



## WEIGHED, MEASURED AND FOUND WANTING!

*A message from our Senior School Chaplain*

There is a story in the Bible where Daniel (Chapter 5), and his good friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, were living in exile as slaves in Babylon around 550 BC. The story goes like this. One evening King Belshazzar was holding a party and a hand appeared on the wall and wrote a message. Belshazzar quivered in fear at the sight of the hand but couldn't read the writing. Daniel was called for and translated the message for the king. The message was directed to Belshazzar. It said:

"You have been weighed in the balance and found wanting."

This reminds me of what we have recently been looking at in Psalm 19 where David said, "who can discern his own errors and keep back your servant from willful sins"? We also read in Proverbs 21:2, "a person may think their own ways are right, but the Lord weighs the heart."

The point is that in the Bible it is God who weighs our heart! It is not a matter of how much good we have done compared to how bad we are, it's how God sees our hearts.

The Bible clearly states that 'all have sinned' meaning we all do wrong things, all the time. We know this is true and so if weighing our good against our bad were the test, we certainly would all fail.

We are coming up to Christmas, a time that we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We need to ask ourselves, 'why did Jesus need to be born?' According to the Bible, Jesus came, born as man, died and was raised from the dead, to reconcile the whole creation and that includes each one of us! This is why it is called the 'Gospel', which in Greek literally means 'good news'.

The good news about Jesus is that the outcome of our lives is not determined by the weighing of our hearts. It is determined by our relationship with God. Jesus says He has taken the punishment for all the wrong things that we have done. He says, 'if you will come to me, submit to me, follow me, I will forgive you all the wrongs of your past. I will empower you to live well in the future and invite you to take part in the life that is to come after this one. Does that sound like good news to you?

### Verse of the week:

In their hearts, humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.

Proverbs 16:9

### Prayer/praise points:

- Pray that the reason for the season is not lost in the whirlwind of Christmas.
- Pray for our students as they come into their last week of school for 2023.
- Pray for our senior students as they leave our school heading into their continued schooling or careers.

### School families to pray for:

- Wilson
- Wood
- Woodberry
- Woodhouse
- Wyllie

*Geneva Christian College* PROVERBS 3:6

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## KINDER:

**Lyra Conway** - using initiative and tidying up without being asked

## PREP:

**Poppie Whiteley** - for her infectious enthusiasm, lively spirit, and wonderful ability to turn every activity into an enjoyable experience

## YEAR 1:

**Kate Fairley** - for a great start to her swimming week and for her part in our 'Readers' Theatre"

**Charlie McKerrow** - for hard work on his Science illustrations

## YEAR 2:

**Sophia Lambert** - working hard to achieve set goals

**Maci McIntee** - working hard to achieve goals

## YEAR 3:

**Doo Echikwonye** - for finishing her final tasks (2 Timothy 4:7)

**Haddie Wigg** - for being kind to others (Galatians 6:10)

## YEAR 4:

**Liam Hall** - for working hard to complete his work before the end of term

**Max Gardam** - for listening and following instructions well, and having a great attitude during swimming lessons

## YEAR 5:

**Rosie Broomhall** - for working hard and being a great helper in garden

**Max Murphy** - for correcting all of his PACE work with a great attitude

## YEAR 6:

**Margaret Hume** - for excellent participation in swimming

**Matthew Roberts** - for positive attitude in class

# Congratulations!

## YEAR 7:

**Tahlia Stephens** - for completing her ILP and qualifying for Honour Roll

**Cyzelle Van Der Schyff** - for completing her ILP and qualifying for Honour Roll

## YEAR 8:

**Darcia Banks** - for diligently completing all of his set work

**Will Humble** - for always being willing to help others

## YEAR 9:

**Naomi Robertson** - for persevering and sticking it out to the end

**Hananya Meijer** - for being so helpful and offering her services to others

## YEAR 10:

**Ben Atkins** - for his help with IT

**Jye Spaulding** - for an awesome effort with his DNA model

## ICE CREAM SALE

On Monday, the Primary School leaders will be selling icy poles and ice creams at lunch time outside the Primary Kitchen.

Zooper Doopers - 50c

Ice-cream in a cone - \$1.00

Proceeds go to our School Library Fund



## REPORTS!

Our staff are busy preparing your child's Semester 2 Report which will be sent home with your child next Tuesday.

