WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

Staff, Parents and School Improvement

Over the last week I have had 1:1 meetings with staff members. This is alongside regular class walk throughs. I am very encouraged. There are many excellent programs in place and support systems being developed.

The 1:1 meetings are highlighting good ideas for ongoing improvement. The need to keep looking for improvement is essential to the health and sustainability of any school.

To this end, I would also like to hear from parents. Your ideas and suggestions help build our strength as a school. You may see an opportunity. You may have observed something we missed. Your questions and ideas are valuable. You can still book a 1:1 with me on the evening of the parent/teacher interviews or book another time through the office.

Faith Heeds a Warning

Hebrews 11:7 "By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

I heard an interesting saying recently: "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me." In other words, learn from your mistakes. But even better is to learn from other people's mistakes!

When I was a young man I thought I was a pretty strong swimmer. A favourite spot was the 150m wide Cataract Gorge in Launceston. One summer the dam was opened to the source river creating a grade 3 to 6 white-water rafting course. I happened to be swimming in it, despite there being warning signs. The waters were rising fast. In a rather brain-dead moment, I thought it would be fun to drift out a bit and swim back. After all, I was superman. But my full strength only kept me stationary, and I began to tire. My salvation was a rocky outcrop that I angled towards. I would never face off against flood waters again! I had learned a terrifying lesson, and I sometimes tell that story to warn others.

Noah did heed the warning, unlike those who lived around him at the time. And now that flood acts as a terrifying warning sign to all humanity. As Jesus says in Matthew 24, "As it was in the

days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." Jesus makes it very clear that his coming will be as sudden and powerful as the coming of the flood.

So, who escaped the flood waters and who will survive the coming judgement? Those with faith like Noah's. He faithfully laboured on the ark all those years, trusting God's word that a day was coming. We too, in faith, work in his kingdom and wait for that day. We work with purpose and wait with confidence.

Matthew 24:37-39 "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man."

Prayer Points

Three weeks to go for the term (hard to believe).

Please continue to pray for wisdom in the task of building the school, as we seek to establish the school strongly on its values and on the principles of a good education.

Teachers thank you for your prayers. Please continue to uphold them.

Continue to pray for the details of the new entrance way to be worked through at good speed.

Notices

Parent and Teacher Interviews

Thank you for those who have signed up. It's not too late to sign up. If you can't make one of the two days, book another time with your child's teacher.

Dates: Tuesday 25 March and Monday 31 March.

Times: 15 minutes per interview. If longer is needed a separate time can be arranged.

Who: Parents/Caregivers and Home Room teachers.

Purpose: Discuss academic progress.

How to make bookings: Use the Skool Loop app. Bookings are now live. Instructions to set up the app are attached.

Ice cream Containers

The school require some ice cream containers. If you have any and are happy to donate them to the school, please bring them to the school office and put them in the box labelled "Ice cream Containers".

We thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

Key Dates

Calendar

Our google calendar is linked to the front page of our website. You can also access it here CALENDAR LINK. Term dates and events are already in place.

Some Key Dates

Tuesday 25 March	Parent-Teacher Interviews
Friday 28 March	Teacher Only Day
Monday 31 March	Parent-Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 09 April	Year 7 Vaccinations
07-10 April	Cultural Celebrations (see notice above)
Friday 11 April	Last Day of Term