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Left to tell

'He left me to tell my story to others and show as many people as possible the healing power of His love and forgiveness.' – Immaculee Ilibagiza

'Left to Tell' is the inspiring true story of Immaculee Ilibagiza, a woman who lost her family during a killing spree that lasted three months and claimed the lives of nearly a million Rwandans. She spent 91 days with seven other women huddled silently in a cramped bathroom while hundreds of killers hunted for them. It was during this time that she discovered the power of prayer and experienced God's love in such a profound way that enabled her to seek out and forgive her family's killers.

During her time in hiding, Immaculee prayed for God to reveal His purpose for her life. She became certain that God wanted her to learn English so that she'd be able to tell her story to English-speaking people after the genocide. From morning to night she taught herself English by reading a French-English dictionary and two English books. She said, 'I read until my eyes refused to stay open. And I thanked God for every second He granted me to study.'

The thing that struck me as I was reading Immaculee's story was how committed she was to testify to God's faithfulness in her life and how expectant she was that God would provide for her. It prompted me to ask myself how intentional am I about testifying to God's faithfulness in my life in both spoken and unspoken ways. I was reminded of the time one of my children got into the car one day after school excited about the testimony a senior Maranatha student had given at

assembly. Just by sharing his story, this student had inspired my child to want to develop a faith like his.

In Paul's letter to the Romans he says, *"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going to work, and walking around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him"* (Rom 12:1 MSG). This verse suggests that the effectiveness of our witness lies in our response to our 'ordinary' lives.

What an incredible blessing it is to be part of a school community where we have the opportunity to encourage each other in our walk with God by sharing our testimonies. As a school community let's keep telling our stories of God's faithfulness in our lives. As parents, students and staff at Maranatha let's choose to lead transparent lives and speak often of what God has done for us as His people.

Like Immaculee, we have all been 'left to tell' our stories for God's glory.

Judy Linossier
Head of Primary
 – Officer campus

Prayer / Praise Points

- Please pray for our upcoming Open Day. Pray for new enrolments for 2010.
- Please pray for God's wisdom for our Government as they make decisions regarding the new Equal Opportunities Bill (see letter inserted with news sheet).

Open Day
 16th May 11am - 2pm



Our Annual Open Day will be held on 16 May at all three campuses between 11am - 2pm. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends to visit the school.

We would like to remind you of the 10% discount fee incentive for any new enrolments resulting from your introduction of new families to the school.

We are also holding the General Reunion Day on the same day so that our existing families can mention it to their older children or other past-students, parents and staff they know.

Another exciting bonus to this year's Open Day is that the Endeavour Hills Campus has invited Ben Price, renowned comedian and past student, to join them and he will be performing live at 1pm on the day. All Welcome!

Open Day
 16th May
 Guest appearance by Australia's best impersonator and past student:
Ben Price
 @ E./Hills Campus 1pm
 Bring your family and friends!

CAMPUS EVENTS

E/Hills Events...

- **Monday 11 May**
 - Yr 12 Elevate Education
- **Tuesday 12 May**
 - Junior Sport
 - NAPLAN Tests Yr 7 & 9
- **Wednesday 13 May**
 - NAPLAN Tests Yr 7 & 9
- **Thursday 14 May**
 - NAPLAN Tests Yr 7 & 9
- **Friday 15 May**
 - VCE Rally Day
 - Swimming Nationals

Doveton Events...

- **Monday 11 May**
 - Assembly
 - Little Fish Tales @ 9.30am
 - Swimming Lessons Grade Prep, 1, 2 & 4
- **Tuesday 12 May**
 - The Art Place – at 9.30am
 - Swimming Lessons Grade Prep, 1, 2 & 4
 - NAPLAN Grade 3&5
- **Wednesday 13th May**
 - District Cross Country – for selected students
 - Swimming Lessons Grade Prep, 1, 2 & 4
 - NAPLAN Grade 3&5
- **Thursday 14th May**
 - Swimming Lessons Grade Prep, 1, 2 & 4
 - NAPLAN Grade 3&5

Officer Events...

- **Monday 11 May**
 - Indo Tour fundraiser
 - Free dress day
- **Tues 12 May ⇨ Thurs 14 May**
 - NAPLAN Tests Year 3, 5, 7 & 9
- **Tuesday 12 May**
 - Excursion for Grade 6 students in the Environmental group
- **Wednesday 13 May**
 - Gr 3/4 Digestive system incursion
- **Thursday 14 May**
 - SIS sports for Year 7 & 8 students
- **Friday 15 May**
 - Yr 9/10 SIS sports
 - Gr 5/6 District cross country (and selected Gr 3 & 4 students)
 - Prep/1 Staylate

ENDEAVOUR HILLS NEWS

Canteen News

New at the canteen Veg options	
Vegie Burger	\$3.80
Vegie Pastie	\$3.50
Macaroni Cheese	\$3.60
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	\$3.00
Corn on the Cob	\$0.50



Also now serving Hot Soup each day! \$2.50 per cup, with a bread roll.

