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Geneva Christian College Newsletter

Casual Clothes Day
TOMORROW!



VERSE OF THE WEEK:

Enter through the narrow gate.
For wide is the gate and broad is
the road that leads to
destruction, and many enter
through it. But small is the gate
and narrow the road that leads to
life, and only a few find it.
Matthew 7:13-14

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for great weather and participation next week for our book fair.

- Pray for our school musical production rehearsals. That everything would come together smoothly and that Jesus would bring peace to any nerves.

- Thank God for the wonderful sunshine we have had this week.

WHAT ROAD ARE YOU ON?

A message from Jack Dance (School Chaplain)

In Matthew 7:13-14, I believe Jesus is giving us a warning about the broad road as a lifestyle that the world has always tried to sell to people. It makes us believe that we can live a life full of freedom, happiness, success, peace, justice, and all the benefits of living a life with God, without needing God. It is a wide and broad path that promises life, but in the end leads to destruction. This broad road seems to promise us answers to many things we are looking for.

- There have been lots of self-help books written, yet people are still sad and broken.
- We have had many protests throughout history like BLM, yet racism and injustice still exist.
- There are motivational speakers on social media promising success, yet people still feel like failures.
- We strive for peace in war torn countries and yet we still see wars and conflict.
- People get lots of likes on Instagram, yet they still feel lonely and unloved.

These things aren't bad, but without God they fall short and don't lead to a full life and our hearts true desire. Jesus said lots of people live life this way and will tell you that it is the way to go, but He gave us a warning to not fall into the trap of doing the same. There are no shortcuts when it comes to living life with God. Instead we can find the answers we are looking for on the narrow way of life with God and on His terms. This way of life with Jesus is not always easy, it's not a walk in the park. Jesus says it's a path only few find and walk, but on the narrow road He has promised us peace and provision.

*'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.' John 14:27*

If you want to know how to start your journey on the narrow road, then ask God. By accepting His gift of salvation by grace, you too can find yourself on your journey with God. When we live this way, we actually get to properly live a life of freedom, happiness, success, peace, justice, and all the other benefits that come from living a life with God. Even through the good and bad events of life, God is faithful and will keep His promises. The Bible tells us that wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, but small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life. Which path are you walking on?

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK:

Kinder

Autumn Grossmith - for showing great team work in group lessons, and being a help to her classmates.

Prep

Ezra Ziesel - for always having a kind and caring heart for others.

Year 1

Sapphire Snooks - for a great day of respectful listening and good decision making.

Year 2

Lincoln Hawes - for being a respectful and friendly member of the class.

Year 3

Max Murphy - for using initiative to organise our classroom.

Year 4

Marissa Clarke - for working very hard on her paces.

Year 5

Nathan Veridiano - for always giving his best.

Year 6

Landen Clarke - for giving 100%.

Year 7

Hannah Wood - for applying herself well to her task in Woodwork and making a great effort with cleaning up.

Year 8

Charlee Gardam - for a great first week at Geneva, well done on settling in so well to our class.

Year 9

Wyndham George - for a studious attitude in Science and giving it his full attention.

Year 10

Tameka Frith - for her enthusiasm, dedication and active participation in all her classes.

Year 11/12

Georgie Brown - for for the support she gives others and her steady commitment to her School-based Traineeship and her other school work.

FUNDING FOR NEW PLAYGROUND AND EQUIPMENT

This week we received notice that our application for government funding for a new secondary outdoor activity area/playground and upgrades of primary play equipment was successful. We are very excited to share with our school community a draft concept of the new playground. It will be situated in the area where we have our bonfire. So watch that space as excavation and construction starts in January. Rest assured, we will find an alternative position for our bonfire next year.



SIGNING IN



If you are coming to Geneva to attend assembly, visit a teacher/classroom or volunteer we ask that you sign in via the Check-In Tas App *AND* with our sign-in sheet at the front office.

