


BOARD BITS

- We would like to thank Sally Yin for all the work and dedication she has given during her teaching role at the school and we wish her well in her new employment position.
- We are pleased to welcome Miss Ruth Butler to the school, as year 2 teacher. Please make her feel welcome.
- The library building project is progressing. Tendering process should be happening within the next few weeks.
- A **Big Thanks** goes to the ladies who faithfully work every Thursday to catalogue and prepare the library books for borrowing.
- The tennis court has had some delays in it's final stages, but we hope to use it soon! 
- A gate has gone up along the fence line near the corner sign.
- The installation of the solar panels has been delayed to allow them to be placed on the roof of the new library building.
- Work is happening to develop a master plan for the school site.
- Kindergarten committee met with Council and some extra council applications are required. Delays of up to 3 months are expected. The committee is working very hard to get the kindergarten up and running.
- We have assessed the funds received for special education needs. and this has resulted in the establishment of a diverse learning needs unit, co-ordinated by Janet Crouch.
- Joke Pilon, our office administrator has resigned and plans to leave us at the end of this term. Joke has served the school for 9 + years. Please take the opportunity to thank her in the next 2 weeks. Joke we are sad to see you go. You have kept the office in order and you will be very hard to replace. You have helped the school get to where it is today. "Thank you so much"
- If you would like to contact the school Board in relation to governance matters, you can do so by writing to the secretary Wendy Langerak. Address: 41 Whitman Street Westbrook 4350 or e-mail: wendy.langerak@bigpond.com

MUMS MORNING TEA

A reminder that the venue of the Mums Morning Tea has changed to Jo Ernst home, 16 Park Street. Please bring morning tea and your wedding photos for show and tell



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SCRIPTURE FOCUS *"There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever." (Revelation 22:5)*



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It doesn't take too much thinking to realise the importance of **light** to life and living. Light is vital to our existence as is water and indeed so much of what God has made. Life, its beginning, maintenance and end is a continual interdependent activity and event. Life is a huge miracle with the correct functioning of so many parts all interacting in just the right way at the right time to allow us to live and thrive. And light plays a key role. Light is vital to plants which converts the energy of sunlight into food which we and many animals rely on. More directly light affects our health in our sleep and immunity against disease. Of course we cannot see without light. We have been designed to operate and live life with light playing a crucial role. No wonder God has much to say about light both from a physical and spiritual aspect. God mentions light often in regard to Himself and our need to be in the light. God said, "Let there be light", and there was light. God saw that the light was good. (Gen 1:3,4). In Psalms it says, that God "wraps Himself in light" (Ps104:2), that He is "resplendent with light" (Ps76:4) and that God is "in the light of life" (Ps 56:13). Further "God lives in unapproachable light" (1 Tim 6:16), "God is light" (1 John 1:5). Jesus said "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12) and that He made "His light to shine in our hearts" (2 Cor 4:6) and that "if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another." (1 John 1:7).

We need Jesus and His radiant light more than life itself because in essence He is the origin of life and His presence radiates that life. We will not need

the light of the sun for the Lord will give us His light directly and we will reign for ever and ever. Glory be to God!

God bless you.
(Principal)

Ron Slyderink

STUDENT NEWS

We welcome Abigail Round to our school community. We are blessed to have her and hope she can adjust to the many new faces and our culture which would be quite different to her own. She is in Yr 7 and is a great student.

Although the flue and sickness amongst students hasn't helped us do so well at the Primary School Zone Athletics and Track Carnival held on Tuesday 11th August at Harristown State High School Oval, those who did attend and participate can be proud of their efforts. We also thank those parents who helped on the day at the sports and with transport.

Students have responded positively to the 'Walk the extra Mile' raising funds for those with much less. Thank you all and keep up increasing your km covered and your sponsorship efforts. It will be so worthwhile. We also had a Chronicle report (thank you Deb Reinbott) highlighting our endeavours and showing some pictures of our students participating.

With the soon completion of the tennis court some of our students in grade 3 and grade 4 have enthusiastically made efforts to raise money for tennis rackets. If you would like to donate to this than there is box in the office for this purpose. Thank you.

PRAYER GROUP We are engaged in definite spiritual warfare and will have our battles in many different areas. We cannot do without praying and prayer warriors. If you can, please join the prayer group in the admin building every Thursday at 2.30 pm. If you cannot come, please commit some time praying for the school and its people during the week, anywhere.



PRAYER POINTS

We need to thank the Lord for His abundant mercy, grace and love for each of our students. Pray for strong caring families and the bonding of relationships. Thank God for His provision of building infrastructure and facilities. The extended car park is completed and now the multipurpose tennis court is finished with a better than expected painted surface outcome.

The people on Board and committee meetings need God's leading continually and they need your support in prayer and encouraging words. Pray for continuing progress in planning for a kindy at the school. Pray that God will have His way in our school and in us to do His will.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Sport: We are having our own School Athletics and Track events at the O'Quin oval on the last day of term and value our students to do their best. We are asking for all students to participate and cheer each other on no matter what the event, whether running, long jump, high jump, shot put, discuss, ball games and novelty events. Training and development of various skills has occurred at school with rotation of stations so students can be engaged with the various specialties.



Bridge of Hope 'Go the Extra Mile' program is going well with many students consciously covering as many km for others as well as keeping fit.

The Theme for Term 3 'The heavens declare the glory of God...'

Students have been engaged in becoming more aware and knowledgeable about God's amazing creation in particular the heavens. We have had some response to children sending in pictures on the theme 'the heavens declare' and we have shown some of these during Chapel time

Fathers Day Campout/Concert

* Brief Notice is given here to alert parents to a change in some planned activities and events. Weather is the main reason. Refer to a separate Newsletter Notice.

PERMISSION FORMS

Parents, if you have not already done so, can you please fill in the Permission Form for Photo, Video and Audio Recordings, that was sent out a few weeks ago. (light blue) This form is **very** important!



If you need a replacement, they are available from the office.

CALENDER CHECK

September 11th (Friday afternoon-Sat morning) Fathers Day Campout/ Concert

September 18th Glenvale Christian School Athletics Carnival

School Holidays return on the 5th October for Term 4