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hot gossip

So what's the latest 'goss'? Mostly we mean, "Who said what to whom" and "Who did or didn't do something that was, in our judgment, inappropriate or unacceptable".

The 'Encyclopedia World Dictionary' defines gossip as "Idle talk and news mongering, especially about the affairs of others". I suspect that we are all guilty, to some degree, of this type of information gathering.

Sometimes we need to genuinely seek relevant information about a situation but when we spice it up unnecessarily – that can be gossip. There is a fine line between genuine news and gossip – and gossip goes too far.

Unfortunately 'gossip' is a significant tool of the devil and, through it, Satan creates havoc. This is done through misinformation, doubt, innuendo, a sense of superiority, being judgmental, and straight out fabrication – which is lying. We have all seen the trouble which gossip can cause in church groups, friendships and families etc.

Even more unfortunate is the fact that we, as fallen humans, are drawn to this process of gossip and can even thrive on it. Satan knows our weaknesses and is always ready to fully exploit them if we are not alert.

The Bible, on the other hand, gives us constant reminders and alternatives to that way of life.

1. 'Speak the truth in love' (Eph 4:15)
'Let your yes be yes and your no be no' (Matt 5:37) Don't leave any room for anything other than truth.
2. 'Be filled with the Holy Spirit..., speaking to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make melody in your heart to the Lord.' (Eph 5:18-19)
3. 'Take up the full armour of God that you may be able to resist in the evil day and having done everything to stand firm' (Eph 6:13) '...with prayer and petitions...' (Eph 6:18)

4. 'And do not conform to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...' (Rom 12:2)
5. 'Let love be without hypocrisy' (Rom 12:9)
6. 'Be devoted to one another in brotherly love, give preference to one another in honour' (It's very hard to continue to gossip when we are devoted to one another!)
7. 'And I say to you that every careless word that men shall speak, they will have to give an account on the day of judgment' (Matt 12:36)
8. 'Do not judge and you shall not be judged' (Matt 7:1)
9. 'Let no unwholesome word come from your mouth but only such words as are good for uplifting' (Eph 4:29)
10. 'Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.' (Phil 4:8)

If we include these verses (and there are many more) as part of our arsenal to fight gossip then gossip will change (by 2 letters) to gospel.

So let's be aware of the power of the spoken word – and only gossip the gospel.

Joe Belousoff
Head of Casey Junior Campus

Prayer / Praise Points

- Please pray for our VCE students as they continue their examinations.
- Please pray for those in our community who are sick or undergoing medical treatment.

NEXT WEEK

Casey Senior Campus...

- ▶ **Wed 11 November**
 - Yr 11 Drama Excursion
 - Yr 11 Food Excursion
- ▶ **Thur 12 November**
 - School at Work

Casey Junior Campus...

- ▶ **Mon 9 November**
 - 'Little Fish Tales' 
 - Assembly
- ▶ **Tues 10 November**
 - 'The Art Place'
- ▶ **Thurs 12 November**
 - School at Work

Cardinia Campus Events...

- ▶ **Mon 9 November**
 - Prep – 6 Assembly - Gr 5 and
 - Prep V buddies will present an item
- ▶ **Tues 10 November**
 - Angel Light Link for Yr 7 & 8 girls
 - Yr 7 Information night
 - No apologies Program Yr 9 & 10
- ▶ **Wed 11 November**
 - Christian Primary Schools Athletics Carnival (selected Gr 3-6 students) remaining Gr 3-6 students will attend a sports day at Casey Senior Campus
- ▶ **Thur 12 November**
 - SIS sport Yr 7 & 8
 - School at Work
- ▶ **Frid 13 November**
 - SIS sport Yr 9 & 10
 - Junior Sports Day Prep – 2

Bible Reading

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mon Nov 9 | James 4:11-17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tue Nov 10 | James 4:1-6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Wed Nov 11 | James 5: 7-12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Thu Nov 12 | James 5: 12-16a |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fri Nov 13 | James 5: 16b-20 |

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

CASEY SENIOR NEWS

Construction and traffic conditions

As you may have noticed construction has begun on the music room extension. Next week (Monday 9th Nov) construction will also begin on the Hall Storage Extension. As a result the buses will be unable to go around the hall (this will only be during the construction period).

