



THE VINE

26th October 2018 Term 4 Week 2

From the Principal

Cyber Safety Evening

God's creational intent for the universe has always been 'good'. In fact, in the creation account in the first chapter of the Bible (Genesis 1) the word 'good' appears on seven occasions. Indeed, after creating man and woman in his own image, "God saw all that he had made, and it was **very good**" (Genesis 1:31).

Sadly, when we turned our backs on God's good plans for life and relationships, the whole of the creation became corrupted from his original good intent. We see evidence of the fall all around us on a daily basis. This distortion has been particularly evident in the application of information technology. Our children are very vulnerable on line, not only from images they may view, but from predators who gain access to children through social media.

As advertised last term the school will be holding a cyber safety information session on the evening of Wednesday 7th November. The aim of the evening will be to inform and equip parents with knowledge and skills to ensure their children are safe when using information technology. Staff member Mrs Fitzpatrick will lead the evening. She has completed much research on the topic as part of her Master's Degree study in counselling. As a 'seasoned' parent of 4, Mr Jamieson will provide some practical tips from his experience (of not always getting it right).

As it would be excellent for both parents to attend, the evening will commence with a sausage sizzle dinner from 5:30pm. The Cyber Safety session will commence at 6:30pm and conclude by 7:30pm. Children will be supervised by teachers from 6:30pm. I encourage all parents to attend as we explore this vital issue.

Signage

Recently new signage (permanent sign & banner) has been displayed at the front of the site, on Fullers Road. Many thanks to our resident 'models'; Mianka (K), Jethro (Yr1/2), Chloe (Yr 1/2) & Joliet (Yr 1/2); for their willingness to feature in the image for the signage.



Key Dates

Cyber Safety Evening
November 7

Kindergarten Orientation
November 15

Presentation Assembly
December 5 2pm

TERM DATES

Term 3

Start Date Tuesday July 24
End Date Friday Sept 28

Term 4

Start Date Monday Oct 15
End Date Friday Dec 7

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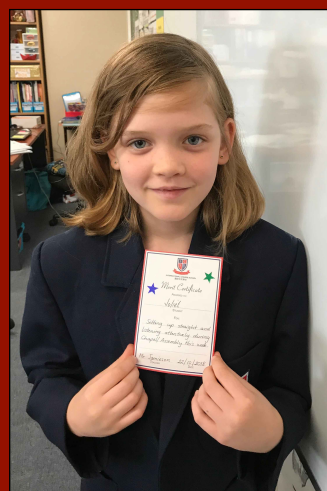
School News

Jump Rope for Heart

On the last day of Term 3 students participated in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Students had spent the best part of the term practising their skipping skills. They were very enthusiastic about the challenge and practice often extended beyond the fitness sessions into lunch time. It was amazing just how much they, particularly Kindergarten, improved over just a few weeks.

On the day students arrived at school all dressed in red for the occasion, and spent 45 minutes demonstrating their new learned skills. There was skipping forwards and backwards; peppers (fast skipping), double unders and pairs. Even Mrs Fitzpatrick and Miss Su gave the pairs challenge a go.

All together students raised \$2,500 for the Heart Foundation. The Heart foundation were so impressed with such a high total from a small school that next year they have committed to sending an expert skipper to the school to provide a demonstration. Special thanks must go to Miss Nguyen who was the motivating force behind the cause; for her hard work in ensuring students enjoyed the experience and supported the cause.



Merit Awards

Term 3 Week 9

Anthony (K) An excellent recount of his weekend in Canberra

Anthony (K) Great effort in writing Chinese Hanzi

Enoch (K) Achieving top marks in the weekly sight word tests.

Alycia (Yr 1/2) Always putting her best effort in completing classroom activities

Elsa (Yr1/2) Excellent speech presentation in Chinese

Grace (Yr 3) Always trying her hardest in class activities

Term 4 Week 2

Esabelle (K) Excellent analogue and digital time recognition

Enoch (K) Quick and accurate addition and subtraction

Genevieve (Yr 1/2) Big improvement in skipping skills during fitness lessons

Clayton (Yr1/2) Well written procedure on, "How to make a strawberry milkshake".