# INFORMATION

## TERM DATES FOR 2024



|        |                        |            |
|--------|------------------------|------------|
| Term 1 | February 6-March 28    | (8 weeks)  |
| Term 2 | April 16-June 28       | (11 weeks) |
| Term 3 | July 23-September 27   | (10 weeks) |
| Term 4 | October 15-December 18 | (10 weeks) |

## GENEVA YEARBOOK 2023 & GENEVA STORY BOOK

Our 'Generation' Yearbooks for 2023 are almost printed! Each school family will be issued with one free copy at Presentation Evening next week. If you would like to purchase further copies, they will be available from the front office for \$20 per copy.

We are also excited to announce that "The Story of Geneva Christian College" picture books will also be available. This tells the history of Geneva in story-book format and is full of photos and memories from its early beginnings until today. A softcover version will be available at Presentation Evening for \$25 or you can receive a hardback copy early next year for \$30.

## SENIORS DINNER ARRIVALS & INFORMATION

Our Seniors Dinner will be held on **Tuesday, December 19th** for our Year 10, 11 & 12 students!

### KEY INFORMATION:

- Students will arrive at Geneva Christian College between 5:15pm-5:45pm.
- Family & friends are welcome at school to get photos, but please wait at the top of the school turning circle (outside of Year 9) to avoid congestion.
- Group photos between 5:45pm-5:55pm
- Bus departs for secret location at 6pm sharp.

## TERM 4 COUNTDOWN

### TOMORROW:

*Sports uniform* for all students

### MONDAY:

*Casual clothes* for all students

Presentation & Thanksgiving night  
*Formal uniform for all students*  
(see information below)

### TUESDAY:

*Casual clothes* for all students

Class celebrations/parties/excursions  
Seniors Dinner (see information below)  
Student Reports sent home

### WEDNESDAY:

Whole School Picnic

*Casual clothes* for all students suitable for our Picnic day at **Panatana Reserve**.  
(swimmers, towel, hat, packed lunch)

School finished for 2023!

## THANKSGIVING & PRESENTATION NIGHT



This year our **Thanksgiving & Presentation Evening** will be held on **Monday, December 18th** in our school stadium at **6.15pm for a 6.30pm sharp start.**

Please ensure students are in their formal school uniform and are looking their best for this evening.

There will be parking attendants at the gate, so please follow directions that are given. We look forward to celebrating a wonderful year together. A coffee van will be on site until 6:15pm.



# INFORMATION

## SCHOOL PICNIC

Our annual whole school picnic will be held next Wednesday (last day of school), December 20 at Panatana Rivulet Reserve. Buses will leave at 11:00am and will return in time for normal bus runs. Students may wear neat casual clothes and will need bathers, towel, plastic bag, hat, lunch and a drink bottle. Parents are welcome to attend. If you are collecting your child from the beach, please sign them out with their teacher.



## KOMODO

Komodo is a computer program we use at Geneva to assist us in monitoring our student's wellbeing. The information gathered comes directly to the teacher or Chaplain involved, and wellbeing categories are graphed over time to show trends with the individual student, the Class and the school as a whole. Komodo has proved itself over the time we have been using it in the school, and we believe it is a good addition to Geneva's wellbeing program.

The benefits we have seen throughout the year have been:

- Interactions and conversations about student wellbeing have increased
- Students have responded well to the use of the program
- Staff have been able to intervene earlier on problems between students
- Students who generally "fly under the radar" have been able to be cared for earlier

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jack Dance on [jack.dance@geneva.tas.edu.au](mailto:jack.dance@geneva.tas.edu.au) or Darren Eyles on [Darren.eyles@geneva.tas.edu.au](mailto:Darren.eyles@geneva.tas.edu.au)

## SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSURE

Our school office will be closed from Thursday, December 22nd and re-opening on Monday, January 15th, 2024. All families will expect to receive 2024 Fee invoices and Start Up email in mid January. We have scheduled the Uniform Shop to be from Monday, January 23rd & Tuesday, January 24th from 10am-3pm both days.

## GOATS FOR SALE

Our Year 11/12 Agriculture class is selling 2 x Male Pygmy Miniature Wethers and 2 x Male Australian Miniature Wether goats. They are \$350 each. If you are interested, please contact Mark King on 0438 353 415.



## HANDWRITING

Congratulations to the following students who received the Handwriting Award this week.

