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Trusting God in Trying Times

In our devotions at Endeavour Hills this year we have been working our way through the epistles of John. We have learned much in studying these books. But now that we have finished these, we've had to make a decision on where to go next in our devotions.

We live in trying times. The global financial meltdown is affecting Australian families. Family budgets are being squeezed on an increasing scale, and many of our Maranatha families are feeling the pinch. Friends at church have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. This may be your experience as a family too.

Questions that get asked in these trying times are; 'what is God doing?' 'Does He not care what happens?' Most of us may never voice doubts about God's sovereignty and His ability to order events, but sometimes these doubts persist.

So in deciding on a new Bible book to study at Endeavour Hills, the Old Testament prophet Habakkuk came to mind. He lived in trying times too, (only his circumstances were far worse than what we are facing).

At the beginning of the book, Habakkuk had a problem. He had witnessed the spiritual reforms under King Josiah when the nation of Judah seemed to turn back to God. But when Josiah was killed in battle, the nation of Judah reverted back to their idolatry and rebellion.

Habakkuk the prophet saw these regressions and asked God how He witnessed these injustices yet didn't act (Hab 1:1-4).

In reply, God, as it were, pulled back the curtain of history a little, and revealed to Habakkuk His immediate plans. God stated that He was raising up the Chaldeans to exercise judgement over the nation of Judah. A fearful recount of their ferocity is found in 1:5-11.

Habakkuk was stunned! This was totally unexpected, and he was horrified by this expectation. As part of his reply to God found in 1:12-2:1, he asked in verse 13, 'Why are You silent when the wicked swallow up those more righteous than they?'

The rest of chapter 2 was God's answer to Habakkuk's second query. He stated that although the Chaldeans were being used by Him to judge the nation of Judah, nevertheless they would in turn receive God's judgement. They too would receive God's just judgement.

Habakkuk's response is found in chapter 3. He recounted God's mighty acts in history. God had proven Himself faithful over and over again. Habakkuk, when he stepped back from viewing history only through the lens of his own lifetime, perceived a God whose ways are higher and purposes

larger than Habakkuk could make out. By readjusting his focus from short term to long term, Habakkuk was able to finish the book triumphantly.

The most famous verse in Habakkuk's short book, quoted in three places in the New Testament in various ways, is chapter 2 verse 4 which finishes up with the phrase '... the righteous will live by his faith'.

Yes, we live in troubled times, but we need to trust God in these troubled times. As we, the Maranatha family, face these times, and as we study the book of Habakkuk in devotions at Endeavour Hills, we pray that God will increase our vision as staff, students, management and families. May He enlarge our vision to see our troubles in perspective on the canvas of history, so that we too may trust God as unconditionally as Habakkuk did.

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Prayer / Praise Points

- Please pray for the Light FM Live Broadcast next Friday at the Endeavour Hills Campus and all those involved.
- Please pray for God's wisdom for our Government as they make decisions regarding the Equal Opportunities Act amendment.

Maranatha is hosting A LIVE BROADCAST of the Morning Wake-up Show with Luke and Lucy!
JOIN US BETWEEN 6AM - 9AM at the Endeavour Hills Campus for a **free cappuccino** sponsored by Tabor College.
Breakfast \$2 is also available (money raised goes toward the Thai/Indo mission teams) and **live entertainment** for all ages.
There will also be staff and student interviews including past student Clayton Bjelan (Light FM's 'Your Morning' host).
If you can't be there - tune in from 6am to 9am to 89.9 Light FM and listen to all the fun!

Maranatha is a Christian learning community in partnership with home and church where students are inspired to discover and develop their God-given gifts, abilities and character for a life of service to the Lord in contemporary society

CAMPUS EVENTS

E/Hills Events...

- **Monday 25 May**
 - Yr 12 TIS Excursion
- **Tuesday 27 May**
 - Yr 12 Psychology Excursion
 - SIS Cross Country
- **Thursday 28 May**
 - Footy Dress Day and Sausage Sizzle - Gold Coin Donation
- **Friday 29 May**
 - Yr 10 History Liberty Day
 - Light FM Live Broadcast 6am-9am

Doveton Events...