We will endeavour to minimise the impact this will have on you dropping off and picking up your children from school. However, to enhance student safety, we ask you to please bear with us and, if possible, to come a little later to pick up your children and/or avoid the carpark beside the hall. Thanking you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

Celebrate Messiah

Celebrate Messiah Returned to Maranatha Last Thursday, Lawrence and Nicole from Celebrate Messiah, returned to Maranatha to present to this year's Year 7 students 'Christ in the Passover' and Messianic Dancing.

Celebrate Messiah is an organisation which believes and presents Jesus as the promised Messiah of Israel to the Jewish community. It is a very difficult ministry as it involves reaching out to a community, tradition and faith that is still waiting for their Messiah, however it

Survival, Environment and Stewardship

Our Year 7 students are covering the interesting area of Survival, Environment and Stewardship in Term 4 in our Discovery Years program. The girls and boys are individually camping out in the sticks for one night and will go on various Nature Walks and Trails. They will be learning more about the Upper Yarra Reservoir water supply and different facets of the overstorey, understorey, microclimates and indigenous forest animals. The grand challenge however, will be whether all the Year 7 teachers can survive one night, out in the forest, with bugs and strange noises all around! Isn't God's creation amazing and magnificent!



has over the 14 years had some amazing breakthroughs and conversions with God's chosen people.

The Year 7 students were shown how Jesus would have celebrated the passover which Christians call 'The Last Supper', and how churches incorporate this as communion as part of their offering of worship. A Jewish trumpet, the Shofar (made from a ram's horn) was blown and all students participated in a traditional Jewish dance, Hava Nagila amongst other activities.

We pray that God will continue to bless the Celebrate Messiah ministry as they present the Good News of Jesus to the Jewish community.

Piano Tutor awarded

Samuel Hoe is one of our Piano Tutors here at the Casey Senior Campus. He has been playing piano for 13 years and in late September he sat for his Licentiate Piano Examination with the Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB).

The Licentiate examination is the highest certificate offered by the AMEB, with very few students applying to sit this exam, and even fewer being successfully awarded this degree. I am very pleased to say Sam was indeed awarded his Licentiate Degree from the AMEB, a fantastic achievement indeed.

Sam's plans are to continue being a piano tutor, accompanist and music teacher, and we certainly appreciate his work with his students here at Maranatha, and congratulate him on achieving this prestigious award.

Should you wish for your son or daughter to have Music lessons at the Casey Senior Campus, please obtain an enrolment form from the Music Department Office.

Canteen

New in the Canteen, Mrs Mac's Taco Rolls, not too spicy, mild beef taco, only \$3. Also new is Vaalia yoghurt available in 3 flavours, vanilla, tropical and luscious berry. 2 sizes, small \$1.00 and large \$1.50.

Parents and Friends

Presentation Ball: All forms are due back immediately. Please hand these in to the office or call Julie Massing for further information on 9709 7233

Coffee @ Lazios: Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat. Friday mornings at Lazios Bakery at 9am. Everyone is welcome. 51 Heatherton Road, Endeavour Hills.

CASEY JUNIOR NEWS

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.

Assembly

Assembly item this week – 3F

Canteen

Monday 9th November
Florina Sidea and Agnetha Horvat
Monday 16th November
Anna Shekel and Sarah Bennett

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.

Parents please check all your children's jumpers and jackets. We have a lot of missing jumpers that should be out there somewhere. We also have quite a few unnamed items in lost property. If these are not claimed by the end of term, they will be going into the second hand uniform shop.

Head Lice

With the warmer weather coming up and hats we ask parents to please do weekly hair checks on their children. We suggest that perhaps every Sunday night as you prepare for the return to school that you set aside some minutes to check your family's hair.

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 – The Charity that we will be supporting will be 'The Breast Cancer Foundation' Come on and get behind our cause!

