NEW FOUNDATION CLASS

Congratulations to the Foundation students who have made such a fantastic start to their schooling at Harvest. It has been wonderful to see all of the children settle into the school routines. Keep up the great work.

Back Row (L-R) Sid Allen, Isaac Ayoub, William Harris, Harvey Morris, Tyson Selby-Fullgrabe, Cameron Warde.

Middle Row (L-R) Dakota Pallares, Harrison Fischer, Sofia Stock-Merritt, Skyla Hamilton, Rex Pallares, Layla Plummer.

Front Row (L-R) Mackenzie Wood, Zivah Blackmore, Angel Adams, Imogen Cunningham, Mia Horsell, Eliza Meale.

Absent Zanel Nolte.

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP DAY

As a way to further develop leaders in our school, in particular our Primary School, our Year 6 students participated in a Leadership Program at the Kadina Golf Club on Friday, 30 January. Students were led in a variety of activities and workshops focusing on inspiring our Year 6’s in becoming servant leaders, like our greatest leader of all, Jesus Christ.

The day started with students having to recognise and name past and present leaders. Pastor Geoff Rowland shared a devotion on being in relationship with Christ and how this enables us to be more Christ-like leaders. He encouraged the students to focus on God and seek His leadership in all things.

With Miss Karen Brown, students learnt about their brains and the impact of healthy and toxic thoughts. They also learnt about encouraging others and to not let ourselves get weighed down with negative thoughts, but rather, seek God’s Word to overcome these thoughts.

Throughout the day Mrs Merissa Ayoub (SSO) led students through a variety of ‘brain break’ activities to stimulate both sides of the brain. She also led the Year 6’s in some team building exercises after lunch.

Finally, Mr Peter Ayoub (Head of Primary School) symbolised Christ’s example of being a humble leader when He washed one of His disciple’s feet. He did this by washing one of the Year 6 student’s feet. He challenged all the students to be a humble leader who is willing to put others first, just like Christ did.

A great, challenging and fun day was had by all. Now the Year 6 students will be participating in Acts of Service around the school and putting their newly learnt leadership skills into practice.

Here are some thoughts from the students on Leadership Day:

On the Leadership Day my favourite workshop was learning about the brain. I especially liked the part where Miss Brown talked about our toxic (bad) thoughts and rainbow (good) thoughts. She told us to have rainbow thoughts and not toxic ones. – Eli Cooper

I thought the Year 6 Leadership Day was awesome and excellent. We learnt about the brain and how to be a great, responsible leader. We also played some cool games that helped us with our co-ordination. – Jazmin Gay

I thought the Leadership Day was fun because when we did the water bucket game. It was hard to guide the people who were blindfolded. – Ellise Pringle

I thought the Leadership Day was awesome because we learnt how to become a leader and the need to be responsible because we have to set an example to younger students. – Ellen Shoumack
FROM THE HEAD OF PRIMARY

Proverbs 22:6 ‘Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it’.

Throughout Australia, Christian Schools are becoming a more popular choice of education. One must ask, ‘What are the benefits and how does a Christian School differ from some other schools?’

Harvest Christian School’s vision statement says, “Harvest Christian School is committed to honouring God by serving Him and working to bring about His plan and purpose for the students, staff and community”.

Our mission statement says, “Harvest Christian School is a low fee F-12 school that exists to educate children within a loving and caring Christian environment and to equip them with the life skills that will enable them to achieve excellence in their chosen careers and vocations”.

When we look at these statements it is evident that the purpose of our school is to honour and serve God, to bring about His plan and to educate children in an environment that promotes Christian values.

Whether someone believes in the God of the Bible or not, it is evident that many of our country’s values and morals have been built upon Christian Principles. Murder and theft are wrong and what we want our children to be exposed to is limited to things of innocence. Our country’s parliament still recites the Lord’s Prayer before beginning a parliamentary sitting, even our local council says a prayer before beginning their monthly public council meetings. Major Christian events such as Christmas and Easter are still celebrated and kept as public holidays.

Some may look at these values and morals as being ridiculous and old fashioned in this day and age. However, many of our country’s values and principles do agree and run in line with what Christianity and the Bible teaches. Some of these characteristics a Christian School can provide.

Accountability to the God of the universe, parents and to the wider community is an important characteristic that we try to instil in our children. If children are accountable to no one, they reap havoc and make up their own values and morals. Children who are accountable for their actions realise that they are loved and of great value to God and those around them. Without love and value children can feel worthless, inadequate and can have low self esteem.

