

Weekly Newsletter



THE FORGIVENESS CROSS

Standing 20m high atop Memory Mountain, along the MacDonnell Ranges in remote Northern Territory about 200km west of Alice Springs, is a symbol of faith, hope and forgiveness – a cross. Opened to the public recently, the Forgiveness Cross was the culmination of a project that started more than 12 years ago to help the Christian community of Haasts Bluff (Ikuntji) fulfil their dream of seeing a large cross on top of the mountain.

Photographer and founder of Walk a While Foundation, Ken Duncan, worked alongside indigenous elders to turn the community's dream into a reality. Almost \$2 million were raised to build the cross, despite the challenges of erecting a 20m steel structure in a remote area as well as project delays, COVID, budget and approvals.

The project was funded entirely by private donors, who were given memorabilia from the biblical film *The Passion of the Christ*, signed by director Mel Gibson who is also a childhood friend of Duncan.

The 'Forgiveness Cross' initiative will bring job opportunities to the local community, with plans to develop camping and glamping sites for tourists on Memory Mountain. It is a monumental display of Christianity and the Ikuntji people's faith in God. May the Forgiveness Cross be a big reminder to us all of the greatest love story ever told – that in His profound love, mercy, and forgiveness, Christ died on the cross for our sins, but through His resurrection gave us the hope of eternal life! For He shall save His people from their sins.



VERSE OF THE WEEK:

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone

Colossian 4:6

PRAYER/PRAISE POINTS:

- Praise God for the brisk mornings and sunny days.
- Continue to pray for the Year 9 students on their 'Extended Stay' at Interlaken - 1 week to go.
- Pray for those in our school community who are unwell.

School families to pray for:

- Conway/Richardson
- Cooper
- Cooper
- Crowden
- Davenport

Geneva Christian College PROVERBS 3:6

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS!

KINDER:

Eltani Spaulding - for being kind and sharing toys with her friends

PREP:

Isabel Blackberry - for being a great friend and exemplifying The Golden Rule

YEAR 1:

Isabelle Wheatley - for using her time well to finish her goals

Kudzai Mukarati - for his amazing retelling of the Rhino story

YEAR 2:

Frances Wicks - for being a good sport when playing games

William Sully - for persisting with his PACE work and showing a great attitude towards learning

YEAR 3:

Doo Echikwonye - for being kind to others and practising The Golden Rule

Cooper Rouse - for encouraging others on the soccer field at recess and lunch

YEAR 4:

Minka Snetler - for having a positive, 'can do' attitude towards all of her work

Keelan Woodberry - for helping to keep our school nice and tidy by picking up rubbish without being asked

YEAR 5:

Maci Brownrigg - for consistently finishing her goals and her amazing positive can-do attitude

Max Murphy - for a great improvement in his work ethic

YEAR 6:

Evie Scrimgeour - for being honest and taking responsibility for her actions

Liam Baldock - for working consistently to complete his assigned tasks

YEAR 7:

Anika Heine - for being brave in going on the Year 7/8 Trip to Hobart on her first day at Geneva, and making a great effort to settle in well

Nathanael Haidau - for going out of his way to be helpful during the Year 7/8 Trip to Hobart

YEAR 8:

Sophie Atkins - for writing a great autobiography in English

Ryley Lincolne - for achieving a great result in his geography test

YEAR 10:

Maeve McDowell - for having a positive attitude to her work and finishing ahead of everyone (even with a fractured finger)! Also, for tidying up the classroom at the end of the day on behalf of others, without being asked

Ben Atkins - for consistently supporting the class (and Miss Lincolne) with technology - we are very thankful for *Bring it to Ben!*

YEAR 11/12:

Kayla Ezard - for assisting in coaching one of the Primary soccer team

Ben Young - for displaying polite and courteous characteristics throughout the school

EMPLOYEE'S OF THE WEEK

Carolyn Utberg - for showing empathy towards her students and always caring for them

Jennifer Crossman - for being very efficient and helpful throughout the Primary School

Thank You

INFORMATION

HANDWRITING AWARDS

Kinder - Patricia Lancashire

Prep - Avery Wigg

Year 1 - Mia James and Charlie McKerrow

Year 2 - Lauren Rouse and Hudson Johnson

Year 3 - Mitch Newton and Daniel Ahanor

Year 4 - Charlotte Lambert and Samuel Quirk

Year 5 - Keeley Forward and Jake Mather-Norris

Year 6 - Margaret Hume and David Ahanor

TERM DATES 2023

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

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

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

ROLL CALL

Thank you to all those parents that are continuing to use the Rollcall app. If your child is **not** travelling on the bus for any reason, it is helpful to us to remove your student using the 'bus absence'. If you still require the app, please ask at the Front Office. Thank you.



CASUAL CLOTHES/SILLY SOCKS

This Friday will be casual clothes day. We will be incorporating casual clothes with silly socks.

