



WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

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Kindness...

Our staff team at Officer Campus are reading and discussing the book "Love as a way of life", by Gary Chapman. The book title says it all and challenges us to live a life of love every day in all circumstances. It talks about the seven traits of a loving person as being; kindness, patience, forgiveness, courtesy, humility, generosity and honesty.

At a glance one might consider these "secrets" to be nothing new or hardly profound. After starting to read the book and reflecting upon some of the questions posed, I found it challenging and even a bit uncomfortable at times. I realized that I may need to have an attitude check before I experience becoming a truly kind person.

We are all so unique and to be intentionally kind to another unique being might not be on our agenda for the day, let alone for the moment. We might feel like we're out of our comfort zone or that we're not in the mood to be kind or we may simply be too consumed with ourselves to be kind. Often, it will involve us sacrificing our time or money. Gary Chapman suggests that, "Kindness means noticing someone else and recognizing his needs. It means seeing the value in every person we meet. And like every trait of a loving person, kindness can be much simpler, and more powerful, than we realize."

Kindness can be shown in our attitudes, actions, words, thoughts and deeds. It can be difficult to accept that the response or outcome of an act of kindness is out of our control. The response of the receiver of kindness could be quite off putting or ungrateful, but we need to be make a choice to show kindness regardless of how much it is acknowledged or appreciated.

There is no way to measure or evaluate kindness, but the outcome will usually

outweigh the effort. It may even energize us to step out and do more acts of kindness. Every trait of authentic love begins with the small things so any trait of kindness can begin in the same way. No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

The bible often talks about how kindness was shown by God. Kindness was prayed for, hoped for and given many times. It is mentioned at least 59 times.

I encourage you to be conscious of being kind for just one day at a time. I know you will be surprised by how many opportunities come your way to be kind when you're intentional about it.

In the words of Peter, "For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love (2 Peter 1:5-8)".

Anne Jansen van Rensburg
Lower Primary Team Leader
Officer Campus

Maranatha Easter Service

all Welcome

End of term Easter service will be
at Endeavour Hills campus.
2.00pm

All students will be dismissed
from Endeavour Hills at 3:00pm.

E/Hills Events...

- **Wednesday 1 April**
 - Yr 11/12 Indonesian Excursion
 - Yr 9 Geography Excursion
- **Thursday 2 April**
National Basketball Trials Day 1
- **Friday 3 April**
Combine School Easter Service

Doveton Events...

- **Monday 30 March**
 - No Assembly
 - Little Fish Tales in Library at 9.30am
 - Grade 5/6 Graffiti Incursion
- **Tuesday 31 March**
 - The Art Place – at 9.30am
 - Grade 4 Casey Expo
- **Friday 3 April**
 - No After-School Lacrosse
 - Prep-4 students start at Doveton
 - Award Assembly @ Endeavour Hills 12pm
 - Whole school Easter Service
Doveton students dismissed from Endeavour Hills Campus.

Officer Events...

- **Monday 30 March**
 - Gr 5/6 Sovereign Hill camp
Leaving 8.00am
- **Tuesday 31 March**
 - Gr 5/6 Sovereign Hill camp
return 5.00pm
 - SIS music rehearsal day 3
 - SIS music Concert
Drum Theatre Dandenong
Town Hall \$10 - All welcome
- **Wednesday 1 April**
 - Golf training 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- **Thursday 2 April**
 - Rock E soundtrack recording
11am - 3pm
 - Skip-a-thon fundraiser for
community in Moldova
- **Friday 3 April**
 - Year 10 Excursion – Careers Expo
 - Golf academy 1pm – 3:30pm
 - **Whole school Easter Service
Endeavour Hills Campus**
**All students will be dismissed
from Endeavour Hills at 3pm**

DOVETON NEWS

Cross Country

Our God is an awesome God and this was so evident when the primary staff and students took their house colours in the annual Cross Country showdown. The weather was perfect and our course was set for what promised to be an exciting day. The two Prep classes joined us for their first full school event and we watched intently as they completed their run noting talented runners as future prospects! As each race was conducted, students challenged themselves to run faster, better their times from last year and complete the race for valuable points. Congratulations to each student for the way in which they participated throughout the day. A big thank you must go to our wonderful staff for the commitment they gave to the day in order to get things done. These carnivals can't happen without their valuable contributions. It is important to mention the House Captains who under the guidance of Mrs Richardson, organised their teams, made sure competitors got to their races, assisted in keeping house areas clean and urged their team mates on. Well done to all and our humble thanks to God for the talents he has given to each one of us.