Help needed in Canteen - Monday, Thursday or Friday. Please ring Julie on 9709 7233 to go on the roster. Thanks. **PIP points apply.**

Open Studio Day

The inaugural open studio day up in the art centre on Monday at lunch time proved to be a resounding success! Many students participated – from Year 7 to 11 and the wide range of art produced in the 50 minutes was indicative of students' interest and involvement in the area. Art teachers were on hand just to observe and, as students were highly self-motivated, tuition was not necessary, only a distribution of materials. The Year 7 students eagerly embraced clay and drawing as their chosen media whilst the extra time gave Year 11s a chance to catch up on their print making skills and finish complicated lino prints which were already underway.

The future of this open studio idea looks promising. It will give students who have not chosen the subject a chance to experiment and appreciate the beauty and creativity of the Art and Graphic disciplines, once a fortnight.



Bible Readings

- Mon May 11 2 John v7-9
- Tue May 12 2 John v10-11
- Wed May 13 2 John v12-13
- Thu May 14 3 John v1-2
- Fri May 15 3 John v3-4

Senate Activities



Competition

14th May

Lunchtime activity

Take the Challenge!

Teachers are welcome to come and show off their guitar hero skills.

Instrumental Music Lessons at Endeavour Hills

Music lessons are available in the Music Department on a weekly basis. The following instrumental lessons are available:

Clarinet	Guitar *
Piano *	Trombone
Alto Saxophone	Drums *
Bass *	French Horn
Tenor Saxophone	Flute
Voice *	Violin
Piccolo	Trumpet

The asterix (*) denotes Music Lessons that are available with tutors from the Planet Shakers School of Creative Arts.

For further information, please obtain a form from Mr. Craig Minty - Teacher in Charge of Music at the Endeavour Hills Campus or contact 9709 7209.

DOVETON NEWS

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.

Enrolments for Siblings

Please check with the office that all your children are enrolled for the appropriate year. We also ask that all parents send in a copy of their child's Birth Certificate. As new siblings are born into the family please update the school with the details.

Swimming Lessons

This week Preps, Grade 1,2 and 4's have been trekking down to Haileybury Berwick Campus for swimming lessons. Here are some of the children's reflections
'I jumped into the deep swimming pool and caught the noodle' Ethan 1B
'I jumped into the pool and did Doggy Paddle. We had to put our head under water and blow bubbles. I was in blue.' Beryl 1B
'The pool was cold and we were allowed to kick with kickboards.' Collette 1J.
'The pool is warm and they have good teachers.' Dion 4W.
'Swimming is lots of fun because some of the strokes like breast-stroke are easy.' Joshua 4M



Sale of Books

Parents are invited to look at books in the Interview Room. We have a variety of Booksellers who leave a selection of books that may be purchased. Parents are welcome to order. Payment of order must be left with Emma Dam or Joanne Prins prior to delivery date.

Open Day

Open Day – Saturday 16th May 11.00am -2.00pm. Please invite your church family and friends. If you are able to assist in any way please contact the office on 9709 7350. P.I.P. points apply.

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:

- #### Handyman Pack
- Tools
 - Torch
 - Car Care products
 - Cooler Bag
 - BBQ Tools

- #### Gardener's Pack
- Gardening Gloves
 - Small Gardening Tools
 - Watering Can
 - Spray Bottles
 - Packets of Seeds
 - Small Pots
 - Gardening Books or Magazines

- #### Food Hampers
- Coffee
 - Teas
 - Chocolates
 - Olives, Pickles, Mustards
 - Crackers
 - Nuts
 - Biscuits
 - Pasta
 - Pasta Sauces
 - Any other non-perishable food items

- #### Pamper Pack
- Hand & Body Lotions
 - Soaps
 - Moisturisers
 - Fragrances
 - Loofers
 - Shower Gel
 - Cosmetics etc

- #### Baby Hamper
- Nappies
 - Bibs
 - Singlets
 - Toys
 - Bottles
 - Facewashers
 - Baby Lotion
 - Baby Wipes
 - Teething Rings

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.

OFFICER NEWS

Open Day

It is our privilege to be a part of quality Christ-centered education. At Maranatha parents partner with Christian staff in nurturing their children. How satisfying it is to see students inspired as they learn about Christian views and values and discover their God-given gifts, abilities and character. If you know of others who would like to be a part of this amazing community, invite them along to our **Open Day Saturday, 16th May, 11:00am – 2:00 pm.**

Indo Tour Fundraiser

There will be a free dress day Monday 11/5/09 with proceeds going towards the Indonesian Tour. Students' attire on a free dress day must be appropriate and reflect Maranatha's values. Remember free dress does not include wearing makeup. Students who elect to come in free dress are to bring a gold coin donation.

Assembly

There will be a Prep – Year 10 assembly on Monday 11/5/09, 2:40 pm – 3:00 pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Uniform - Just a reminder that students are to be in winter uniform for term 2 and 3. See parent hand book (p 24-27) for details.