- **Monday 25 May**
 - Assembly - 4W
 - Swimming Lessons Grade 3,5&6
 - Little Fish Tales @ 9.30am Library
 - Second-hand Uniform Shop 9am-10am
- **Tuesday 26 May**
 - The Art Place - at 9.30am
 - Swimming Lessons Grade 3,5&6
- **Wednesday 27 May**
 - Story-Time at Myuna Farm - Preps
 - Swimming Lessons Grade 3,5&6
- **Thursday 28 May**
 - Doveton Library excursion for Library monitors
 - Swimming Lessons Grade 3,5&6

Officer Events...

- **Monday 25 May**
 - Rock Eisteddfod rehearsals performers only 3.30pm-5.30pm
- **Tuesday 26 May**
 - Indonesian Tour fundraiser Sausage Sizzle
 - Iron and Clay concert at Officer
- **Wednesday 27 May**
 - Secondary District Cross country - selected students only
- **Thursday 28 May**
 - SIS sport for Yr 7 & 8
 - McClelland Gallery Yr 9
- **Friday 29 May**
 - Yr 9/10 SIS sports

ENDEAVOUR HILLS NEWS

Year 11 Excursion

Forty-six Year 11 History students attended this year's excursion. The Holocaust museum offers a unique opportunity for students to interact with survivors of the Nazi concentration camps. Despite the painful memories, the guides generously share their stories of living through a very dark period of European history. The lesson learnt is that judging a person's worth according to their race is de-humanising. For most students, this year's excursion was a thoroughly engaging and thought-provoking experience.

Bible Readings

- Mon May 25 Intro to Habakkuk
- Tue May 26 Habakkuk 1:1
- Wed May 27 Habakkuk 1:2-4
- Thu May 28 Habakkuk 1:5
Isaiah 46:8-11
- Fri May 29 Habakkuk 1:6-11



Rally Day Soccer team

Rally Day - Boys Soccer Victory!

On Friday 15th May, Maranatha's Boys Soccer Team won the Rally Day Soccer finals held at Hillcrest Christian School. They competed against soccer teams from 7 other schools and after 5 matches they advanced into the finals. The team was made up of fourteen students from Year's 11 and 12, most of who had come through Grade 5 and Grade 6 in the Upper Primary Section at Endeavour Hills. That was in 2002, my first year of teaching at Maranatha. Now, seven years later, as I watched the boys conducting themselves with noticeable self-assurance, I marveled at how they had become such fine, young Christian men. They were encouraging and complimentary towards each other, stayed focused throughout the day and remained dignified in victory. I was proud to be associated with them and with Maranatha; thankful for the Christian values we try to model and teach, and once again realised the privilege and responsibility it is to shape young lives. They won their final match 3-0 and although I was proud of their victory on the field, I was even more proud of the way they conducted themselves off the field! "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith....." (Hebrews 12: 1-2)

Mr A. Sosnowski

FOOTY DAY and Sausage Sizzle

There will be a sausage sizzle and Footy Dress Day on Thursday the 28th to raise money for the Indonesian Trip.

Students can wear clothes and colours to support their favorite footy, soccer, rugby or other sports team. There will be a gold coin donation for Footy Dress and sausages and drinks will be sold for a dollar each.

Career news

Year 9 WorkLife activities: during the last two weeks of this term all Year 9 students will participate in a range of "life after school" type activities including industry and tertiary institution visits and job interviews.

Print on Clay - Discovery Years

Year 7A Art students this week were the 3rd only group in the world to print photographs onto clay using a brand new method invented by Mrs. Hodge. The method enables students to get clear, dark inkjet images straight onto the clay and to see an instant result. These personal images, on tile clay, sometimes humorous, imbued with meaning and text can then be fired and displayed at home. As Photoshop and printing techniques become increasingly important in our school curriculum, students are encouraged in Art to push boundaries and explore new media, incorporating Photoshop with their own God-given drawing and painting abilities, even in year 7. Christian students celebrate their capacity to see the world with fresh eyes and minds and the students printing on clay were certainly excited to be able to appreciate clay in such a unique and challenging way.



Print on Clay

OFFICER NEWS

Open Day

We had a terrific day despite the cold, the rain and the wind. The hot muffins were excellent, the music played by Officer students set a great atmosphere... so much was happening with many students, parents and staff contributing in their own way to help make the day the success that it was. Thank you all.