Final results are as follows:

1st	Waratah (Red again!!!)	370
2nd	Grevillea (Green)	328
3rd	Kurrajong (White)	281
4th	Acacia (Yellow)	263



Open Door Access

Please feel free to come in to chat to Joe Belousoff every Tuesday from 9.00am – 10.00am, share your insights, unload burdens, present novel ideas or just come in to say hello. No appointments required.

Prayer Time

Every Monday morning after the Prep – Grade 4 assembly parents, grandparents, friends are welcome to join the prayer time in the Interview room.

Other Campus Events

Casey Environmental Expo

On Tuesday 24 March the Grade 4's visited the Casey Environmental Expo at Wilson Botanical Gardens, Berwick. It was a fantastic day where students had "hands-on" opportunities to learn about renewable energy, saving water, predatory birds and recycling.

- We saw four different types of birds, the Peregrine Falcon which is the fastest animal in the world, the Masked Owl which has 14 bones in its neck and very endangered. Also there was the Kestrel bird and last of all the Wedge-tailed Eagle. **Daniel Crock**
- I learnt that the Wedge-tailed Eagle is able to catch a fully grown kangaroo. My favourite part of the day was when I went on the bike and powered one light bulb, one fan and a radio. It was the best! **Rhiannon Jack**
- I learnt that cheetahs are not the fastest animals in the world, but that the Peregrine Falcon is faster. **Jona Pudney.**



Thankyou from the Brough Family

To everyone who prayed, provided casseroles or just showed concern and kindness for Tracey while in hospital. It was greatly appreciated by the whole family-Thankyou.

OFFICER NEWS

Skip-a-thon

As part of supporting Mr Ballantyne (past PE teacher) who is now on mission in Moldova, Officer students have the opportunity to participate in a skip-a-thon to raise funds to buy sporting equipment for the community that he is working in. If students wish to participate, we suggest a gold coin donation or more. Please refer to the notice for more information.

Assemblies

The next primary assembly will be for students in Prep to Grade 6, Monday 30th March 2:40 pm – 3:00 pm. Grade 4 will be presenting an item. Secondary assemblies are held first thing Friday mornings. Parents are welcome to attend.

Officer Soccer Team

What great initiative! Despite not having a captain or a coach, the Officer soccer team Galaxy Allstars have managed to win the grand final! A big cheer of congratulations goes to students Cristian Almajan, Jonathan Chicas, Jacob Cornejo, Jesse Hambling, Nathaniel Paredes, Samuel Tilley and Jarryd Dalton. Special thanks also go to the supportive parents who made it possible.



Environmental Group

An environmental group has recently been formed at the Officer campus. It has been given the title of the GEM group which stands for 'God's Environmental Minders'. The newly formed group is made up of the following grade 6 students- Daniel Connell, Jessica Brewer, Hannah De Groot, Josh Grant, Shannon Hicks, Titchiang Mai, Esther Nyarugwe and Rebekah Stear. One of the initiatives is that paper recycling boxes have been introduced into rooms throughout the school.

Next term the group plans to save water through water collection at the drink fountains. To do this we are asking for donations of 1kg honey containers (or similar) with a handle. Please bring them to the Prep D room (room 2) or to the office if you have any. Thank you.



Year 12 Boys Camp

The Year 12 boys had a great three days away on the Mornington Peninsula. They were accompanied by Mr Clark (Principal), Mr Munyard, Mr Ham and myself. During the week the boys were also visited by Mr Belousoff (Head of the Doveton Campus).

Students and staff took part in a variety of activities including scuba diving, snorkeling, sea kayaking, a fitness circuit, volleyball, tennis and charter boat fishing. It was great to see the boys and teachers push themselves beyond their comfort zones.

