK OF WORSHIP TAKES US TO EGYPT

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“Isn’t anyone going to help that poor guy!” Fred exclaimed as he and a friend saw what had been causing the traffic to creep at a very slow pace on a three lane main road. A man lay sprawled between the lanes, bicycle on top of him, as vehicles drove round him. Quickly they turned the orange warning flashers and blocked traffic with his car. Both guys jumped out to help the shaken man.

It’s easy to find reasons not to get involved. We can be busy, indifferent or even fearful. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus commended the man who had acted out of compassion even though it was inconvenient, difficult and costly to do so. Jesus said to us, ‘Go and do likewise’ (Luke 10:37).

True compassion takes the opportunity to put love into action! Caring is as basic as giving money to help someone living hard on the streets. Some stop work to look after aged parents. For some it is as simple as being patient and kind or visiting widows and orphans in distress. It may be as unspectacular as holding a door for a lady with a pram or giving a cup of cold water to a very flushed hot individual. That is how Jesus would show compassion. If you really care, you’ll want to share.

Enjoy this week’s news.

Dr David J Faull
Principal
Welcome to Term 2! It's great to see everyone back at school again. We hope you had a wonderful holiday. Congratulations to Riley who celebrated his birthday during the holiday break.

Even though we've only been here for four days this week, it has been a busy time filled with lots of activities. We have begun to study a new book in English and we are having lots of fun finding out all about the adventures of a girl. We are looking forward to sharing our work with others. Well done everyone for a fantastic effort in our spelling test!

We are trying really hard to fulfil our homework requirements for the new term. We need to remember to complete our new Reading Record Booklets.

A great start to the term, everyone!

Pre-Kindy

What a busy week we have had in Pre-Kindy. We learnt about our thinking hats and what each different coloured hat is for. We learnt that our red hat is for our feelings. In our big book time, we read the story about Handa’s Hen, and we thought about the feelings that we could see in the book. We found lots of emotions in the book.

Our Week of Worship has been very exciting. Pr Brock and his team took us to Egypt each day, and Pr Leo told the story of Joseph from an Egyptian soldier’s point of view.

On Thursday we were excited to harvest our potatoes. It was like a treasure hunt searching for the potatoes beneath the soil. We learnt that the potato plants die back, then they are ready to be harvested. Pre-Kindy will have a hot chips day very soon, where we will cook our potatoes and eat them!

We have all been singing our Christmas songs very enthusiastically. We have been getting ready for our Speech Night that is coming up on December 13. Make sure you keep this date free for a very special evening celebrating with us.

Have a great week everyone!

K-2

I am proud to say that most of our students now know all their words for speech night concert. We are now focusing on volume, speaking clearly and fluently.

The theme for show and tell for this week: What object is it? Students came up with some very good objects found around the house and gave some great clues.

Next week for show and tell: Tell us about something your Grandparents did when they were your age.

Congratulations to the following students from last week;

Star of the Week – Eden
Value of the Week Award – Kayden
Speedy Maths – Luis, Georgia, Tyler, Darius, Daniel, Jasmine, Eden, Ioana, Katie, Isaac,
Super Improver – Darius

We now have enough bottle tops for our project thank you for your support.

Congratulations to the following students;

Star of the Week – Malachi
Value of the Week Award – Katie
Speedy Maths – Malachi, Kayden, Georgia, Darius, Daniel and Isaac.
Super Improver – Jasmine

The much awaited potato harvest was very much enjoyed on Thursday. We all had so much fun searching for our hidden potato treasures. We filled two wheelbarrows with all sizes of potatoes. We compared quite a few big potatoes estimating which would weigh the most we settled on one that Malachi had found. It measured around 14cm in length and weighed in at 670grams.

To finish off our garden unit all about potatoes we are planning a potato feast day during week 9 where students can bring in their favourite potato dish and recipe. A letter will soon arrive home with more details about this.
Abundant Harvest
from little things big things grow.....
What a special week it has been for our school. We have just loved the Week of Worship program and we thank Pastor Pyramid, Anuk and Hadid for making it such an outstanding time. We really enjoyed learning about the story of Joseph in Egypt. Thank you gentlemen!