Kinder - Melody Russell

Prep - Lillee Wilkins

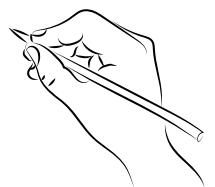
Year 2 - Enoch Shabi & Kudzai Mukarati

Year 3 - Lanika Woodhouse & Gideon Overton

Year 4 - Celeste Meijer & Samuel Quirk

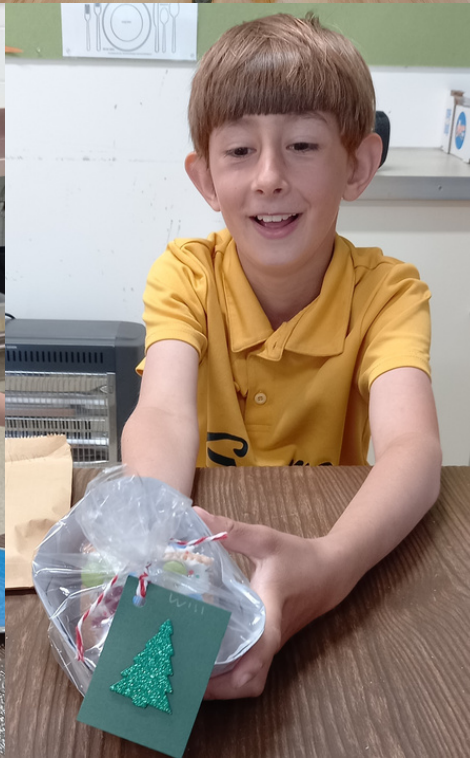
Year 5 - Keeley Forward & Dexter Miles

Year 6 - Elektra Malas





# WEEK 9 PHOTOS





# PRIMARY SWIMMING



# MEMORIAL GARDEN

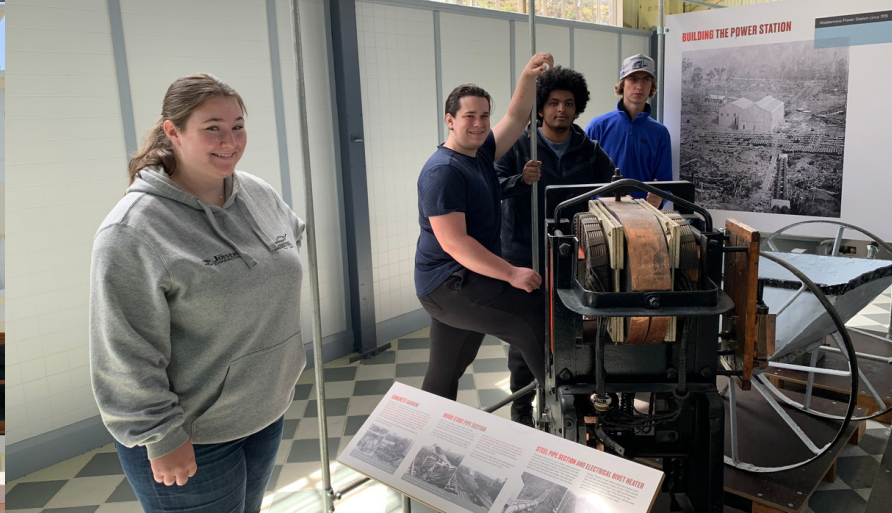


We have a memorial garden here at school, where we place shrubs or trees in memory of a parent of a student who has passed away. Yesterday we planted a rose bush called "Mother's Love" in memory of Donna Hare, Daisy & Poppy Cassidy's mum who passed away earlier this year. We express our love and support to the family by way of placing this memorial plant which will bloom every year and remind us of those we have loved.





# YEAR 11/12 INTERLAKEN







## Local Christmas Services

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

NORTHDOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH - DECEMBER 16 @ 6PM

DEVONPORT ANGLICAN CHURCH - DECEMBER 17 @ 6PM

OLDAKER CHRISTIAN CHURCH - DECEMBER 17 @ 7PM

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE (DECEMBER 24)

OLDAKER CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 9:30AM

GATEWAY CHURCH - 10AM

DEVONPORT CHURCH OF CHRIST - 5PM

DEVONPORT ANGLICAN CHURCH - 6PM

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE (DECEMBER 25)

DEVONPORT CHURCH OF CHRIST - 9AM

DEVONPORT ANGLICAN CHURCH - 9:30AM

PATHWAY TO LIFE CHURCH - 9:30AM

NORTHDOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH - 10AM

# GENEVA PUBLICATIONS

## Available at Presentation Evening

### Generation

GENEVA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE  
YEARBOOK - 2023



One per  
family,  
extra copies  
\$20

### THE STORY OF Geneva Christian College

Historical Picture Book  
of Geneva!



\$25  
soft cover  
\$30  
hardback