There was some great discussions on the camp of what it meant to be a man and a man under God. The boys grew closer to each other during the three days. They also made commitments to do their best and look out for each other during their final year of school.

For me the camp was the highlight of my time at Maranatha so far. The school is fortunate to have such a great Year 12 group!

Bill Jackson
Head of Endeavour Hills Campus

Year 12 Girls Camp

It was an absolute joy to get to know the 33 young ladies in our most senior student group. They are a lively, enthusiastic and warm bunch, who evidently care for the well-being of those around them. Spending three days with them, surrounded by the beauty of Sorrento, was a treat indeed! I have discovered, the older I get, that I learn more and more from my students – in this regard, this trip away was certainly an education. Who knew that chocolate could be both a delicious treat, and a facial mask?

We participated in a range of activities, including a ferry trip to picturesque Queenscliff, a pamper session at the Peninsula Hot Springs and a delightful group lunch at the Portsea Hotel. I am confident that each of the girls had a wonderful time, and returned rejuvenated and refreshed, ready to take on the rigours of their remaining months at school. I was also very grateful for the support of Mrs. Christine Burton and Mrs. Margaret Crawford on the camp.

Pearl Subban
Year 12 Coordinator

Southern Independent Schools
presents

"THE BIG NIGHT CONCERT"

a music and dance review
31st March 2009

Drum Theatre, Dandenong 7.30pm
- \$10 ticket sales 9771-6666

Come along, relax and enjoy the talents of students from Beaconhills College, John Paul College, Maranatha Christian School, Nazareth College, Padua College, St Francis Xavier College, St James College, St John's College and St Peter's College.

Performances include:

Choir, Contemporary Dance, Concert Bands, Percussion Ensemble, Hip Hop Dance, String Ensembles and much, much more . . .

ENDEAVOUR HILLS NEWS

Bible Readings

- ☐ Mon Mar 30 1 John 4:20-21
- ☐ Tues Mar 31 1 John 5:1-2
- ☐ Wed Apr 1 1 John 5: 3-4
- ☐ Thu Apr 2 1 John 5: 5-8
- ☐ Fri Apr 3 1 John 5: 9-11



Japanese Cultural Exchange Programme

Twenty-two students from Shibuya high school in Japan spent 12 days visiting Maranatha this month. They stayed as guests in the homes of Maranatha families and spent numerous lessons learning English with Mrs Sharp. Special outings to the Melbourne Zoo, Dandenong Market and Lysterfield National Park also enabled us to develop their language skills. Special thanks to the families who opened up their homes to host a Japanese visitor, and to the MCS students themselves who acted as hosts and tour guides. It provided a great opportunity on weekends to take the visitors to church, youth group, or to other Victorian tourist attractions.

The programme concluded with a dinner and presentation evening last Friday where they showcased their musical talents and we farewelled them with some Aussie gifts and Mr Clark prayed for them. Some of the Japanese students were heard to say that they had had so much fun that they were tempted to lose their passports so they would not be able to go home! It was sensational to see the bond between Aussie and Japanese students develop in such a short space of time and we look forward to future exchange opportunities.



Discovery Years

The theme for this term has been "Who Am I?" and the Discovery students have been working on poetry which explores this theme. Many of the students have responded with some deep and profound responses to this question. The following is one of the poetry pieces on this topic:

"Who Am I?"

You ask me who I am
I start to answer then I stop
I could give you my name but is that who I am?
No, my name is my label
I am a boy, I am a son
I am a brother, I am a friend.
Does this make it any clearer?
I love to play, I love to eat
I love to sleep, I love to speak
Can you picture me yet?
I believe in Christ, I believe in His word
I believe He is alive, I believe He is coming back
What do I look like?
I am, I love, I believe,
I have faith to become what God wants me to be
Who am I you ask?
I am His child and that is what I hope you see.

By Zackary Smith 7A

ALL SCHOOL NEWS

Prayer Points

- Please pray for members of our community that are suffering from illness or undergoing treatment.
- Please pray for our Officer Grade 6 students and accompanying staff and parents as they venture off to their camp at Sovereign Hill.