Primary Art

The Endeavour Hill's Public Library (situated at Raymond McMahon Blvd. behind the Endeavour Hill's shopping centre on Heatherton Rd.) is hosting some Felting artwork of Grade 5 and 6 students. In the foyer's glass cabinet you will see wonderful results from these students: Clareece C. 5V, Joel B 6R, David K. 5R, Reuben M. 6G, Travis B. 5V, Madeleine H. 5R, Katie B. 5R, Isaac S. 6R, Naomi G. 6G, Kimberly L. 6G, Lucy C. 6R, Isabelle H. 5R. The exhibition closes on Friday the 13th of November. Thankyou to these students for sharing their efforts and talent with our local community. Wendy Higgs.

NB If anyone can donate egg-cartons to the Art room they would be most gratefully received.

Library

We are still looking for help with covering books. Training is available if you have never covered Library Books. PIP Points apply.

Grade 4 Camp

The Grade 4 students had a wonderful camp at Forest Edge last week. Stay tuned for news to follow!!!

PIP Points

Are you looking to fulfil your PIP points? Grade Ones are looking for parent volunteers to help out with PMP every Monday morning, from 9.30 am to approximately 10.45 am. Please ring Joanne or Emma on 9709 7350 if you think you could help and let us know your availability.

BER Project Update

As you may have already noticed the fencing has been erected in preparation for the construction of the new building. Entry to the

school is only through the front gate, no longer through the side gate. Patience will be required in regards to the car park, as spaces will be limited due to staff having to park in there as well.

The buses will pick up and drop off children in Rowan Drive and children will be escorted to and from school. For a couple of weeks the front entrance may also be blocked off (even from pedestrians) and all people entering the school may need to enter from a gate that has been put into the fence on the oval.

All students and adults may need to walk through the park to the new gate on the oval until the gas, electricity and water pipes have been put into place. We appreciate your patience and understanding while all of this is going on.

Appropriate signage will be displayed if the front entrance is blocked off.

Remembrance Day

11th November, 2009

As Remembrance Day is nearing, the Doveton Office is selling poppies for 50 cents each. Proceeds from this Appeal are used in the Welfare Work carried out by the RSL for Ex-Service Men, Women and their Families, who are in need.

Lost

A school jumper belonging to Joshua John has been missing for some time. Could you all check your child's jumper and make sure you have the correct jumper at home.

There seems to be a lot of missing hats at Doveton Campus. Could all students and parents please check their hats to make sure they have the right one. Perhaps you could also check your school bags to see if you have any hidden in there that may not belong to you.

CARDINIA NEWS

Annie

At the time of writing we are looking forward to the show. Thank you to all involved. We look forward to showing you some fantastic photos next week.

Fruit salad Friday

Tubs prepared by Pakenham Lakeside Fruit and Vegetable shop are available for \$3. Place your order at reception with the correct money in an envelope with your child's name and class on the front by 1:30pm on Thursdays. 50 cents from each order will go towards the school's new environmental area. Thank you.

Mrs Davy

Subway lunch orders

Looking for a healthy lunch? Here's a good deal! Subway lunch orders are available from \$5. Orders need to be handed into the office before 9.00am each Tuesday morning. Orders will be delivered by lunch time on the Wednesday.

Koorong Kids

Koorong Kids Books are available for sale and Christmas is only 7 weeks away! You can purchase great books, be more organised for Christmas and support the school as well! All profits go towards equipping the library. Orders with correct money need to be placed at the office by the 25th November to have the products back at the school before term ends. Thank you Mrs L Pagano for organising this terrific opportunity.

Parents and Friends

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Active After-school Communities program

This term the program will run on Thursday afternoons commencing Thursday 22/10/09 and run for 7 weeks, finishing on Thursday 3/12/09. The program is offered free of charge, however enrolment forms must be submitted to the front office if you would like your child to be involved. Children who submit enrolment forms will be expected to attend each session and if they are unable to do so, the school must be notified prior to their absence.

