Honouring our Mothers

God our Creator, we pray:
for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
for those who have children they do not want;
for those who raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those whose children have left home;
and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,
and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,
living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.

Amen.
Message from the Principal

What a lovely afternoon we had with our mothers and grandmothers on Thursday. Thank you so much, mothers and grandmothers, for coming along to our ‘High Tea with Mum event’. We realise that many of you made some significant changes to your schedules to be able to attend this event. Thank you for the opportunity to be able to honour you for the amazing people that you are. May God richly bless you!

Once again, I’d like to extend a special welcome to Mrs Stubberfield who is our new K-2 teacher. We are so pleased that she has come to join us at Toronto. Mrs Stubberfield and I look forward to meeting with the K-2 parents shortly. I want to extend a warm welcome back to Eniko who has joined the Pre-Kindy class. It is great to have Eniko and his family at our school again. The Years 3-6 students have been very excited to have two more students joining the class this week. I’d like to also extend a warm welcome to Rain, Jasper and their family to Toronto Adventist School. We are really glad that you have come to join our school community.

Our focus for this term’s sport lessons is athletics. The Years 3-6 class is going to Avondale School on Fridays for their athletics training. The Pre-Kindy and K-2 classes will have their lessons here at our school. As from next week, Primarily Active will be teaching the students their athletics skills. K-6 students need to wear their sports uniform on Wednesdays and Fridays, please.

As I’ve mentioned before, our school’s accreditation is this year. It will actually be happening next week on Wednesday. This is a normal part of what takes place in a school every five years in order for it to remain registered. I want to thank our staff for all of the hard work that has gone into preparing for this event.

This week’s value is ‘faith’. They say faith is trust or confidence in someone or something. I really like what the Bible has to say on the matter. In Hebrews 11:1 it says, ‘Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.’ It was by faith that Abraham followed God even though he was not sure where he was going. Moses lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. He did not see himself as the man God could use to take on such a responsibility. However, through faith he led the Israelites as God desired. It is by faith that we allow God to lead us into the future. We can be assured that God has His hand over our school and we can’t wait to see what He is going to do here.

Blessings,

Miss Charmony Dias
Principal

Notices

Religious Freedom and the Election

As we settle in to the second Term of the year we are now just a week away from the Federal election on Saturday 18 May.

I’m sure that most of you will have seen the television advertisements, social media posts and coverage in the news media. While for some voting may seem to be a chore, in many places around the world it is a hard fought for privilege. We should not take this fundamental right for granted.

At this election there is another fundamental right at stake – our freedom of religion.

During the last term of Parliament there was a lot of debate around religious freedom and one of the other fundamental rights – the right to be free from discrimination. Much of this debate was misinformed and politically motivated. It was disappointing to see Adventist and other Christian schools misrepresented in the media and Parliament and to see legislation proposed which would have trampled on the rights of parents to choose a school reflecting their values and beliefs.

We know that there are many issues you will consider as you vote. Your vote in the House of Representatives, and the Senate, will decide who forms Government and what direction protecting our beliefs, values and fundamental rights – the right to be free from discrimination. Much of this debate was misinformed and politically motivated. It was disappointing to see Adventist and other Christian schools misrepresented in the media and Parliament and to see legislation proposed which would have trampled on the rights of parents to choose a school reflecting their values and beliefs.

We know that there are many issues you will consider as you vote. Your vote in the House of Representatives, and the Senate, will decide who forms Government and what direction protecting our beliefs, values and freedom takes. We hope that this will be one factor you consider.

On behalf of Adventist and other Christian schools around Australia the ValuEd Voices FaceBook page, https://www.facebook.com/valuedvoicesaus/ has also been developed to be the online ‘home’ for those concerned about the values of our Christian school being eroded.

Content is being developed for the page to encourage, equip and enable parents, carers, grandparents, staff, students and the wider Adventist and Christian school community about the vital issues of religious freedom. Can I encourage you to ‘like’; ‘follow’ and ‘share’ this page amongst your social networks and those you know care about our values being preserved.