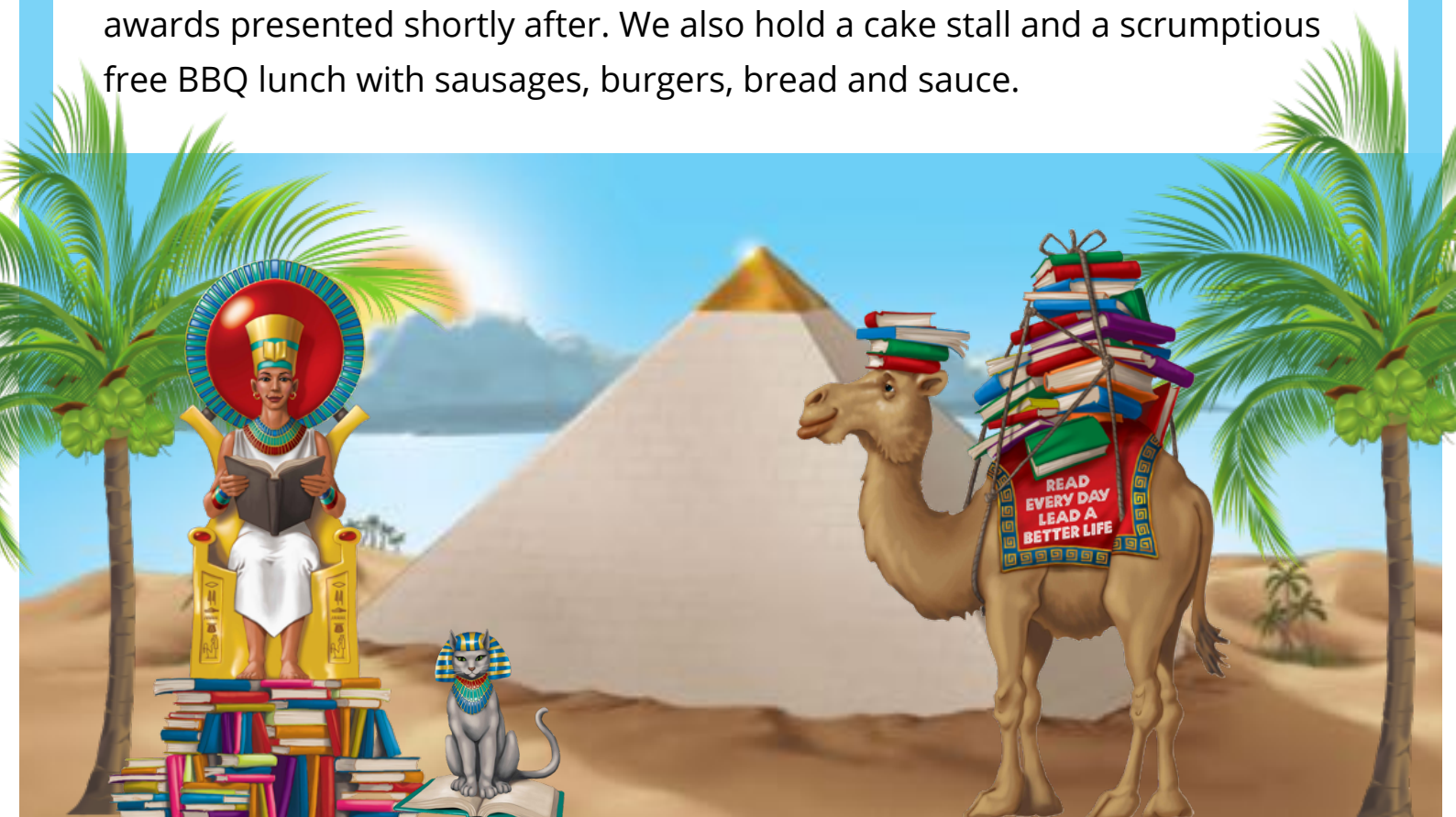
The purpose of our school sign-in sheet is to record all people entering our site. This allows us to check the credentials of visitors which keeps our school safe.

INFORMATION

BOOK FAIR - NEXT WEEK!

We will be holding our **Book Fair Day** NEXT WEEK on Wednesday, September 1st. 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 year's theme, 'Reading Oasis'. During the afternoon we have plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy. A jumping castle, biscuit decorating, train rides and lots more. We will also have our book display on the mezzanine of the stadium. Students will have the opportunity to go through the Book Display and make a wish list early next week. 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**, **Koorong** and the **Reformers** Book Shop.

You as parents, also have the opportunity to have a browse through the great selection of books we have. Books make great presents! You can do this at our Book Fair from 12:00pm. The costume parade will commence at 1:45pm with awards presented shortly after. We also hold a cake stall and a scrumptious free BBQ lunch with sausages, burgers, bread and sauce.



