Combined Churches Concert

Swimming

Our next swimming lesson is on Thursday 26 November 2015. Students need to bring along a t-shirt and a pair of tracksuit pants for water safety training.

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The newspapers this week have been filled with news that is almost too terrible to read. The horrific events in Paris, the unprovoked attack on innocent people going out to entertainment or a meal with friends brings this atrocity home to all of us. The world as we know it has changed. Last week I got on a train to travel to the AIS in Sydney. Another passenger, dressed in a black burkha and carrying a black bag, boarded the train and instinctively I watched and had my ‘dive under the seat strategy,’ rehearsed. In troubled times it is important that we provide secure places for our children. It is a core value that they learn to trust. Trust is putting your faith in something outside yourself. It is handing over control. It was Isaac Watts that said, ‘Learning to trust is one of life’s most difficult tasks.’

The instigators of the atrocities that fill the news aim to create chaos.

On Tuesday, I joined the Kindy Orientation as the little ones and their parents begin the trust journey in ‘big school’ to be away from mum and in the presence of new friends, who they learn to trust. Trust builds as great teachers work together to build relationships in a secure caring place.

I like the quote from Stephen Covey – ‘Trust is the glue of life. It’s the most essential ingredient in effective communication. It’s the foundational principle that holds all relationships.’ Let’s work together to provide secure places for our little people to grow and trust.

Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

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Bus Travel
A reminder that travel on the school bus and government buses is a privilege. We do want every child to travel safely. Seating in seats with the seat belt on is a requirement not an option. If students fail to cooperate with bus rules they may be asked to find alternate transport. Safety in travel is our priority!

Combined Churches Concert
Congratulations to our students for their excellent performance at the Combined Churches Christmas Concert yesterday. We are very proud of the students for their efforts.

Enrolments
Our marketing was discussed at School Council and it still has its best results when positive word of mouth from parents is active. Please tell your friends about our great school. Our Learning Program is providing students with positive progress. The gardens program is outstanding. Next year we are adding more iPads for student use at all levels. Please talk up Toronto Adventist so people know about our school.

Library Party
The Library pizza party will be held next Thursday at lunch time. Invitations were handed out to students yesterday who have been regular borrowers this year. We are looking forward to celebrating next week. Thank you.

Pupil Free Day
Next Friday 27 November is a Pupil Free Day as teachers will be busy writing reports. Thank you for noting this in your diary.
Readers
We really do appreciate your generous donations to our School Readers Program. We placed a BIG order for the PM Series graded readers and these have arrived. We are busy covering the books and getting them ready for use. It is exciting to have more titles and a number of readers at higher levels to challenge and build the reading skills of our great Toronto readers.

School Council
On Monday your School Council met for the last time this year. We reviewed the terrific program of events the children have enjoyed. We examined the budget and school fees.

We are travelling well with a credit on the bottom line. Thank you to all the parents for making the extra effort to settle the fee accounts. School Council noted the reduction in Outstanding Fees.

We considered the report on bus operation and plans for marketing our school in 2016.

We do appreciate the proactive support and interest in the school program from our Council members.

School Fees
You may think that $300 or $500 is not much to owe and the school can ‘carry it’. The reality is our budget for school and especially Pre-Kindy depends on having the fees paid so we can meet our invoice payments and wages especially over holidays.

We would appreciate you making every effort to settle your account before November 30.

Speech Night
The students are practising and the teachers are working on assessments and reports. Please plan to support our Speech Night on Tuesday December 8 at 7pm in the church complex.

Swimming
The last two swimming lessons for this term are planned to take place on 26 November and 4 December. On 26 November students will participate in water safety training. They will be required to bring along a t-shirt and a pair of tracksuit pants on this day.

Week of Worship
Next week, 23-26 November, will be an extra special time here at Toronto Campus. It’s going to be Week of Worship and Pastor Brock has organised a wonderful chapel program for each of these days. The program will commence at about 9am and should run for 30-40 minutes. Parents are welcome to attend.

PUPIL FREE DAY - FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER
Pre-Kindy has been learning about volume through the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We investigated how to find the bowl that holds the most porridge and the cup that holds the most water - to make sure Papa Bear gets enough!

The chickens have been a wonderful attraction/distraction in our classroom. There was one little egg that took a while to hatch and so Mrs Cook was a great ‘midwife’ and helped the chicken out! It had two days in the incubator and then it had to have its foot put in a sticky plaster as it was a bit deformed. It is improving each day at the Cook hospital.

We had an awesome time last Thursday with the Jump Rope for Heart jump off. Mrs Bennett organised a great afternoon for us all and the activities all helped us to learn more about our hearts and what we can do to live well and look after our heart. There was even an activity which showed us how the heart pumps out red blood and blue blood goes in.

Congratulations to Sophie who shared her awesome Science experiment with us this week. It was great to see what happens when a warm bottle is tipped upside down over a mixture of cold water and food colouring.

A big thank you to our parents for helping us to prepare our Science experiments this term. It has been such a wonderful time of learning all about the different Science topics we have shared with each other.

We continued to read a biography all about a man called Fred who made a big difference in our world. He helped restore the sight of many people. We had a great time presenting opinions about a topic in Writing this week and we worked very hard in Spelling. It was so much fun learning all about ‘Time’ in Maths.

We performed at Toronto Church on Thursday for a Combined Churches event. It was a great opportunity to showcase our school and the talented little choir we have. The whole school sounded great. We sang ‘The Lord’s Prayer’.

There is an awesome church service planned for kids at the Gateway Church, which is located at Avondale School Cooranbong Campus in the MPC. The Gold Rush is coming to town. Come dressed up in your best gold rush clothes and enjoy a great Sabbath together hearing more about Jesus in a creative way.

We are also looking forward to our Week Of Worship (WOW) next week, each day Monday to Thursday. Mr Andy Mathes, Pr Brock and Mrs Bennett have a great week planned for us all.

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Well done to everyone for an amazing performance at the Combined Churches Christmas Concert on Thursday. We are so proud of our efforts.

We would like to wish Benjamin all the best for his trip next week. He is joining the Year 6 students from our Cooranbong Campus for an excursion to Canberra. He is sure to learn a lot of interesting things!
This week in the garden we planted some more corn seedlings. This is very exciting as our other corn is growing so well and is getting taller each week. We also harvested our first tomato from the garden. Mrs Cameron enjoyed having it for lunch! Mr Drury also showed us the new section to the garden where there are some watermelon plants growing. What a delicious treat to look forward to in the summer season.

Pre-Kindy has also enjoyed helping Mr Drury plant corn in the garden and they took home some fresh zucchinis and cucumbers.