Our gym program commenced this week and we really enjoyed all the fun activities. We are already looking forward to next week’s program! Students need to wear their sports uniform on Tuesdays instead of Fridays for the remainder of the term, please.

Our swimming program is taking place next week and we need to remember to bring along our swimmers, towel, goggles, thongs and a bag. Any outstanding permission notes need to be returned to school first thing on Monday morning. We had such a wonderful time in the garden yesterday. We helped the little people in our school to harvest the potatoes. There were so many potatoes and we really enjoyed having the opportunity to help out. Dr Faull even came along and he helped us to dig up the potatoes. It was great that he could join us for this special occasion.

Another highlight in our week was when students presented their Science and Technology projects to the class. Years 3 and 4 presented their projects about force and Years 5 and 6 about changes to materials. Students need to be commended for their efforts. We ended up with a big variety of experiments and they were just fantastic. A BIG thank you to parents for assisting their children with completing their projects. Well done, Years 3-6!

I had the privilege of visiting the Pre-Kindy classroom this week and seeing a reading lesson in action. It was just wonderful to see the students so enthusiastic about learning reading skills. Thank you Mrs Thompson and Pre-Kindy for allowing me to watch one of your lessons! It was great to visit your room. On Thursday I met with Mr Hibbard from our Cooranbong Campus as he is assisting Toronto Campus with creating a computer program for teachers to be able to track all of our students’ literacy and numeracy results. The program is looking fantastic and it will be a valuable tool for teachers. A BIG thank you to Mr Hibbard for all his hard work! The students and teachers have been working hard and our school’s end-of-year English and Maths assessment schedule is nearly complete. As you know, this has involved assessing the students’ abilities in specific areas of English and Maths and this week our focus has been on reading. We are very proud of the students for their efforts! We would be very happy to share your child’s progress profile with you before the end of the term. Please feel free to make an appointment with your child’s teacher to discuss their progress.

One of the highlights of this week was the potato harvest. The students, teachers, Dr Faull, parents and Mr Drury had a great time digging up the potatoes from our school’s garden. The students were just so excited about finding potatoes and what a wonderful learning experience this was for them. They discovered that a potato plant needs to look like it has withered away before you can harvest the potatoes. Our garden is just great and I’d like to thank Mr Drury for the many hours of hard work he puts into looking after this special space in our school.

The Years 3-6 class is working hard to prepare new editions of TCN. This is involving a lot of script writing and much more. We are so very proud of our students for the wonderful programs they produce and I am looking forward to sharing one of the TCN editions with Toronto Church in a little over a week’s time.

Once again, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about our academic program.
Prayer Requests
We would like to encourage our school community to come together in prayer.

If you have any prayer requests, please feel free to let the staff know, so that we can include your request in our prayers.

Office Hours
Monday   Closed
Tuesday   8:30am - 12:30pm
Wednesday 8:30am - 12:30pm
Thursday  8:30am - 01:30pm
Friday    8:30am - 12:30pm

Uniform Shop Hours (Cooranbong Campus)
Monday   8:30 am - 4:30pm
Wednesday 8:30 am - 4:30pm

Calendar - Term 4 & 2017
Week of Worship.................................Nov 14-18
Swimming Lessons .............................Nov 21-25
Pre-Kindy Letterland Party ....................Nov 30
Pupil Free Day ...................................Dec 2
TCN Awards Night...............................Dec 4
School Picnic.......................................Dec 8
Last Day of Classes ............................Dec 13
Speech Night ......................................Dec 13
Meet the Teacher Day ...........................Jan 30
First Day of School Yrs Pre-Kindy-6.........Jan 31

School Term Dates 2016
Term 1 Wednesday January 27 - Friday April 8
Term 2 Tuesday April 26 - Friday July 1
Term 3 Monday July 25 - Friday September 23
Term 4 Monday October 10 - Tues December 13