fun and learning in the pool

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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.

Dr David J Faull
Enjoy the news for this week.

Great Campus
We are already starting to plan for 2017 and that means we need to get the word out that there are spaces for students in our great little school. We have a NEW brochure and we would love to get these out into the community. Our data shows that our best ambassadors for the school are our parents who can tell the story so well. Please drop in and see Mrs Allan in the Office and collect a brochure or two to share with families you know. If every family encouraged one student enrolment then just imagine our school with waiting lists.

To encourage you to be our best promoters, if a new student enrols and says your family recommended them we will give you a $250 discount off your fees for K-6 enrolments. Now that's an offer worth considering!! Let's build our great school for 2017!!

Fees
Well done to those of you that have cleared the slate! We've had an awesome response to fee payments for which we are grateful. Keep them coming, only two and a bit weeks left to pay them off.

Bus Fees
The bus fees for the year have been calculated and a note will come home to the relevant families next week showing the current balance payable. We are considering implementing a pre-pay system for the bus next year. Further details will come as we develop the system.

Speech Night
It is hard to believe but Speech Night 2016 is only weeks away. It will be a Christmas theme and the students have been working hard to learn the music. It will be a highlight for the year. Save the date - Tuesday December 13, 7pm.

Carols - see last page for details

Sports Uniform
K-6 students are now required to wear their sports uniform on Mondays and Tuesdays, please. Thank you for noting this change.

Teachers on Duty
You may have noticed that when a teacher is on duty out in the playground they wear an orange vest. We ask that you kindly refrain from seeking an interview with a teacher at such a time. Please see Mrs Allan in the Office to leave a message for the teacher or make an appointment to see them at a convenient time. When a teacher is on duty they have a duty of care to the students and they do need to stay focused on their responsibility. Thank you for your understanding!

Potato Sales
Have you tried our new potatoes yet? They are delicious!! Our school garden potatoes are for sale at $5.00 per kilo. Although we cannot claim to be ‘organic’ they have been grown without the use of chemicals or pesticides.

The fist harvest are of Sebago variety and we will soon have Desiree variety harvested.

BYO environmentally friendly bag if you wish. Scales are available.

Pupil Free Day
Please note that FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER is a PUPIL FREE DAY. That's because the teachers will be taking time out to write the students’ reports. Thank you for noting this day in your calendar.
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**Pre-Kindy**

Pre-Kindy children have been showing how they can swim this week and we have some little fish! It was fun taking underwater photos of everyone. Next week we will write a story about our swimming lessons. The bus ride was just as exciting as the swimming lessons for some children. If you were driving anywhere near us when we were on the bus, you would have heard everyone sweetly singing Christmas carols, getting ready for our Speech Night.

Our Letterland Party will be on Wednesday (Nov 30), only a few sleeps away now. Please add to Edmodo what food your child will be bringing, so we get a good mix of savoury and sweet foods. I look forward to seeing everyone dressed up!

Have a great week everyone!

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**K-2**

We are now beginning to add some very good expression to the words for our concert, so keep up the the good work.

Congratulations to the following students:

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

We have had a very busy week this week with swimming. The bus drivers have been delighted with our students who have been singing our concert songs as we travelled to and from the pool. One bus driver said that he would love to drive for our children any day as they were so well behaved.

I cannot believe how fast this term has gone by and we are drawing to a close. We have some exciting end of year challenges planned for our last couple of weeks.
What an exciting week it has been at Toronto Campus! The students have had so much fun participating in our swimming program and it has been great to see how hard they have worked to develop their skills in this learning area. The students also participated in water safety training on Thursday and the knowledge they gained from this lesson will be valuable to them ahead of the summer break.

We spent quite a lot of time preparing for Speech Night and we hope you are planning to attend this special event on Tuesday 13 December at 7pm. We are going to sing lots of lovely items and we think you will really enjoy the program. Please plan to attend this special occasion.

Our TCN Awards Night is also coming up soon on Sunday 4 December at 7pm. This will be a time to celebrate all the wonderful achievements in TCN this year and it is a night not to be missed! Please plan to come along to this special event.

There was a lot of excitement around the campus this week with the swimming program taking place. The students were just so enthusiastic about developing their swimming skills. The K-6 students also participated in water safety training on Thursday. This is a very important part of the curriculum particularly with the summer holidays coming up. A BIG thank you to the Morisset Pool staff for teaching our students important life skills.

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.

The Years 3-6 class and Mrs Thompson have prepared a special TCN report which will air at Toronto Church on Sabbath. This has involved a lot of hard work and we thank the students and Mrs Thompson very much for their efforts. I am looking forward to sharing our school’s news with the Church.

The TCN Awards Night is coming up soon on Sunday 4 December at 7pm. We look forward to celebrating the achievements the Years 3-6 students have made in TCN this year. It is an event not to be missed! Another event you will want to attend is our school’s Speech Night on Tuesday 13 December at 7pm. The students are working very hard to prepare for this special occasion so please plan to come along. Speech Night is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the year and the students will also be presenting very special items at this time. We look forward to seeing you there! Once again, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about our academic program.
We value Justice

Pr Brock talks about... Revenge and Justice

When I was younger I really enjoyed building towers and houses out of playing cards. One day, I invited a friend over to our house so that we could build the biggest tower we’d ever made.

Our challenge was to build a tower 1 metre tall. It was an ambitious goal, but we went for it! As we were building the tower higher and higher, little did I know that my brother was standing out in the hall way. He saw our tower and thought only one thing: I MUST destroy it. So that’s exactly what he did. He went into the kitchen, picked up a tea-towel, came rushing in my room and fanned down our tower of cards. It wasn’t the most dramatic way of destroying our tower - but boy it was effective. It’s safe to say that I was annoyed. Really annoyed. Now I only thought of one thing: REVENGE.

As humans, when someone wrongs us we want to get them back. It’s human nature - we want justice, and so we should. The problem is, that in revenge we often end up hurting the other person. Revenge is a tricky beast - it makes us feel incredible in the moment - like we’ve evened the score - but it rarely takes away the hurt. With revenge, we often enter into a cycle of escalation. We retaliate, they retaliate, we retaliate, they retaliate...the cycle goes on. Something happens in the teachings of Jesus: “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” - Matthew 5:43-44

When we face hurt or pain we typically fall into the belief that we can respond in one of two ways:
1) Fight - we hold our ground, fight back and hunt for justice, or
2) Flight - we protect ourselves and back down from a fight

But Jesus teaches that there is a third way, a nonviolent way. That rather than submit or fight back we have another choice: to repay hurt with grace. Jesus shows a way in which we can oppose evil without mirroring it. Where oppressors can be neutralised without being hurt.

Why would we do this? Why would we respond to hurt with kindness? Because chasing revenge rarely helps us. We enter into the myth of redemptive violence. Jesus teaches that what sets us free is not revenge, but rather the gift of grace. It’s easy to respond to pain with aggression. But what’s really tricky is responding with grace.

Campus Information

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
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 Pre-Kindy -Yr 6 .............. Jan 31