Students may wear neat, modest casual clothes with their choice of 'silly socks' for a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go to the Year 6 leadership students to start their fundraising.



BOOK VISIT

Last week we had Simona Piscioneri visit our school to read her new book, All About Bible Animals. The students thoroughly themselves. If you would like to purchase a copy, please see the attached flyer.



NEW STAFF TO GENEVA



Mrs Christina Sully is a Teacher Aide in our Primary School.

What were you doing before you started at Geneva?

Before starting at Geneva, I was working at Giant Steps in Deloraine.

What are your hobbies?

My hobbies, when I have time with 3 busy children, are reading, watching classic movies that make me feel good, all different types of craft and cooking.

What is your favourite food?

My favourite food is Thai and of course chocolate.

What do you like about working at Geneva?

What I like about working at Geneva is the same reason my children all like attending Geneva, everyone is so kind and inclusive. You instantly feel part of something bigger than yourself.

INFORMATION

OUTSTANDING FEES

As part of ongoing enrolment at Geneva, we have an agreement with every family that fees will be paid up to date and so I would like to thank those parents who do pay their school fees regularly, this certainly helps us with our budgeting and what we can achieve with your child's education. However, the finance department have highlighted to me that we do have a number of outstanding fee accounts and would like to see these fully paid by the end of the year. If this relates to you, you will receive a call and/or an email from the finance department with a personal payment plan for the next 7.5 months, so that all outstanding fees will be cleared by the end of 2023. We currently have a large waiting list in most of our classes with parents who are eager to enrol their child/children at Geneva. So, if you are committed to your child remaining enrolled, then please ensure you organise regular payment of school fees to clear all debt by December, 2023. RL

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held this Term in Week 5 for Primary School and Week 6 for Secondary School. The booking rounds for Primary School only are now open and letters have been sent home with the link. Please go into our online booking system, SOBS, and make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

<https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=2165>

INTERLAKEN

YEAR 9 EXTENDED INTERLAKEN STAY

Our students and staff have now had 2 weeks at Interlaken - 1 week to go! Over the last 14 days the students have been learning many valuable life skills, learning to work together, contributing to jobs around the property, and growing individually. We are so proud of all the students and the resilience they are showing.

Yesterday morning the Year 9's, along with the Year 11/12 Outdoor Education and Outdoor Leadership students, woke up at 5am to head to Cape Hauty for a day hike.

Enjoy this little update & please continue to pray for the staff and students.

Annabelle Sully:

I am new to Geneva this Term and this is my first time at Interlaken - I love it here so much! I have loved going on the kayaks on the Lake and getting in the hot tub. It's been nice to meet my new classmates and get to know them.

Oliver Carroll: Interlaken has been one of the best experiences of my life. A highlight was going on the Cape Hauty Hike with some of the year 11/12 students yesterday and getting McDonalds for dinner afterwards.



WEEK 3 PHOTOS

Congratulations to our Junior High netball team. They got their first win for the season on Saturday beating Ulverstone High 11-8.



Year 2 class re-enacting The Good Samaritan



Do you recognise any of these items. If so, please collect them from the office. Thank you!!



MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	01 Week 2	02 X	03 X	04 X	05 Canteen	06
07	08 Week 3	09 X	10 X Outdoor Education Hike	11 Book Club Orders are due Outdoor Education Hike	12 Canteen Casual Clothes/Silly Socks Outdoor Education Hike	13
14	15 Week 4	16	17 YEAR 9 INTERLAKEN EXTENDED STAY RETURNS	18	19 Canteen Year 10 Driver Address Training	20
21	22 Week 5 Primary Parent/Teacher	23 Primary Parent/Teacher	24 Primary Parent/Teacher	25	26 Canteen	27 Fireworks Night
28	29 Week 6 Secondary Parent/Teacher	30 Secondary Parent/Teacher	31 Secondary Parent/Teacher	01	02 Canteen Casual Clothes	03

JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	01	02 Canteen Casual Clothes	03
04	05 Week 7	06	07 Pie Drive Orders due	08	09 Canteen	10
11	12 Week 8 Long Weekend	13	14	15	16 Cross Country	17
18	19 Week 9	20	21	22	23 Canteen Pie Drive Casual Clothes	24
25	26 Week 10	27 Lion King Show	28 Lion King Show	29 Lion King Show	30	01



Jump Rope for Heart kicks off this term at Geneva Christian College!

Jump Rope for Heart is the Heart Foundation's primary school skipping challenge that helps kids move more, have fun and raise funds for lifesaving research and programs.

This year we've got a goal to see our student Heart Heroes at Geneva Christian College to log 40 hours of skipping throughout the program!



[Register your child online](#), so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started.
www.jump rope.org.au/parents

Students will be skipping throughout the term in PE lessons and during lunch. During this time, you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause.

It's great to see so many children out in the playground skipping with smiles on their faces. Geneva Christian College has already raised \$1385.00.

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!

