



Friday 7th August

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Discernment and Wisdom

Recently my 3 year old son was out of bed unable to sleep and sitting on the floor. The TV was going with a game show on. Someone on the show used some foul language. Straight after my son repeated the words, very proud of himself. He had subconsciously taken in what was out there in the world.

It highlighted to me how much our children take in from movies and TV that we don't even think about. *"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight."* 1 Cor 3:19. Are we just being fooled by what is being shown on our TV screens, the books we read or even the music on our iPods?

What are our children spending most of their time with? And what is it we are encouraging them to value? We should be teaching them to value wisdom and faith. As a conscious decision I am sure this is what we do, and we all agree that this is what we are called to do. However do we allow the world to speak into their lives without us having a say in it.

I am far from suggesting that we remove any of these worldly voices from our children's lives. I am suggesting that we take away the influence that they have. We need not sweep these influences under the carpet, but deal with them.

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be

transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2

God's wisdom is one of the most powerful weapons we can arm our children with. We should be talking with our children about how to find God's will. We should teach our children discernment. We must guide our children towards wisdom so they can effectively test and approve what God's will is.

Paul Lock
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Cardinia Campus



Prayer / Praise Points

- Please pray for Alan Crowden who has had another operation this week. Pray for a full recovery and for his family during this time.
- Please pray for our student representatives at this year's Rock Eisteddfod on Monday 10th August.
- Please continue to pray for members of our community who are undergoing medical treatment or recovering from illness at this time.
- Please pray for Casey Senior students going to the National Basketball Carnival in Queensland next week and the Cardinia Year 8 students who will be going on a ski camp next week.

NEXT WEEK

Casey Senior Campus...

- ▶ **Mon 10 - Fri 14 August**
 - National Basketball Carnival, Gold Coast



Casey Junior Campus...

- ▶ **Monday 10 August**
 - Assembly
 - Prayer time
 - After School Netball for selected students
 - Little Fish Tales at 9.30am
 - NO 'ART PLACE' THIS WEEK
 - Second-Hand Uniform Shop open 9am to 10am.
- ▶ **Tuesday 11 August**
 - House Athletics for Grade 3 – Grade 6 at Robert Booth Reserve, Clow Street, Dandenong (Mel Ref 90H6)
- ▶ **Wednesday 12th August**
 - Prep Excursion to Healesville Sanctuary
- ▶ **Thursday 13th August**
 - Back up date if House Athletics is cancelled
- ▶ **Friday 14th August**
 - Grade 1 RACV Safety Incursion



Cardinia Campus Events...

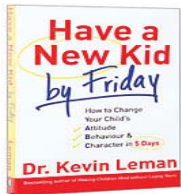
- ▶ **Monday 10 - Friday 14 August**
 - Book Week (Primary)
- ▶ **Monday 10 August**
 - Rock Eisteddfod Heat
 - Primary Assembly, Grade 2 item
 - Public speaking competition
- ▶ **Tuesday 11 August**
 - Krispy Kreme Dough-nation Fundraiser 7-9pm @ Fountain Gate store.
- ▶ **Wednesday 12 August**
 - Melbourne Bands Festival Yr 8 students
- ▶ **Thursday 13 August**
 - Book Character (primary) and movie Character (secondary) parade 9am - *rescheduled from Fri 14th August.*
- ▶ **Thurs 13th & Fri 14 August**
 - Students in Grades 4-6 can audition at lunch time for the Cardinia Campus Musical - "Annie"



CASEY SENIOR NEWS

New Parenting and Personal Development Library Resource at Maranatha

Now Parents can borrow from our Library too! Browse the new collection at the Endeavour Hills Library or contact your friendly librarians on 9709 7234.



Have a New Kid by Friday shows parents how to reverse negative behavior in their children-FAST! Focusing on changing a child's attitude, behavior, and character, it contains chapters for each day of the week.

Discovery Years

Sam and Albert proudly display their Egyptology Journal front covers (below).

"This term we are learning about ancient civilizations in History. It is interesting learning about ancient Egyptians worshiping the Nile River because of the gifts it provided; water, a way of transport, fish and fertile soil. We are creating our own journals about our discoveries and learning a lot at the same time."



Maranatha's Got Talent Auditions

Casey Senior Campus auditions for the Senate run event: **Maranatha's got Talent** will be held on 12th and 13th August - **YOU MUST HAVE SIGNED UP FIRST!**



CARDINIA NEWS

Swimming program

Students in Prep to Grade 2 really enjoyed their recent swimming program. It was lovely to hear that the swim centre rang Miss Newlin to congratulate the school on the behaviour of our children. They listened and swam beautifully! Here are some comments from the children:

- *At swimming I liked swimming under water.* (Lachlan)
- *I dived in at swimming.* (Emily)
- *At swimming I liked going in the deep end.* (Isla)
- *At swimming I did board racing.* (Samuel)



Conveyance Allowance

The Conveyance Allowance Bulk Claim for Semester 2 is due to be submitted by 10th August, 2009. Families who have already submitted an application form at the beginning of the year do not need to submit a second one. Families who have commenced at Maranatha (Officer Campus) or moved house since 1st March, 2009, may be eligible for the Conveyance Allowance for Semester 2.

