

Weekly Newsletter



PARENTING - PART TWO

A message from our Principal

Following on from last week, I want to share with you a couple of issues that came up with our kids, particularly through the teenage years and how we dealt with them. Please remember, there was push back at times, we didn't always get it right and have immediate positive results, only time allowed for that.

1. Respect, Communication & Eating Together – when I was growing up, we couldn't come to the dinner table if there was argument between us kids that had been left unresolved. We liked our food, so reconciling became something we learned to do early in our lives. We were also taught to speak our minds, but in a respectful way. We could air things that were bothering us, without the fear of judgment or hurt and this happened mostly around our dinner table at night. We learned from each other and so when we had our own family we did the same with them.
2. Chores – each time a child was born, they became part of the family and so they were required to do certain things to make the family unit function better for all. As they got older, they cleaned their own rooms each day, made their bed, put things away, brought dirty washing to laundry, did the dishes and a really good one, was to be organised at night for whatever the next day needed. Less chaos meant less upsets and arguments! And remember, your child will be a spouse one day, so train them for that role now. Their partners will continually thank you.
3. Dating – we had a rule that our kids couldn't date while still at school. Their education came first and they didn't need the distraction of a boyfriend/girlfriend. There were grumbles of course. Instead, we encouraged them to have lots of friends who were boys and girls and always do things in groups. Later in life our girls thanked us for this, as often they were asked on a date, but could honestly say 'mum and dad said no'. Not sure about the boys 😊
4. Drinking & Smoking – these are big ones and really must be discussed, especially as kids head towards the big 18. Sadly, drinking and smoking can be abused and nothing good will come of that. We decided to talk with our kids about the pressure of others in these two areas. We allowed them to taste wine at home and if they really wanted to try a cigarette, I said I would buy a packet and smoke one with them. Thankfully we didn't need to go that far, but I would rather my kids try these things with us, than behind our backs with their peers, where the pressure is far greater and results far worse.
5. Pray Together – by far the best thing you can do. Start this as early as possible and make it a regular part of every day. Morning or night, or both, whatever works best for your family. It will show them that you rely on God as a parent and they can rely on God as a teenager. We can't save our kids, only God can do that. SO pray with them and for them every day!

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

PRAYER/PRAISE POINTS:

- Continue to pray for our staff and students that are unwell.
- Pray for a successful Auction next week.
- Praise God for the frosty mornings and incredible sunny days.

School families to pray for:

- Lambert
- Lancashire
- Laycock/Wicks
- Lincoln
- Malas

Geneva Christian College PROVERBS 3:6

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KINDER:

Eltani Spaulding - for shining Jesus' light by being kind to a friend who fell in the playground

PREP:

Zander Cooper - for improving in neatness and always finishing his work on time

YEAR 1:

Rafaele Whittle - for always working with energy and confidence

Amity Conway - for beginning her term with careful listening and hard work

YEAR 2:

Payton Wyllie - for taking care of others in the class with gentleness

Chester O'Neill - for introducing himself to our new student kindly and politely

YEAR 3:

Frankie Whittle - for sharing her great knowledge regarding composting

Olivia Wheatley - for being helpful in Kitchen and enjoying her time cooking

YEAR 4:

Riley Baldock - for getting on with her work without complaint

Charlie Harker - for moving through his paces and advancing quickly

YEAR 5:

Sophie Ralph - for being a kind friend and completing 8 modules in Maths Pathway

Oliver Stephenson - for saying his Scripture verse and completing lots of extra work at home

YEAR 6:

Molly Johnston - for being focused and respectful throughout the week in all areas

Brodie Atkins - for completing extra work each day

Congratulations!

YEAR 7:

Sybella Murphy - for applying herself diligently across all subject areas and for continuously challenging herself to get her work done in time

William Harker - for trying hard to keep up with his schoolwork and following the Golden Rule as he relates to people at school

YEAR 8:

Daisy Cassidy - for a great effort in Science

Will Humble - for enthusiastic participation and demonstrating great skill in Drama

YEAR 9:

Jaime Harris - for keeping on track and persevering across all areas

Alessandro Finoia - for working hard to get through his math modules

YEAR 10:

Elise Carman - for exceptionally applying herself to her studies in Mathematics

Jye Spaulding - for showing initiative towards his future endeavours in the work world

YEAR 11/12:

Amber King - for her dedication to her agricultural enterprise

Kiana Ford - for striving toward consistent improvement in English tasks

EMPLOYEES OF THE WEEK

Terina Enniss - for doing a fantastic job with her very first bus duty

Derik Joubert - for the love and care he shows towards his students

Thank You

INFORMATION

THE COMMUNITY BUSHFIRE-READY CHALLENGE

The Community Bushfire-Ready Challenge is an immersive bushfire preparedness experience happening in Spring 2023 and available to all Tasmanians.