INFORMATION

CASUAL CLOTHES (TOMORROW)



All students may wear neat, non-offensive casual clothes tomorrow for a gold coin donation. All money raised will go towards Samaritan's Purse. Thank you for your support

BOOK FAIR CAKE STALL DONATIONS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

On our Book Fair Day we are holding a cake stall! We are asking our Geneva community to donate baking, fresh fruit and treats to be sold on the day.

Here are some suggestions:

- Muffins or Cupcakes
- Garden produce
- Cake slices
- Jams & Preserves
- Slices
- Fresh fruit
- Biscuits

Each donation needs to have a list of ingredients attached. Please bring donations to the front office before school commences the day of the Book Fair.

Don't forget to send your child with cash to make cake stall purchases with all funds raised going towards Samaritan's Purse.

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 each.

ISSUE 6 BOOK CLUB

Book club orders for issue 6 are due on FRIDAY, September 10th.

Book Fair note: If you see an item at the Book Fair that you would like, and it is advertised cheaper in the current catalogue we will match the price at the Book Fair.

INFORMATION

Latrobe Council in conjunction with Rural Alive and Well invite you to attend a free

Suicide Awareness Toolbox Talk

with RAW Master Trainer John Clark

In this 3 hour training session, you will be provided with the skills and knowledge to know more about why people suicide, the signs of someone contemplating suicide, the confidence to talk to them and where and how to access professional support.

This course is based on guidelines developed through the expert consensus of people with lived experience of mental health problems and professionals.

This Toolbox Talk will be conducted under current COVID-19 safe requirements.

When: Thursday, 9 September

Where: Latrobe Memorial Hall Supper Room, enter from James Street, Latrobe

Time: 7.00pm to 10.00pm

Light Supper Provided

Bookings essential via <https://book.bookeasy.com/latrobe-council/tours/139800>



PRAYER FOR AFGHANISTAN SUPPLIED BY OPEN DOORS

- Ask God to provide relief and aid to every citizen – including the small community of believers – during this devastating surge in extremist control.
- Ask God to comfort families who have fled and pray they find a safe place.
- Pray for protection for Afghans from the spread of COVID-19 – and the rapidly spreading Delta variant.
- Ask God to give Afghani believers his protection and strength to withstand persecution – and that their faith would remain strong.
- Ask God to protect the children of Afghanistan from the traumatic impact of extremism and religious violence.
- Pray that God would bring his miraculous peace and stability to the nation through its leaders.

Prayer points supplied by a researcher from Melbourne School of Theology's Arthur Jeffery Centre for the study of Islam:

- Pray for the people of Afghanistan as they confront this very conservative interpretation of Islam. For those who don't hold on to that same interpretation, their lives are in danger.
- Pray for Afghani women as they live in fear – even the fear that 'they won't go to heaven if they are assaulted.' That's a very real fear that these women will be living with.

WEEK 6 PHOTOS



Our Kinder to Year 2 Students at the Bravehearts 'Keep Safe Adventure Show' last week! They had lots of fun with Ditto the Bear learning about safety.



Year 2 working with Paper Helicopters in Science



YEAR 5-6 FUTSAL COMPETITION



TERM 3 - AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 WEEK 3 X	3 X Student Banking	4 X School Photos	5 X	6 X Canteen Casual Clothes Issue 5 Book Club Orders Due	7
8	9 WEEK 4 X	10 X Student Banking	11 X	12 X	13 X Canteen	14
15	16 WEEK 5 X	17 X Year 7-10 Futsal Competition Student Banking	18 X	19 X Whole School Assembly Knowledge Strategies Year 7 Full Competition	20 X Canteen	21
22	23 WEEK 6 X	24 X Student Banking	25 X	26 X	27 Canteen Casual Clothes	28
29	30 WEEK 7	31 Student Banking				

TERM 3 - SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 READING OASIS Book Fair	2	3 Canteen	4
5	6 WEEK 8	7 Student Banking	8	9	10 Issue 6 Book Club Orders Due Canteen	11
12	13 WEEK 9	14 Student Banking	15	16	17 Canteen Casual Clothes	18
19	20 WEEK 10	21 SCHOOL PRODUCTION PERFORMANCES Student Banking	22 SCHOOL PRODUCTION PERFORMANCES	23 Whole School Assembly SCHOOL PRODUCTION PERFORMANCES LAST DAY OF TERM 3	24 STUDENT FREE DAY	25
26 HOLIDAYS	27 HOLIDAYS	28 HOLIDAYS	29 HOLIDAYS	30 HOLIDAYS		