By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth”.

Psalm 33:6 NKJV

Infants Class (Kindergarten to Year 2)

This week we celebrated book week a few different ways. The Stage 1 Infants students were set a challenge to read a chapter book by Friday using only set class time throughout the week to complete it. The Early Stage 1 students had a selection of picture books that they could read during this designated reading time. Find out from your child what book they chose and if they can tell you a summary of the book.

On Friday we set up tents and cubbies around the classroom to create fun spaces to read quietly. The students were in charge of making it a comfortable area to relax with a book during set reading times throughout the day. The high school students came in to the classroom and read a story to each reading group. A big thank you to these students for coming in and sharing that reading time with us!

Today we also had a special guest visit our classroom. Earlier in the year we were praying for someone known to some of the students after he had a terrible accident. We sent him a letter to let him know we were praying for him as a class. Today we were all able to meet him.
Lower Primary (Year 3 & 4)

Stage 2 has continued making their wire sculptures of bicycles this week. It is great to see the students being enthusiastic and creative in their work. Several bikes are starting to take shape and look quite convincing.

Upper Primary (Year 5 & 6)

Today we have farewelled a much loved member of our class and school - Molly. She has been a great friend to all and always a smiling face in the classroom. We will miss you Molly and we wish you all the best in Toowoomba at your new school. We will be praying for you!

All the students from the Upper Primary class were dressed brilliantly for the assembly on Tuesday. Well done to everyone who participated. In the picture below: Sam makes a beautiful Cinderella whilst Shaianne was quiet and we think she was a mime for the day as she didn’t say much. And Khobien looked picture perfect as a character out of the Ranger’s Apprentice series. The ‘random tree and the end of every Australian book’ was even found to be photobombing our pictures!

This week we have been preparing questions to ask Georgia Beikoff, a Paralympian who we will be speaking to on Skype before the commencement of the Paralympic Games. This week we have been learning more about the Paralympic games so that we will be informed for our interview.

High School (Year 7-10)

The High School students are all reminded to bring their diaries to school every day to write their homework and assessment tasks into the diary. Teachers should not have to chase homework from students or chase assessment tasks on their due date. It is the students responsibility to keep an eye on their study practice. Listed below are some ideas for effective study:

* Pick a place and time – everyone has their own idea about the best time and place for studying. It should be quiet, comfortable and with no distractions.
* Study every day – If you study a bit every day you will be continually reviewing your work in your mind.
* Plan your time – This will help you get the most out of your allotted study time. Use a planner, alarms, to-do lists etc. And set realistic time limits (1 hour at a time maximum).
* Review & revise – during the week it is a good practice to go over things you have done in class. Even just reading your notes.
* Take breaks – This is important especially if you are getting frustrated or feeling tired whilst studying. Working too long in one sitting can decrease your performance. Aim for a maximum of 1 hour followed by a 5-10 minute break.
* Ask for help – If you are unable to understand or you are stuck on something do not hesitate to ask for assistance. Speak with the teachers as they are happy to help out where they can. And check if your teacher is happy to get emails to their school email address.
Other School News:

Primary Chess

On Friday the 26th of August three teams of four students competed in the West Riverina Primary Schools Chess Tournament in Griffith, thanks to the transport provided by Theo Broekman and Rachel Everingham. The teams each competed in seven rounds of competition and at the end of the day our team of Matthew Everingham, Michael Broekman, Noah Everingham and Zac Everingham were declared the winners and this team will continue to compete in further state wide competitions. Our second team of Kye Everingham, Nadia Broekman, Alana Rickard and Baily White also played extremely well and were placed third. Kye was the outstanding player of the day winning all his seven games in the number one board position. Our Junior team of Ella Broekman, Jesse Everingham, Elijah Everingham and Peter Everingham all played well and were placed second in their competition. Congratulations to all these students.

Below and after the Head of School news are some pictures taken throughout the week as part of our Book Week celebrations. Thank you to everyone who attended the assembly on Tuesday, it was a rather creative day with all the book characters from
Head of School News

Book Week Activities
Well done to all the students and staff who participated in the dress-up assembly on Tuesday. We had a wide variety of costumes and it made for a fun day. That you to the creativity of parents in assisting with costumes. While we celebrate Book Week and the importance of reading it is also very important to focus our attention on Gods holy book the bible and the importance for all to know what is written to guide and direct us in living Godly lives.

Checkmate
Well done to our fours chess teams who won and performed well at the Griffith competition last week.

Reading your child’s NAPLAN
To understand your child’s NAPLAN results is important as a guide for future development and areas of learning. Please ask if you would like some of the issues explained.

Parent Teacher Afternoon
On Wednesday 21 September we will be holding the Term 3 Parent Teacher Afternoon. This is a good time to ask about your child’s progress and also and questions form NAPLAN.

Expression of Interest
From time to time there is a need to replace staff who are sick or on leave. We are looking for expression of interests for Teacher’s aide and cleaner. It is a preference for employment that those who work at the in paid positions are Christian who regularly attend church. It is a NSW government condition of employment that persons employed in schools also have a working with children’s check.

Association Meeting
An Association meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 September and will be followed by a Board meeting. Please mark your diaries for this date. Details of how to become an association member can be obtained from the school.

God bless you
John Clark