Luke (Yr 1/2) Trying his best to complete classroom tasks independently

Joliet (Yr 1/2) Principal's Assembly/Chapel award

Tristan (Yr 3) A very well written holiday account

School News

Bronze Awards

Enoch (K)
Anthony (K)
Alice (Yr1/2).
Euna (Yr1/2)

Community Member of the Fortnight

This edition we feature Evelyn of Kindergarten. Evelyn is a wonderful student. She is a quiet worker who loves to give her best effort. She is a caring friend which is much appreciated by her peers. Evelyn sets a fine example for all members of our community.

Swimming

A note has been sent home informing parents that students will be taking part in the School's swimming program on Wednesdays 31/10, 7/11, 14/11, 21/11. They will partake in formal swimming lessons delivered by trained staff at the Fitness First Aquatic Centre, Chatswood.

Following an early lunch, students will depart from school at 1:30pm, walk to the Aquatic Centre under supervision of staff and parent helpers, returning to the school by 3:00pm. Students are to wear their PE uniform on the day. They will change into their swimmers at school prior to leaving. Parents are most welcome to join their child/ren on the days and are asked to let their child's class teacher know if they are able to assist with supervision of students during the walk.

For further detail please refer to the information note that has already been distributed. Please return the permission slip by Tuesday 30th October.

Enrolments 2019

Enrolment enquiries continue to flow in for 2019 with 7 over the last two weeks. If you have friends who may be interested in enrolling their child/ren encourage them to contact with the school, sooner rather than later, as we are limited to a total of 49 students on our present site.

Kindergarten/New Students 2019

There will be an orientation morning for Kindergarten and new families to the school (2019) on Thursday 15th November from 10am-11:30. Students will enjoy a Mandarin/English classroom experience while parents receive important information regarding school routine and then share morning tea together.

Welcome Mrs Keren Yu

The school welcomes Mrs Keren Yu to our school community. Mrs Yu will be serving on reception on Fridays. She comes from Taiyan in Northern China. Her mastery of Mandarin as well as English is extremely good. She will be an asset to our school community.

Before/After School Care

ICS families have priority in the use of the Before/After School Care offered onsite at St Paul's church. While this is a private business external to school management, the School appreciates the close partnership shares with the providers. To assist with planning for next year parents who intend to use the service are reminded to formally communicate their intentions to the provider. This is necessary as vacancies are filled by families from Chatswood Public School.



School News

School in Nairobi

The Anglo Australian Christian and Charitable Fund (AACCF), the charity that provides significant financial support to ICS, has other educational ventures it supports around the world. In a previous edition of The Vine mention was made of Kings College, a newly established Anglican School in Lubumbashi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This edition I wish to highlight the charitable work the AACCF supports in Nairobi, Kenya. The charity's patron has just returned from a tour of the African continent where he visited supported projects and has provided some detail of the work of the AACCF in Nairobi.

The AACCF has a long-term relationship with the Anglican Church Commissioners for Kenya. There are over 10 million Anglican Christians in Kenya. These funds have enabled Reverend Peter Maina Mbooch to build a very worthwhile ministry to the children of poor families in Nairobi. One community he serves adjoins a rubbish tip where the city's waste is deposited. Children of the poor spend many hours scavenging through the waste looking for items to sell, or even food to eat. The funds provided by the AACCF have enabled him to establish a feeding program to provide regular meals to these children. In an attempt to break the poverty cycle Reverend Peter has also established a school which presently provides preschool education. While the facilities and resources are sparse, it is envisaged that basic literacy and numeracy skills obtained by these children will better enable them to find gainful employment or allow them to continue their studies.

We are truly blessed with the resources available through ICS, and schools across our nation. I would ask our school community to regularly pray for Reverend Peter Maina Mbooch and the children and families he serves.

Chinese Characters of the Fortnight

游泳很棒

Yóuyǒng hěn bang

(Swimming is awesome)



Reverend Peter Maina Mbooch



The Nairobi Preschool



The Rubbish tip where children play and forage.

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