If you think you might be eligible, please complete an application form, available from the office, and return it by Monday, 10th August, 2009. Please note that no applications can be accepted after this date.

Please contact Gen Smit on 9709 7212 for further information.

GEM Group garden express fundraiser

We are in the process of setting up a kitchen garden at Cardinia Campus. The kitchen garden will be a wonderful benefit to the whole school with students helping plant and tend the garden as well as using what is grown for cooking. This week a bulbs and plants catalogue will be sent out to raise funds for the proposed kitchen garden. Please consider helping us get this project underway by purchasing some bulbs or plants from the catalogue. You could also ask neighbours, friends or family if they would like to purchase something. Extra catalogues can be obtained from the office. Orders are due back on Monday August 17th. Thank you for your support. Mrs Davy and the GEM group.

Koorong Kids Book Club

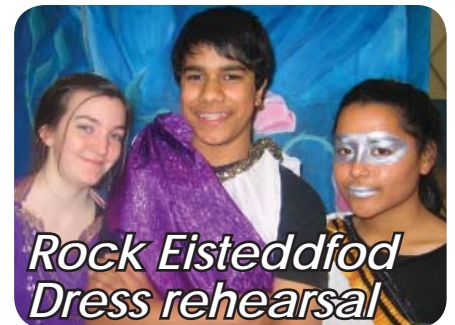
One of our wonderful parents Mrs Leanne Pagano kindly offered to coordinate a Koorong Kids Book Club fundraiser for the Cardinia Campus library. Parents can purchase quality books through the Koorong Kids catalogue. Simply fill out the order form and return this to reception with the correct money in a sealed envelope marked Koorong Kids, include your name, your child's name and grade on the envelope. Catalogues will be sent out with the news sheet. A percentage of the sales are donated to the Cardinia Campus library.

The Cardinia Civic Concert Band.

One of our students Dylan Needs is a member of the Cardinia Civic Concert Band. He will be performing with the band at the Cardinia Cultural Centre (Lakeside Boulevard Pakenham) on the 30th of August at 2pm. Tickets are for sale adults \$20 and concession \$15, family of 4 \$50. Anyone interested in attending can contact Dylan on 03 5998 8326.

Rock Eisteddfod

Around 50 secondary students from our campus are involved and will perform at Hisense Arena on Monday August 10th at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketeck (Ph: 132 849). Don't miss this fantastic event!



Rock E performers: Hannah Tabone, Chris Sermeno and Corina Varga.

CASEY JUNIOR NEWS

Prayer Time

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

Assembly

This Monday 10th August - Grade 1B.

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.

Grade 3-6 Athletics

We would appreciate some Parent Helpers to assist our Teachers at our Athletics day. PIP Points Apply. Please contact the Doveton office if you would like to help.

Heroes of the Old Testament

The Casey Junior Campus (Doveton) is bursting with enthusiasm as students and teachers from Grade Prep and 1 prepare for their spectacular presentation of "Heroes of the Old Testament" to be performed at the Maranatha School Hall, Endeavour Hills, at 7.30 p.m. TONIGHT, Friday the 7th of August.
PLEASE NOTE: TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!



The Challenge for Charity

Each year at many of our campus carnivals staff set themselves against parents and students in an attempted show of unity and fitness! These challenges don't always fall our way and staff wonder what can be done for the following year to allow them some degree of success and to save face. Behold, our answer has arrived, we are calling in the big fish – Head of the Casey Junior Campus, Joe Belousoff is taking on: 'The Challenge for Charity' in 2010.

The catch is that our school community must raise \$10,000 for charity to see Mr Belousoff actually brave the chilly waters of the Doveton Pool in The Park. Donations can be made through our Doveton office – further information about the charity we are supporting will be made in coming weeks.

Come on and get behind our cause!

Library News

Book Week Update: 24th - 28th August
Theme: Book Safari
Book Parade Theme: Jungle/Safari or a Character from the short listed books.



Our aim of book week this year is to turn the school into a 'Living Jungle' on Book Parade Day 24th August. Therefore, all costumes are to be from books related in some way to the jungle, a safari or a character from the short listed books. A list of suggestions is available from school. All characters must relate to this theme and the characters must come from a book, not a film. The children will need to know the book title and author that their character has come from. We can't wait to see everyone in their costumes!

Book Week update:

Only 2 weeks to go to Book Week - Book Safari. Have you organised your character costumes yet? If not you can find some ideas at the Doveton Office - just follow the paw prints... Have you entered our competitions? **Competitions close 14th August, 2009.** Don't forget to try and name our crocodile - don't be fooled by his smile!

Parent helpers are needed for Book Week - either to help in classroom on Parade Day - 24/8/2009 or during the week for our Book Week. A good way to earn P.I.P. points. All families should have received a letter this week keeping you up to date with Book Week information.