After School Sports

The Active After-school Communities program began on Thursday 7th May and will continue until Thursday 18th June. The program runs from 3:20pm - 4:20pm each week. If you would like your child to participate in the program this term please fill in the parent consent form sent home with last week's news sheet and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible to confirm your child's place.



CELEBRATE THE SMALL STUFF

Gifts and messages from your children are wonderful, but perhaps the most fulfilling thing you could do this Mothers' Day is resolve to celebrate yourself!

In this most challenging role you are doing huge things, but in the tiniest of baby steps, making it hard to see and feel progress at times.

So rejoice in the small things. Observe and commemorate those daily achievements that feed into the big picture of your life as a Mum. If no-one else happens to notice then remind them what an incredible Mum they have and how lucky they are to have her!

ALL SCHOOL NEWS

Enrolment Confirmation

We are in the process of confirming our new student placements for 2010. If you are a current family in the school and have not received a Confirmation of Enrolment Intention form to complete, and you are expecting your child/children to commence school at Maranatha in 2010, please call our Registrar, Janet de Jong, on 9709 7217.

We have waiting lists at many of our year levels so if you have not enrolled your younger child/children, or are not certain they are enrolled for future years please do not hesitate to call.

Never too late to Congratulate!

Last Term - The Maranatha Swans Under 11's won! It was a victory...

Yes we won 11 to 9. Thanks to 10 very excited girls Rachael Crossett, Linda Turley, Lucy Crock, Sarah Skipper, Jordan Subban, Talia D'Costa, Nadia Bakerov, Vera Bakerov, Gabrielle Cameron and Aimey Tarsicuis. Grandfinal Premiers for the City of Berwick Netball Association.

All played their very best and did a fantastic job. The Player of the match went to Gabrielle Cameron. Well done Gabby!

Thanks to Mrs Whitehead for all her coaching and for forming the Maranatha Netball Club.

Blessings from Jane Crossett Team Manager

Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 NAPLAN Tests

Next week the Year 3s, 5s, 7s and 9s will be involved in NAPLAN tests according to the table below. Please be in prayer for our students as they participate in these tests.

NAPLAN TEST

Year Level	Tuesday 12 May	Wednesday 13 May	Thursday 14 May
Year 3	Language Conventions* 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy** 45 minutes
Year 5	Language Conventions* 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy** 50 minutes
Year 7	Language Conventions* 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy** 40 minutes x 2 (80 minutes in total) Calculator-allowed test to be scheduled first, followed by Non-calculator test.
Year 9	Language Conventions* 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy** 40 minutes x 2 (80 minutes in total) Calculator-allowed test to be scheduled first, followed by Non-calculator test.

* **Language Conventions** incorporates spelling, grammar and punctuation.

** **Numeracy** incorporates Number, Algebra, function and pattern, Space, Measurement, chance and data.



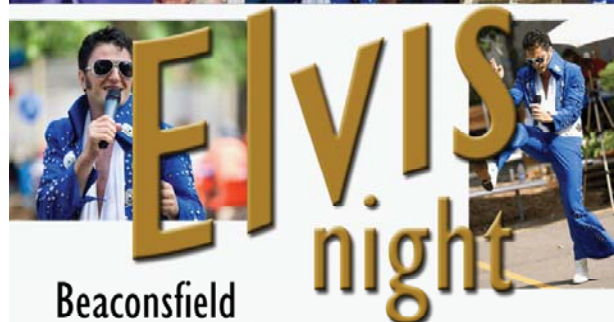
Dancing Anyone?

Calling all adults who enjoy dancing!
Rad & Glenn Foote - our Deb dance teachers - are giving you the opportunity to have your own Presentation Ball - the

“Last Chance Deb Ball”.

**It will be held on
Saturday 3rd October 2009.**

For more details & enrolment forms,
please contact Jenny Zuiderwyk (9700 5447)
or Julie Massing (End Hills canteen, 9709 7200)
your P & F representatives.



**Beaconsfield
Community Centre**

O'Neil Road, Beaconsfield (hosted by Friends First Church)

**Cost: \$30 - (includes finger food)
Friday 22 May 2009 - 7:30pm til late**



**For further information
Contact:**

Officer : Anne van Rensburg 9709 7321
Doveton : Kari Sosnowski Ph: 9709 7355
Endeavour Hills : Andre Sosnowski 9709 7274

LOST: Waterproof Maranatha Jacket - Name on tag 'FORSYTH'. Lost on photo day. Please call Eli - 0425 771 269.

FOR SALE: GORGEOUS DEB DRESS 'Princess' style beaded and sequinned bodice, full tulle skirt, shoestring straps. Size 8 - worn once. Paid \$550 but will sell for \$300. Call Heather 0422 508 459

FOR SALE: VCE Jumper - GC Size 16 \$20 Call Heather 0422 508 549