Indonesian Tour fundraiser

Remember...there will be a sausage sizzle on Tuesday 26/5/09 to help raise funds for students going on the Indonesian Tour. Sausages \$1, Cans of drink \$1, Onions extra \$0.20. Grade Prep - 4 students please bring the correct money in an envelope marked with your name, and what you intend to buy.

Assembly

There will be Prep – 6 assembly on Monday 25/5/09, 2:40 pm – 3:00 pm. Grade 6 students will be presenting an item. Parents are welcome to attend.

District Cross Country and Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the students who competed in the primary District Cross Country Race. Great achievements were made by Tristan Leek finishing 1st in U12/13 boys, Titchiang Mai 5th in U12/13 girl's, Lisa Buhai - 10th in U11's girls, Tom Stear - 7th in U11 boy's. Tristan Leek and Titchiang Mai were successful in qualifying for the zone cross country meet. At Zone level, Titchiang ran a strong race and finished in the middle of the pack in 47th place. Tristan ran one of his best races yet finishing 4th and qualifying for the State Competition in July! All competitors did an excellent job participating, supporting and encouraging each other. Well done.

P & F Buy Better Books

All families that have not purchased their books please return them by 29/5/09.

Lost

- New size 10 girls Rivers winter jacket (lining has hot pink butterflies). If found please call Kerrie on 0425 852 551.
- Brand new size 14 jumper named Joel Hicks. If found please call Gina on 5941 4357.

Some future events:

- Tuesday 2/6/09 → Rock Eisteddfod rehearsal (performers only)
- Thursday 4/6/09 → SIS sports for Year 7 & 8 students
- Friday 5/6/09 → SIS sports for Year 9 & 10 students

Rock Eisteddfod Rehearsals:

A notice has been sent home advising when after school and holiday rehearsals will be occurring. All performers and all backstage members must attend these rehearsals.

Term Two rehearsals:		Holiday rehearsals:	
Monday 25/5/09 (Performers only)	3:30 – 5:30pm	Monday 29/6/09	1:30 – 5:30pm
Tuesday 2/6/09	3:30 – 5:30pm	Monday 6/7/09	1:30 – 5:30pm
Wednesday 17/6/09	3:30 – 5:50pm	Monday 13/7/09	3:30 – 5:30pm

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.

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.

Second-Hand Uniforms

Parents if your children have outgrown their uniforms and they are still in good condition please consider donating items to the Second-Hand Uniform Shop. We stock all sizes and uniform items are available for all 3 Campuses. All funds go to Ed. Support across the 3 campuses.

Wanted for Doveton Campus

Plastic bags and 2 litre icecream containers with lids.

Grade 3 Sleep-Over.

Some responses from the Students:

I didn't sleep because my mattress was as thin as paper. *Georgia 3F*

I was not scared of the dark because I had a torch. *Stephanie 3F*

Mrs Inman fell asleep and we shouted in her ear, she screamed in horror. We had so much fun, *Danielle 3B*

Grade 3 sleepover was the best, we did lots of activities. *Jacinth 3B*



Laughter at Doveton

Our staff in the Doveton office had a rather unusual visitor on Wednesday morning.

A young man promoting the 'Zoo To You' company he works for, entered reception with a friend of his, Bumpy Stumpy who was a stumpy tailed lizard, hence the name. A very placid 6 year old, he posed with staff for a number of photos. Laughter broke out when a member of the reception team who was very wary of holding the little fella was seeking the camera for photos when she curiously looked to see where one lizard ended and the other started!! Of course then the light went on and the unnamed person bellowed out 'Oooh, it's all one lizard!!!' If only the animal world knew the tricks they play on their human friends!

Zone Cross Country

15 Maranatha students represented the Endeavour Hills District in the annual Zone Cross Country at Syd Pargetter Reserve on Wednesday. This event is always a challenge and it was exciting to see our students continuing to do their utmost in all they undertake. Although they were exhausted by the end of their races, all students are to be commended for the enthusiasm and commitment they displayed on the day. Thank you to you all for contributing to such a wonderful sense of team unity and enjoyment. Special mention must go to Madeline Hole and Noah Charalambous who came 11th and 10th in their races. With approximately 60 students from across the South Eastern Zones in each race this is a wonderful effort.

