

Calendar

TERM 3, 2017

Week 2:

Monday 31st July: Mrs Wagstaffe & Mrs Albion at 1st Aid Training
Thursday 3rd August: Snowboarding with Penguins Musical Excursion

Week 3:

Tuesday-Friday 8th-11th August: Canberra Excursion Y5&6

Week 5:

Book Week

Wednesday 23rd August: Mr Bull at Persuasive Writing Workshop

Week 6:

Monday-Wednesday 28-30th August: Mrs Wagstaffe at Child Protection Training

Week 9:

Wednesday 20th September: Life Education Van

Friday 22nd September: Last day of Term 3

Values Topic Term 3:

Resilience

Next Week: Self-Control

What is it?

Self Control means stopping yourself when it is best for you and others. A person who can use self control will be able to stop themselves from hurting others. They will also be able to say no to doing things that might be unhealthy or might hurt themselves or an animal or an object.

A person with self control knows how to STOP, CALM DOWN and THINK before they do or say silly, mean or dangerous things.

"A person without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls." Proverbs 25:28

Don't forget to collect your Earn and Learn Stickers from Woollies.
Being such a small school we need all the help we can get.



Newsletter
Term 3—Week 1
Friday 28th July 2017

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Welcome Back

Term Three has started well.

Mrs Root, Mr Bull and I had a wonderful time at the Christian Schools Australia Conference in Sydney. It was great to catch up with so many like-minded people wanting to serve the Lord in Christian Schools.

The thought of what does it mean to be a christian teacher in a christian school came about. Does that mean everything I teach has to have a bible verse stapled to it? Does that mean I have to find a bible story for every subject? I don't think so. I guess in a nut shell we are inviting young people to see and understand the world through the perspective of God's truth and his love. And then we live it out in a way that is totally sold out for God. When Jesus said "Follow me", he was expecting people to dedicate their whole lives to serving God.

Our process is about informing, inviting and inspiring young people to live this way. But the only way we can do this is if all our staff are on board, being followers of Christ and are working on their own personal relationship with Him. This does not mean that we are perfect, in fact it is more about admitting our faults and wrongs and checking in with Him.

I am pleased to say, this is totally the case in our school. All of our staff are followers of Jesus. And that is what makes us different.

Julie-Anne Wagstaffe

BURRABADINE CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NEWS:

Canberra Excursion: Information and Permission Form going home today with the Year 5 & 6 students.

Feel free to call us regarding any queries

Snowboarding with Penguins Musical: being held at Dubbo Christian School. An 'Event' was sent yesterday on the school stream app. Please remember to fill in the consent form on the app.

Slippers: Just a reminder that students can keep a pair of slippers/ug boots/shoes in the classroom.

ART: Mrs Clark has requested Milk Cartons and Plastic Bottles up to 1 litre.

Make your child's development more fun! This program is for 2 - 7yr olds
www.rugbytots.com.au

Drama Club Dubbo Age: 5-21 www.dramaclubdubbo.com.au
Phone: Jo Gibb 0429 878 333, Email: info@dramaclubdubbo.com.au
(Talk to Miss Wonderley, she has lots more information)

Being A Follower of Jesus

First, for me, being a follower of Jesus means being Radical.

It's not for people who want to immerse themselves in selfish ambition and only break from that consensus at the margins.

It is not for those comfortable with the status quo. It demands more of me.

It demands an extraordinary commitment to Love: not the fleeting emotion, but the force that transforms lives in both simple acts and by recreating the world in which I live. It shapes everything from the way I interact with a waitress to how I view church politics and injustice.

It leads me to find debilitating discrimination by church hierarchy more offensive than missing Mass on Sunday.

It inspires me to be daring and swim against the tide.

There is always resistance. A concern for everyone, including the weak and vulnerable, always leads to the experience of pain and suffering.

Second, I find Jesus' way and Joy deeply connected.

Being a follower of Jesus does not mean being dour or aloof.

The way of Christ brings meaning; it incites Passion; it generates Joy.

A life spent trying to run away from boredom is inevitably a life of drudgery. I find true joy, not in material things, but in my encounter and relations with others, in relationships rooted in Inclusiveness, Understanding and Love.

When I experience loss, conflict or failure, I don't entirely escape sadness, but faith opens the possibility of Restoration, Communion, and Transformation.

In a culture where people seem obsessed with happiness, yet are constantly lured away from that destination by false paths, the true path to joy can only be found in Love.

Third, following Jesus is 24/7 year-round.

My commitment to Jesus should permeate all my actions. It should define who I am. It is not an activity to be fulfilled for an hour each Sunday.

I can't be a part-time Christian.

Most see going to Mass each Sunday as the pre-eminent responsibility of a Catholic. It is important to let them know that this is simply not enough.

This is not the standard for being a follower of Jesus.

Going to church no more makes me a Christian than standing in my garage makes me a car.

So many people have already turned away from organized religion because of the obnoxious hypocrisy they have witnessed by the hierarchy and from those who spend every Sunday in the pews, spending the rest of the week acting unethically, seemingly without any compunction.

Following Christ means embracing Joy. It means the radical embrace of countercultural values. It places demands on my entire existence. Religiosity and spirituality are fused together and inseparable when pursued authentically.

This message is critical, because people do not need to be split between those who are "spiritual but not religious" and those who are "religious but not spiritual."

Finally, I strive to keep it real. It's about setting aside the illusory and superficial.

The message is simple, I am my authentic self.

I am an entirely unique person with immeasurable worth and value, not some cardboard cut out.

My real identity is shaped by my character and core, my authentic personality, not all the superficial things that distract me and take us away from who I am meant to be.

My life is not shaped by the expectations and judgments of others, but my commitment to the values I rightly hold dear.

My relationships are as authentic as I am. Our culture despises dependency and idolizes autonomy. The cult of individualism makes authentic relationships difficult to achieve and sustain.

Yet these relationships allow me to experience real joy and love, a priceless treasure that many carelessly discard or ignore.

They make me vulnerable and exposed because they reveal my core being. But only in this state can I connect in the most fundamental and intimate way.

A Poem by John Chuchman