Register as a family or household and receive weekly challenges across a 6 week program. Through this experience we will help you know your bushfire risk, create a bushfire plan, prepare your property and much, much more! You'll have the opportunity to engage with Tasmania Fire Service bushfire-ready experts, as well as receive rewards for completing challenges.

Register now, and let us help you get prepared for bushfire season!

<https://www.bushfirereadyneighbourhoods.tas.gov.au/challenge>

Remember, we all play a part. Individuals, community and the TFS.



COME AND TRY 2023

Have you considered Little Athletics? It is a great summer activity to keep your children active. Come and Try 2023 is held at various centres around the state.

Little Athletics Tasmania are hosting Come & Try days at three locations this September!

Bring your friends for a fun and **FREE** introduction to Little Athletics.

Domain Athletic Centre, Hobart
Saturday 16th September
10:00am - 11:30am

Penguin Athletic Track, Penguin
Sunday 17th September
10:00am - 11:30am

Northern Athletic Centre, St Leonards
Sunday 17th September
2:30pm - 4:00pm

To register for any of our Come & Try Days, please click this link



Phone: 1300 888 713
office@taslittleathletics.com.au
taslittleathletics.com.au

CHICKEN POX

We have had a few cases of chickenpox in the school. There is no real pattern, just in random classes. Please check your children and if spots appear, they will be little red dots, that turn into blisters which will then crust over. Once the dry tops have fallen off, they are ok to return to school.

P&F TIME AND TALENT AUCTION

Our annual P&F Time & Talent Auction will be held **NEXT Friday, August 25th!** Don't forget to return your pledge forms (attached) by **tomorrow**. We have some great items to be auctioned.

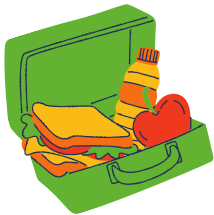
Mark the night on your calendar - you won't want to miss it!



INFORMATION

NAMED ITEMS

We have a lot of drink bottles and lunch boxes that turn up as lost property. It would be so helpful if they were named. Please can you check your child's items and put their name on them. Thankyou:)



FUNDRAISING FOR CAILIN

Our Year 7 student Cailin Walters-Simpson is heading to a State Hockey Tournament in Newcastle in September.

To help her on her way, Cailin will be selling Honey joys, choc crackles, and peppermint and chocolate balls at lunch time

TOMORROW outside the Art Room. Bring a gold coin to get a tasty snack and support Cailin.



BOOK FAIR

We will be holding our Book Fair Day on Wednesday, **August 30th (week 6)**. The whole school takes part! Students and staff can dress up, either as their favourite book character and bring the book along or dress up relative to this years theme, 'Hats off to Reading'. During the afternoon we have plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy. Face painting, biscuit decorating, train rides and lots more. We will also have our book display in the Assembly Hall of our main building. Students will have the opportunity to go through the book display and make a wish list early in week 6. This does not mean you have to purchase these items, it simply means that your child has made a list of items they like. You can discuss the list with them and they can make their purchases on the Book Fair Day. This year we have books from Scholastic and the christian outlet, Koorong.



RETURNED UNIFORM

We are a school that not only accepts back second hand uniform items, but also will pay cash for them. There are not many schools who do this. Of late, we have found that some items of uniform that have been returned either required repairing, ironing, washing or dry-cleaning before we could re-sell them. This takes us time and resources if we need to do this. Therefore, if you are wanting to return uniform items, we will only accept good quality items, that have been correctly laundered.



WEEK 4 PHOTOS





We are searching for skilled, future tradies, who will go on to kick goals in the construction industry

CARPENTRY APPRENTICESHIPS - [2024 START]

Learn while you earn – diverse training from our talented, award-winning people
You'll be trained in every aspect of building and construction – across ALL sectors

You will thrive in our team-oriented, pro-training workplace. We're not just about teaching you skills – we'll focus on your health and wellbeing too.

If you are passionate about becoming a professional carpenter and aspire to be a Construction Industry Leader, then we **DEFINITELY WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Mead Con is a progressive construction company committed to continued growth within the Tasmanian commercial, residential and industrial building sectors. We are dedicated to comprehensive apprentice training and provide a structured development path for the right individual.