ALL SCHOOL NEWS

Equal Opportunity Act Amendment

This weekend offers an opportunity to meet local MP Luke Donnellan and discuss amendments to the Equal Opportunity Act.

Saturday 23rd May 2009

- 10am-11am Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre (near Safeway)
- 11.30am-12.30pm Spring Square Shopping Centre, Hallam
- 1pm - 2pm Fountain Gate Shopping Centre (near Big W)
- 2.30pm-3.30pm Parkhill Plaza, Berwick
- 4pm-5pm Narre Warren North General Store - Narre Warren North

29th May '09 7pm
 Thailand & Indonesian Mission Trips

TRIVIA & Auction NIGHT

Where: Maranatha Christian School
 Endeavour Hills Hall

Cost: \$15.00 per person
 Snacks provided on the night

Some Items for Auction on the night Include:
 Original paintings done by elephants in Thailand (This has to be seen to be believed), Holiday Accommodation, Sailing Trip, Tools, Vouchers for beauty treatments, Services by qualified Tradesmen, Hampers
 And much, much more.

There will be live and silent auctions, trivia and games happening on the night.

Come along and enjoy a fun night and help support our school in Missions to the Nations.

Donations still gratefully accepted.

Ticket Enquiries:
 Call Michelle Sharp 9709 7269 or Delwyn Maidment on 9709 7221

Thailand Mission Trip Fundraiser

Fernwood Women's Health Club in Narre Warren have offered us the following package for fundraising. All proceeds will go toward the Thailand Mission Trips 2009.

Package Includes:

- 21 Day Membership at Fernwood Narre Warren
 - 1 Free guest pass
 - 1 Free Personal Training Session
- \$100.00 Discount on 12 month membership
- 1 Free Simplicity Consultation - nutrition and weight loss
- 3 Personal Training Sessions for \$99.00

All this for just \$20.00

If you are interested please call Michelle Sharp on 9709 7269

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.

Parents and Friends

Entertainment Books: By now, we trust that all Maranatha families have had time to browse through the 2009/2010 Entertainment Book - or the local Buy Better voucher book - which are both currently on sale to help the fund-raising efforts of Maranatha's Parents & Friends.

Endeavour Hills and Doveton families should have received an Entertainment Book - and each Officer family was sent a Buy Better Book ... if you have not received your copy, please have a chat with your oldest child - or check their school bag! If you have not seen the many half-price vouchers and special offers available, just ask at the Office or phone Lynne Dickson on 9737 1012 and we will arrange to send a book/s home to you. Entertainment Books cost \$65 each - and have discount vouchers to the value of \$15,000 - and Buy Better books are \$30 with tremendous savings available from many local businesses in the Narre Warren, Fountain Gate, Cranbourne, Hampton Park, Hallam and Berwick area.

If you do not wish to keep either of these books, please return them to school - or better still, please send your payment clearly marked with your name. All funds raised by P & F are distributed between our three campuses to provide extra facilities.

Billy G Gourmet Cookie Dough: Please return orders by 29 May. Delivery in time for school holidays.

Presentation Ball

4th JULY - YEAR 11's.

The preparations for the Presentation Ball are well underway, with a great sense of anticipation of a great event! Just a few reminders:

Mon 25th May: Deadline for enrolment in the Parent's Dancing Lessons: 5 lessons with our professional dance teachers, for the extremely reasonable price of \$32.50 pp or \$65 per couple. (Commencing Thurs 4th June, 7.30 pm)

Wed 27th May: Final payments due from participants. Please direct deposit, or leave at Endeavour Hills Office in well labelled envelope. The payments cannot be added to school fees or paid by Credit Card.

Wed 3rd June: 5.30 pm: SUIT FITTINGS for ALL Deb participants (boys and girls) - in the Endeavour Hills Hall.

Wed 3rd June: 6.15 pm: First dancing lesson. Parents welcome to ask questions, meet the dance teachers, and observe.

Please arrange your lives so that you don't miss any of the dance lessons/rehearsals. (this may mean notifying employers and sporting commitments)

Any questions: please see Mrs Massing - Endeavour Hills Canteen, or contact Jenny Zuiderwyk - 9700 5447 or jaznotes@hotmail.com.

We encourage all of our community to write letters to the Government regarding the amendment to the Equal Opportunities Act. A petition will be available soon.