Opportunity for P.I.P.S.

Needed for 20th and 21st April, volunteers to assist with Morning teas and Lunches for the N.I.C.E conference for teachers. If you can assist in any way please call Julie Massing on 9709 7233.

Cancellation of Basketball registration day

Owing to a later than expected finish of the CSSN Swimming Carnival, the 1st basketball registration day at Endeavour Hills Campus on March 26th was cancelled. The session scheduled for Thursday 2nd April will still run.

Mrs D Maidment

Wanted

Urgent Netball Players U13 Team
Weekly Netball Competition for Term 2
Competition is played at Pakenham Indoor Complex
Contact the School Office for further details
Other age groups also welcome.
Can't wait to have you involved.

Carey Whitehead - The Netball Club

Reminders!

1. Saturday - March 28th Earth Hour - please join in the nation wide initiative to switch off electrical appliances for ONE HOUR between 8:30pm - 9:30 pm on Saturday, March 28th.
2. Year 9 Coastal excursion on April 1st, 2009

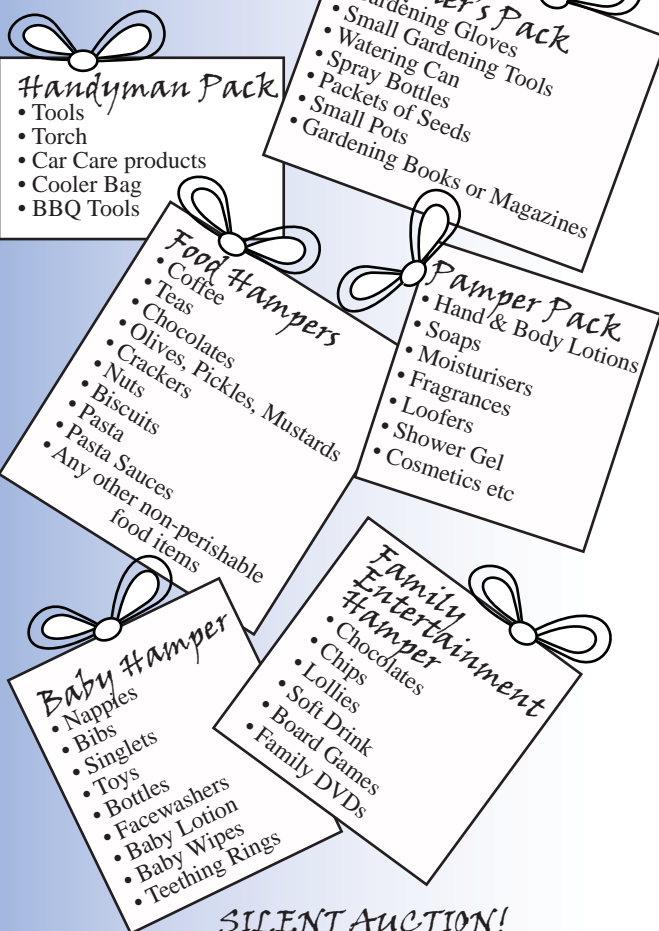
Careers News

Year 10 Work Experience: Please note that students are required to hand in their completed Work Experience forms by Friday 3 April (last day of Term 1)

MARANATHA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - THAILAND & INDONESIAN MISSION AWARENESS TRIPS 2009

We are collecting items (donations) to make up beautiful hampers for our Trivia Night/Auction Night to be held on Friday 29th May 2009. If you are able to donate any of the following items please leave them at the Endeavour Hills Office or Officer Reception labelled "Trivia Night". If you are donating food items please ensure that they are well within the expiry date and are non-perishable. All items should be new or unopened. We would also like baskets, cellophane and tissue paper to put together hampers.

Suggestions for donations:



SILENT AUCTION!

Once again we would like to run a silent auction and we are also seeking out donations of goods and services to auction on the night. If you have any contributions, ideas or are able to contact companies or individuals who may like to supply goods or services (holiday accommodation) to auction please contact Michelle Sharp on Ph: 9709 7269, Jen Munyard on Ph: 9709 7337, or Christine Burton on Ph: 9709 7284.