Are you:

- Motivated and reliable
- Hardworking & 100% committed
- In possession of a "can-do" attitude
- Able to understand & follow instructions
- A quick learner with excellent attention to detail

Can you:

- Communicate effectively at all levels
- Demonstrate initiative & tenacity
- Work alone or in a team environment
- Show good ratings in Maths & English

Ready to Build Your Career with Mead Con? If you hit the mark with the above criteria and have a **genuine interest in our industry**, then please submit your resume and **handwritten** cover letter, to the following before Friday, 25th August 2023: Debra Spillane, Mead Con, P.O. Box 703, QUOIBA, 7310 OR jobs@meadcon.com.au

Come along to chat with us at one of our Information Sessions – PARENTS WELCOME!

EITHER - search EVENTBRITE for "Together We Build – Mead Con Apprenticeship Info Session" [Paranapple Centre] to book your free tickets OR access this link to book your tickets. [Together We Build – Mead Con Apprenticeship Info Session Tickets](#). Thu 17/08/2023 at 4:00 pm | Eventbrite

OR - check out our Facebook page or website [[Careers \(meadcon.com.au\)](https://careers.meadcon.com.au)] for details of our Online "Chat" sessions - you can register to join an informal session with members of our team. Open / Informal / Friendly forums where you can ask us any question you like.



PROUD WINNERS OF THE
TASMANIAN TRAINING AWARDS
EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

EXCELLENCE IN
HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION
MULTI-AWARD WINNERS
2022 RESIDENTIAL BUILDER OF THE YEAR



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Empowering parents to help their children and young people
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Download your free copy of Bravehearts' *Personal Safety for Children and Young People: A Guide for Parents and Carers*.

The guide provides parents and carers with advice on how to start and maintain meaningful conversations with their children and young people about:

- Body ownership
- Personal safety
- eSafety
- Consent
- Damaging effects of viewing pornography.

The guide also provides parents and carers with essential information about:

- Prevalence of child sexual abuse and exploitation in Australia

- Potential signs of grooming and child sexual abuse
- Short and long-term effects of child sexual abuse
- How to respond to and report a child or young person's disclosure of abuse
- And more!

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"This guide is really useful tool
to help kick-start conversations
with your kids about tricky but
important topics."

Feedback from a parent

Bravehearts is here to provide support and advice to families and individuals affected by child sexual abuse.

Bravehearts Information

+ Support Line

FREECALL 1800 272 831

Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm AEST

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bravehearts.org.au

AUGUST 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Week 2	1 	2 	3 	4 Canteen Historical/Retro Clothes Day	5
6	Week 3	8 	9 	10 	11 Canteen Casual Clothes	12
13	Week 4	15 	16 School Photos	17	18 Canteen	19
20	21 Week 5	22	23	24	25 Canteen Auction 	26
27	28 Week 6	29	30 Book Fair 	31		

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	28	29	30	31	1 Canteen Casual Clothes	2
3	4 Week 7	5	6 	7	8 Canteen	9
10	11 Week 8	12	13 	14	15 Canteen	16
17	18 Week 9	19	20 	21	22 Canteen Casual Clothes	23
24	25 Week 10	26	27 	28	29 Last day of Term 3	30

Geneva P&F Time & Talent Auction

Friday, August 25, 2023 - 6.15pm viewing for a 6.45pm start
at Geneva

Keep this evening free !!!

The Time & Talent Auction, for those who don't know, is an evening fundraiser where donated goods and services are listed and auctioned. It's loads of fun! Below is a form asking for you as a family to donate some items, time or special talent you have. Following are some ideas for you to look over. You can donate something that you are good at or enjoy doing. This is a great night out, so we invite and encourage parents, relatives, friends and neighbours to come together for the auction and supper. There is something for everyone and you always get more than you bargain for! The proceeds go to the Parents & Friends which in turn come back into our school. Last year, we raised a record amount of just over \$20,000.00 for our school.

Some examples of previous auctions:

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| - babysitting - 4 hours | - load of wood | - sewing a garment |
| - crafts | - car cleaning | - cook specialty dessert |
| - baked goods | - labouring | - knitted clothes |
| - cut lunch for a week | - baskets of ironing | - window cleaning |
| - child's hair cut | - gardening | - dinner for 2 |
| - picture framing | - paintings | - vouchers |
| - food basket | - homemade furniture | - accommodation |
| - lawn mowing | - new electrical goods | - lessons |

Please complete the form below and return to school office by **Friday, August 18** and keep **Friday, August 25** free. More information will follow in the GEN.

Thank you,

Geneva Parents & Friends

TIME & TALENT AUCTION 2023

Family Name:

We wish to donate

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Signed Date