The Chinese farmer

There is a Chinese story of an old farmer who had an old horse for tilling his fields. One day the horse escaped into the hills and when all the farmer’s neighbours sympathised with the old man over his bad luck, the farmer replied, ‘Bad luck? Good luck? Who knows?’

A week later the horse returned with a herd of wild horses from the hills and this time the neighbours congratulated the farmer on his good luck. His reply was, ‘Good luck? Bad luck? Who knows?’

Then, when the farmer’s son was attempted to tame one of the wild horses, he fell off its back and broke his leg. Everyone thought this very bad luck. Not the farmer, whose only reaction was, ‘Bad luck? Good luck? Who knows?’

Some weeks later the army marched into the village and conscripted every able-bodied youth they found there. When they saw the farmer’s son with his broken leg they let him off. Now was that Good luck? Bad luck? Who knows?

END OF SCHOOL - Years 1-6

Please note that when the bell that goes at 3:10pm in the afternoon it does not indicate the end of school for Years 1-6. This is actually the pack-up bell. **Classes actually finish at 3:15pm.**

However, our Kindy and Pre-Primary students **do** finish at 3:10pm so that parents can collect their little ones before the rest of the classes are dismissed.

NEW BOYS SHIRTS

There have been a few teething problems with new boys school shirts. In many respects they are excellent. It seems some people have had to buy a larger size for their boys than they would normally buy to accommodate the neck.

After some negotiation with the company they have agreed that the collar style is possibly not the best for active students and they have offered to take off the collar and put on a new style that sits a little lower and is more comfortable to wear. **If you bought a new boys shirt and found the neck too tight for a tie, please bring it back to the office, clearly labelled and we will send it in to the company who produced them to alter the collar.**

This recall is for a very limited time only. **Shirts need to be back into the office by THIS FRIDAY, 7th March.**

Please find attached a letter from our Administration team explaining how the new shirt should be worn.

SPEEDING

Please note the following letter that was sent to our school from a very concerned local resident.

*Residents of Lawnbrook Road in Bickley have tried unsuccessfully to get a 50km speed limit through our residential area. Many people speed over 60kmh on this road but we know that many of these anti social people are parents from your school. I will ask the police for radar monitoring. Meanwhile please ask your parents to observe the limit. Also some people are parking on the footpath outside the school. This is also illegal and anti social.*

We agree with making this community a safe place for everyone and would appreciate your co-operation in obeying the road rules. Please adhere to the correct speed limits at ALL times and refrain from parking on the footpaths. We understand that parking is an issue and would encourage parents to park in the carpark across the road wherever possible.

NEWSLETTERS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
We would like to wish the following students many happy returns for their special day this month.
Kayla Bergmann (6), Jessica Harrison (6), Asher Moffatt (7), Emily Sidney (8), Madison Hale (11), Helam Sharu (17), Noah Adams (17), Harvey Pennington (18), Tobias Harrison (19), Tate Dhube (20), Nathan Phiri (23), Amanda Mbono (25), Hannah Clark (25), Hallelujah Selepe (26), Oliver Bradshaw (28), Thabisile Bhebhe (29), Joshua Kopp (30), Karan Thakur (30)

LIBRARY
Issue 2 of the Scholastic Book Catalogue is now available from the Library and the office. These need to be returned to the school by Monday, March 17 (Week 7).
Koorong Catalogue orders are also due on this date.

Thank you to everyone who placed orders from the previous catalogues. There has been a huge response and this is fantastic for our school.

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FRUIT TREES - we want to begin digging holes for the fruit trees etc down in the area beyond the oval which has been allocated as a garden patch.
TREES – we want to fill and plant several trees in the area outside the library. Eventually we will add some seats as well.

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Please note that we have our weekly Chapel and Assembly program every Friday morning from 8.50am to 9.30am. All parents are welcome to attend.

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If you are like me you are already well on your way to filling up your diary for 2014. In your quest to fill in the blanks have you allowed yourself space to answer the following question:
Do you have a ‘written plan’ for personal growth, this year? Could you use a plan to work towards, or goals to achieve this year? Once something is written it becomes powerful, as in the saying, ‘the pen is mightier than the sword.’ As a part of the Teachers Job description, they are compelled to attend a number of PD’s (Professional Development courses). I think they are more personal then professional, as teachers have a choice to pursue teaching interests and access assistance in areas of need. But more importantly, I see our teacher’s working together brainstorming, or working through issues to find the best outcome. Carmel teachers are fortunate that they have confidence and trust in each other. This led me to think about us as parents? Who do we have?
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EASTER CAMP

The annual Adventist Easter Camp Convention will be held on April 17-21. This is an event for the whole family, where spiritually focused, age specific meetings and activities are held.

If you would like to stay at the SDA Maida Vale camp ground for the duration of the weekend, please call into the office to pick up an application form.

Activities application forms (for ages 7-9, 10-12 and High School age) are available at the office or online. Go to http://wa.adventist.org.au/easter-camp

Upcoming seminars

From time to time some wonderful parenting courses/workshops are run through Relationships Australia. If you see something that is of interest to you or your family situation, we would encourage you to attend.

**Kids and Today’s Technology** - 17 and 24 March at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville. 6.30-9pm. $35 per person/ $50 per couple. This two week course is for parents of kids between ages 2 and 18 years. Technology is now being used by very young children and most teenagers are proficient users of many aspects of technology. Your knowledge of what’s out there, how it’s being used and how you manage it in your home will have a direct impact on your kids’ learning and safety. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

**Parent-Child Connection** - commencing 17 March x 4 weeks at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville. 6.30-9pm. $50 per person/ $75 per couple. Raising children should be one of life’s greatest experiences, but as any parent knows, it is not an easy task. People with children under ten are invited to this four-week course to learn new skills, feel better about their parenting and gain confidence. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

**Mums Raising Boys** - up to the age of 12 years – 5 March at 1 Ord Street, Fremantle and 18 March at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville. 10-12.30. $25 per person. However well-prepared mothers are logically, the emotional response to having a boy is often still, ‘Wow! This is unknown territory.’ It is true that for many mothers, the idea of raising a son carries its own set of worries. As the primary female role model in a boy’s life, mothers play an important role in the development of their son’s identity including their ability to be nurturing. This is turn affects how they relate to others, particularly to girls and women. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

**NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION**

With so many Newsletters being lost or destroyed before reaching home we would like to go straight to the source. With this in mind, please note that we will be emailing all future copies of the Newsletter. If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the Newsletter (sent home with your child/ren), please tick this box and return it to the office ASAP.

Family Name __________________________ I would like to receive a paper copy of the Newsletter. [ ]
KINDY RENOVATIONS

Look at the progress of the renovations of our Kindergarten room! From the demolition, to the roof back on. We can now see the bigger and better class room that awaits us.

We are very excited with the progress and eagerly anticipate the students being able to move back in, in term 2.
We look forward to seeing you there…

Bring the family and a picnic tea 6.30pm.

Special Friday Evening Event

Please come and join us for this Harmony Day Special Event. Together we will be celebrating this special occasion with our students starting at 6.30pm. This will take the place of our regular Friday chapel/assembly program. If you are able you are also welcome to stay after the program for a short movie for the children.

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