



HALLS HEAD NEWS

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The link between School and Home

Key Dates & Upcoming Events

26 July - Interschool Cross Country

7 Aug - Dental screening PP, Year 3 and Year 6

18 Aug - Athletics Day

21 - 25 Aug Book Week

24 Aug - Read around and Dress-up Day

28 Aug - 1 Sept Science Week

30 Aug - Grandparents and Special Friends Day

1 Sept - Father's Day P&F Stall

6 Sept - 8 Sept Year 3 Camp

13 Sept - Interschool Athletics Day

20 Sept - Pre-Primary Bible Giving Chapel

From the Deputy Principal

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Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you. Philippians 4:8-9



Now this exploration into a wintertime memory is not without purpose. Think for a moment and you will agree, if the water, which forms the icicle, is pure, then the icicle is also clean and clear. It will sparkle brightly as the sun bursts through it.

On the other hand, if the water, which is the icicle's water source, is tainted, the icicle itself will be cloudy, murky, and its beauty will be marred.

I think there's a lesson for us to learn from that.

While it is true, we are, upon occasion, shaped by large decisions and trials, most of the time we are formed like an icicle, drop by drop and small event by small event. If the things that surround us and to which we expose ourselves are foul and contaminated, then our lives and our witness to the Savior will never be as clear and beautiful as the Lord had planned for us.

That is why St. Paul urged the believers in Philippi, and us, to think upon that which is honest, just, lovely, and pure. He knew if we surrounded ourselves with the virtues of the Lord, if we constantly think about the goodness and grace of God, we would have peace and joy in Jesus that the world can never know.

Indeed, if we avoid the evil and think upon that which is good, our lives will make a better, a purer witness for Jesus who gave His life for our salvation.

THE PRAYER: Dear God, create in me a new heart, a clean heart, a saved heart. Help me avoid that which is evil and be composed of all that is good and comes from You. Turn me into a clear reflection of the love and grace I have received from the Savior's sacrifice. In His Name. Amen.





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Welcome Back to Term 3

Term 3 is an important term, as all terms are, but this term is particularly important regarding growth, development and learning. Each fortnight we focus on one of the 40 Assets. Here is the list of the 5 we will be focussing on this term:

- Weeks 1 & 2 - Asset 21 Young person is motivated to do well in school.
- Weeks 3 & 4 - Asset 23 Young person reports doing at least one hour of homework every school day.
- Weeks 5 & 6 - Asset 25 Young person reads for pleasure three or more hours per week.
- Weeks 7 & 8 - Asset 24 Young person cares about her or his school.
- Week 9 & 10 - Asset 3 Young person receives support from three or more non-parent adults.

Our Pastoral Care Program is based around these assets along with our morning devotions, chapels/assemblies and newsletters. Each fortnight, along with our school newsletter, a publication called 'Ideas for Parents' comes out with the same focus.

Athletics Day Friday 18 August



Our Athletics Day is scheduled for Friday of week 5. Students will be participating in a variety of athletic events. We will be needing parent helpers on the day. Please be on the

lookout for Information that will be coming out over the next few weeks. At this moment in time, we are going to start the Athletics day after recess (10:45am) and finish at 2:30pm.

Allergy Awareness



A reminder that we are an 'Allergy Aware' school. We have a number of students who have allergic reactions to a range of things, including some food items, some of them

being severe and could be life threatening. It is important that no nuts are brought into school. This includes in lunchboxes and for birthday celebrations. Please check the ingredients and, if in doubt, talk to the class teacher. We also have students who are allergic to other food items so please check with your child's class teacher before bringing in items to share.

Late Arrivals

It is important that every intention is made to get students to school for the start of the day. However, if for any reason they arrive late and the roll book has been completed and is no longer in the classroom, please complete a yellow late form from the class teacher and return it to the office. This procedure is in place to ensure that students do not remain as absent on the roll when, in fact, they are at school.

Digital Portfolios



This term, students are again in the process of creating their digital portfolios. The portfolios will come home at the end of the term on your child's USB. Could you please return

your child's USB if you have not returned it from Term 1? Students have already been goal setting and identifying areas that they could improve in and setting achievable targets.