Some future events

- Monday 16/11/09 – Friday 20/11/09 Small Business week
- Monday 16/11/09 Prep Gr 6 Recycling Excursion
- Monday 16/11/09 No primary assembly
- Tuesday 17/11/09 to Thursday 19/11/09 Year 10 City camp
- Tuesday 17/11/09 Angel Light Link for Yr 7 & 8 girls
- Tuesday 17/11/09 Maths Incursion Yr 7 - 9
- Wednesday 18/11/09 MSO excursion Yr 5 – 7
- Wednesday 18/11/09 Dandenong Ranges National Park excursion Prep & Gr 1
- Wednesday 18/11/09 Free Life Night Information session "What is your child's love language" 7:15 pm – 9:45 pm in the library. Coordinated by Tamara Yap (See information overleaf)
- Thursday 19/11/09 Pre Prep Orientation Session 2
- Thursday 19/11/09 SIS sport Yr 7 & 8
- Friday 20/11/09 Parent helpers



Maranatha Christian School presents:

Life Nights

UpLifting & Inspirational Family Encouragement

Wednesday 18 November
7.15pm - 9.45pm

What is Your Child's Love Language?

Held at the
Cardinia Campus - Officer

**Don't miss this Opportunity!
Book your place NOW!**

Phone 9709 7310 or pick up a form at reception (no childcare available)



Cardinia Shire Council FREE E-Waste Recycling day

Don't put your electronics out for hard waste...
RECYCLE your electronic and computer waste for FREE

Saturday 14 November 2009
9am - 4pm
Cardinia Shire Council Depot, Purton Road Pakenham
Phone 1300 787 624 for enquiries prior, or 0448 717 560 on the day
**** Open to Cardinia Shire residents only ****

FOR SALE

Ford Station Wagon (2000) AV FORTE
6 Seater, RWC Excellent Condition

Ph: Paul 0407 361 596

\$6,800 ONO

2010 Secondary Booklists and Stationery lists changes

There will be some changes regarding the Secondary Book and stationery lists this year. These lists will be distributed as usual to all students prior to 20th November. See below for details:

Lamont Booklists:

Second Hand Books **will no longer be available as an option** from Lamont Books, as it is no longer financially viable for them to provide this service.

SELLING 2ND HAND BOOKS: If you wish to sell second hand books, we will be providing a web based system that will display your details (see example email below). A PDF version of booklists for next year can be found at: www.maranatha.vic.edu.au under 'school news' after 17th of November. (Note: you cannot sell second hand books that are marked with an (N) on the Booklists, as these are new editions for 2010).

You may email your information in the format below to: rhodge@maranatha.vic.edu.au between 17th November and the end of Term (not before). These will remain on the Maranatha website until the week prior to Term 1, 2010. **It is important that you provide the information according to the example below:**

Example email to sell books:

To: rhodge@maranatha.vic.edu.au
Subject: Second hand book sales for 2010

Email content: The body of the email is to be formatted exactly as this example and **needs to include Year Level, Book Name, Condition, Cost, contact Name and Phone Number under separate Year level headings.**

Example to sell:

Year 7
English: Hatcher \$10 Good Condition - Contact Penny
Ph: 123 45678

Year 10
Science: Science Quest 4 3rd Ed VELS eBook plus \$40
Excellent Condition - Contact Penny Ph: 123 45678

BUYING SECOND HAND BOOKS: If you wish to buy second hand books you will need to go to the website: www.maranatha.vic.edu.au under 'School news' for lists of available books - These will be available after 20 November. Note: It is suggested you fill out your booklists and submit these to the office, then if you find a second hand book via the website that you have ordered through Lamont, you call Lamont to cancel the ordered book. Please be reminded that Lamont booklists will have deadlines for their orders and **cancellation fees apply after 10 December.**

Secondary Stationery List:

Stationery lists will be handed out along with the booklists as usual. However, there will no longer be a nominated stationery supplier to submit your orders to. It is the responsibility of the individual families to provide their child/ren secondary stationery according to the lists.

There are some very competitive suppliers available, such as Officeworks and K-mart.