



THE GEN

Week 10 - Term 3 - 2022

Verse of the Week

The Lord had done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Psalm 126:3

Prayer Points

- Pray for the Outdoor Ed Camp that is away this week
- Thank God for friends, that we are not alone in this world!
- Praise God for the sunshine!
- Pray for the holidays and that everyone will be kept safe

DANGER, PLEASE READ THIS!!!

As adults, would we put a loaded gun in our child's hand, or what about a syringe filled with methadone? I hear you say 'no, of course not'. But how many of our children have a mobile phone, iPad, XBOX, Play Station or TV, either in their hand or in their bedroom? Do you want to direct and influence your children for good and be able to talk them through difficult episodes in their lives or are you leaving this to Google or Siri, or a complete stranger? We are seeing a massive rise in youth mental health problems; stress, anxiety and depression and this is not just young adults, it is children as young as 5. This is serious! Our young people are being influenced by the trends of the world. They believe there is a certain way they need to act, look and speak. They think they have to make life decisions right now, to fit in. They write things to others, that they would never say face to face. We know that the developing child also has a developing brain. This means, their brains are not fully grown. We don't let them drive a car, vote or drink, because the law says they are not adults yet, they are not capable of making mature and wise decisions. Then why would we let them make life changing decisions about their minds and bodies at this young age.

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The Bible tells us that our children are our heritage and a blessing. If we don't intervene, we are not showing love and care for our kids and we certainly are not acting as responsible adults. I have witnessed the change in our Year 9 students over these past three weeks at Interlaken without any form of technology at all. The change has definitely been amazing, even miraculous! I sat with them all last night and listened to their take on this 'social experiment' at Interlaken. They have bonded as a big family. They have lived, worked, eaten, cried, laughed, argued and loved together. They are becoming the person who God intended them to be.

DANGER means the possibility of suffering harm or injury, or the likelihood of something unpleasant happening, so let's avoid the dangers ahead and act now. Mum and Dad, make changes in your home today, to direct your family in the right way. Start having meals together around the table, have conversations with your children about what's happening in their lives, turn off devices, remove them from bedrooms, get out board games and cards, kick the footy, ride the bike, shoot hoops, cook together and for the sake of your child's future, don't make them compete for your attention, while holding a mobile phone in your hand. We have our children for such a short time, let's make that time count for good!



Year 9's at Interlaken

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kinder

Otto Ziesel - for doing a great job writing numbers 1-15

Prep

Autumn Grossmith - for improving in neatness and always finishing her work on time

Year 1

Maci McIntee - for being a supportive friend who cares and looks out for her classmates

Year 2

Cooper Rouse - for always being a good friend

Year 3

Samuel Quirk - using excellent focus during Auslan lessons

Year 4

Dexter Miles - for consistently working hard this term to complete all that was required from him

Year 5

Justin Saltmarsh - for working hard to complete his goals and fitting in beautifully to our school

Year 6

Aidan Gray - for being a valued member of the Year 6 classroom

Year 7

Daisy Padman - for settling in well and being friendly and respectful

Year 8

Jaime Harris for consistently working well and always trying her hardest in all that she does

Year 10

Charlotte McCulloch - for her leadership, exceptional work ethic and valuable contribution to team activities

Year 11/12

Jacob Armstrong for showing initiative in managing his workload and setting himself up for success

EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK

This week we recognise and thank:

Taylah Mann - for her ever-present smile and cheerfulness

Brendan von Blanckensee - for being helpful, present and a 'beast' at handball - just ask the students

TERM DATES 2023

TERM 1: February 7 - April 6 (9 weeks)

TERM 2: April 26 - June 30 (10 weeks)

TERM 3: July 25 - September 29 (10 weeks)

TERM 4: October 17 - December 20 (10 weeks)

INFORMATION

INTERLAKEN UPDATE

Our Year 9 students are home tomorrow and they have had the most incredible time!

They have seen friendships strengthen, resilience developed, new skills learned, students thriving without devices, starting and finishing new tasks that they were involved in, many moments of laughter, and ultimately building a strong bond as classmates and friends. This was their aim and we are truly thankful to God for this opportunity and space at Interlaken to do this. Below are some comments from a few students:

Frieda - I have loved Interlaken and don't want to leave. I have also loved swimming in the lake almost everyday!

Addison - We have been so blessed at Interlaken in every way possible. I don't ever want to leave. I've loved not having my phone!

Jesse - Being at Interlaken has changed me for the better and I have loved doing jobs in the Kubota!

SUMMER UNIFORM

In Term 4 we change to our Summer Formal Uniform. Now is a great time to check what you need and make uniform purchases at the front office.

Primary Girls: summer dress, green cardigan, bottle green socks with black polishable shoes.

Secondary Girls: summer dress, blazer, bottle green socks with black polishable shoes. Green Jumper optional.

All Primary students must have a Geneva school hat. The wearing of school hats is encouraged for Secondary students. We have 3 different styles available for \$12.

WORKERS WANTED



SEASONAL STAFF WANTED

DECEMBER 2022 – JANUARY 2023

Spreyton Fresh Pty Ltd are looking for hard working staff for the upcoming cherry season starting mid to late December till the end of January. If you know you will be available during December/January we would be interested in hearing from you.

We have jobs available picking and grading cherries. We work every weekday and also work some weekends. We start early either 6.30 or 7.30 am and we generally work an 8 hour day. We pay an hourly rate for the grading and piecework rates for picking.

If you are interested and feel you are able to commit to working every weekday please e-mail your resume to jobs@spreytonfresh.com.au.



FOUND

This little fellow has been handed into the office. If he belongs to you, please come and collect him.



WEEK 10 PHOTOS










WEEK 3 INTERLAKEN



OCTOBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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