We will also be having a Book fair. We receive a percentage of the monies collected for the sale of these books. Parents, if you have worked at the Book fair's in the past or would like to help us this year and earn PIP points, **please contact Mrs Mitchell in the library on 9709-7354.**

We are still looking for more help with covering books and stock taking. Training is available if you have never covered Library Books.

Uniforms

The Second-hand Uniform Shop would be pleased to have any current uniform items that your children have outgrown.

Help! Mother of a Prep child is looking for someone who could assist with driving her child to and from school. The family lives in Lyndhurst. **Please ring Eleanor 9702 7287 if you can help.**

ALL SCHOOL NEWS



Dough-nation Fundraiser!

Support the Indonesian Tour with our Dough-nation Fundraiser!

Where: Fountain Gate Krispy Kreme

When: Tuesday, August 11th between 7-9pm

The Indonesian Tour will receive 50% of what goes through the till between 7-9pm.



URGENT HELP REQUIRED!
Saturday 15th August 8.30am
Paper shed clearance.
Contact Chris on 0448 453 020
BYO Tractor, car or truck (if you have one available).
PIP points apply.



Coffee @ Lazzios

New parents or parent just wanting to connect with others are welcome to join us for coffee every Friday, commencing the 14th August at 9am onwards, at Lazzios Bakery, 57 Heatherton Rd, Endeavour Hills.

Shopping Tour!

Saturday 12th September 2009

Everyone is invited to a fun filled day full of shopping. Manchester, Books, Adult and Kids Clothes, Chocolates and Lollies, Handbags, Shoes, Cosmetics and much much more....

Delicious Restaurant Lunch!

\$45 per person

\$20 non refundable deposit to be paid by 28th August to secure your place. For more information contact Julie Massing on 9709 7233 or 0411 609 176

Thank you!

Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee (SARC) Review of Changes to the Equal Opportunity Act. Public Hearings – 4th and 5th August 2009

It was most enlightening and exciting to participate in the SARC Public Hearings on 5th August 2009.

The SARC raised some very interesting questions in regard to the Review of the Equal Opportunity Act eg:

- o How would the removal of “exemptions” and “exceptions” affect your organisation?
- o Would VCAT be a competent authority to judge matters of a religious nature?
- o Can we divide the core and non-core religious aspects of Christian education?

The presentations by Mount Evelyn Christian School, CSA Australia, the ACL (Australian Christian Lobby), Anglican, Presbyterian and Catholic churches were insightful, logical and effective. They conveyed the importance of our religious ethos, distinctives and faith-base that permeates every aspect of School and Church ministry, and strongly opposed any changes that would jeopardise our very ethos and Christian mission.

All staff and parents will be updated on further developments and outcomes as they arise.

Maranatha Christian School's submissions to the SARC inquiry into Exceptions and Exemptions to the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 have been overwhelming! Maranatha's dedicated effort in sending petitions has been significant! Thank you so much for getting behind our school in supporting Management to make our voice heard.

As the date for submitting petitions has elapsed (10 July, 2009) we would like to ask the community to refrain from sending further petitions. Thanks!



WEEKLY
HOT TIP

Making Disagreements Work For You

Is it ever OK to argue in front of the kids? It's definitely best avoided.

But what about disagreeing? I'd like to meet the parents who think they can manage that and ask their secret!

Modelling healthy ways to disagree is one of the most valuable things you can do for your children. Stay clear of personal put-downs, raising your voice, or leaving the scene when it's not going your way. Show your kids a commitment to hearing the other's point of view and working towards a solution you can both be happy with, and their conflict management skills will be something you can be proud of.

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Brotherhood of St Laurence Saver Plus - Helping Victorians save

Would an extra \$1,000 help cover your education costs?

Saver Plus is a nationally - recognised program that pays people \$1 for every \$1 you save (up to \$1,000) to help pay for education. By joining Saver Plus you could receive \$1,000 to help pay for school items like computers, community activities, books and uniforms.

The program is Australia's first matched savings program, designed to help people and families achieve a savings goal, establish a long-term saving habit and pay for education.

To be eligible you must have:

- A child attending school in 2009 or 2010, or be intending to attend vocational training yourself in 2009-2010
- A current health care card or pension card and
- Regular form of paid employment (yourself or partner).

Please contact **Sandra Schott** at Brotherhood of St Laurence on **8781 5937** or email **sscott@bsl.org.au** for further details.



Succeeding as Parents When your Kids become Teens

Why do some parents produce positive, competent Teens while others lose all influence and sometimes the relationships with their kids?

Hear Stafford Williams on “Succeeding as Parents” on **Thursday, September 10th**.

Stafford, Director of “Family Foundations” and father of four young adults is heard daily on over fifty Australian radio stations including Light FM. He has conducted Parenting Teens Seminars in various Australian cities and towns. Thousands have benefited from his practical instruction.



Stafford Williams
Director “Family Foundations”

Venue: Berwick Church of Christ
446 Centre Road, Berwick 3806
Time: 7.30pm - 9.45pm