Children who know that they have limitless value in God’s sight always have someone to turn to despite their short fallings.

Knowing that God has a plan for our lives is also an important characteristic of a Christian School as it gives children purpose and the realisation that all things happen for a reason despite our limited understanding of the event at the time. It also gives them the assurance that when things seem hopelessly wrong in their lives that God is in control and that nothing can separate us from His love (Romans 8:38-39)

The greatest example our children can learn from is the example set by Jesus Christ. The two great commandments He gave in Mathew (22:37&39) are to love the Lord your God, and to love your neighbour as yourselves. Children who follow Christ’s example and show love to others know how to be generous, thoughtful and caring. They know how to put others first and value those around them. This is definitely a characteristic I am sure all parents would love to see in their children.

As a parent, I know I love my children, but I also know I do not always set the best example. I often have regrets that I get frustrated with my children and show anger in inappropriate ways. I often break my promises despite good intentions to keep them, I do not spend the time I would like to with my children and the example I set to them is not always exemplary. However, despite my shortcomings, I know that if I teach my children to look to Jesus Christ for their example, they will have the best opportunity to know the morals and values I would like them to have and carry with them throughout their lives, despite my short fallings. I do not want to be the only example my children have.

A Christian School can differ in many ways to other educational institutions. Perhaps the most important is that it backs the Christian values and morals that children can keep with them throughout their lives, and gives our children hope and purpose that despite their short fallings at times, God still loves them, cares for them, and wants them to know and have a relationship with Him. Importantly, a Christian School is a place where teachers and staff can freely teach Christian principles, educate and point children in the direction that will help make them responsible and respectful citizens in our society.

Peter Ayoub

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Please join Sandra for a coffee and a chat on Wednesday, 25 February at 8.45am in the staff room. Topic of discussion will be “Uniforms”. Tea and coffee provided.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

Please note that Monday, 9 March, is a public holiday for Adelaide Cup Day. We will also be having a student free day on Tuesday, 10 March, for the purposes of staff development.

Other dates of importance this term are: Friday, 3 April (Good Friday) and Monday, 6 April (Easter Monday).

Last day of school this term is Friday, 10 April. Dismissal time will be 2pm. Term 2 commences on Monday, 27 April at 8.40am

School Banking Day is Tuesday
COUNTRY FAIR GOLDEN TICKETS
We are hosting our first Country Fair on Saturday, 28 February, from 4-7pm. In the lead up to the event the school will be selling Golden Tickets. The Golden Tickets consist of $20 of monetary value for only $15! Your child/ren will wear the Golden Ticket around their neck and have the opportunity to spend their $20 wherever they wish on the day.

The Golden Tickets are available now from the School Office. Get in quick as there is a limited number of tickets!

Items are still needed for the White Elephant stall. Please see Mrs Lyndall Arthur in the School Office if you have good quality items to donate.

POSITION AVAILABLE
The Learning Support Department has a position available for a Student Support Officer for two days a week. If you are interested in joining the Learning Support team and have a real desire to work with and support children with learning difficulties then please consider applying for this position. You can obtain the Non-Teaching application form by going onto the school’s website and clicking on the Positions Vacant link. The document, Basis of Faith should be read before applying. Please return your application to the School Office by Friday, 27 February.

INFORMATION PACK
In the first week of school you would have received an information pack from your child. This contains a number of forms which need to be completed and returned to school. This information is required by Wednesday, 25 February. Thank you. Mrs Lyndall Arthur, Office Manager.

SCHOOL FEES
A reminder that School Fees are due to be paid by Friday, 20 February.

NEWSLETTERS
As we are still collecting family information and implementing a new database, printed newsletters will be sent home with the eldest student/sibling until further notice.

PLAYGROUP
Playgroup runs every Tuesday throughout the school term, from 9.00—10.30am, in the Cornerstone Stadium. Enrolment forms are available from the School Office. Parents are required to bring a snack for their child and tea and coffee is provided for parents. The cost is only $10 per term/per family. Community members not already involved in the school are most welcome too. However please note there will be NO playgroup on Tuesday, 10 and 17 March.

Please remember that Harvest is a nut-free school. This means no sandwiches or snacks containing peanut butter, Nutella etc.

SPORTS DAY
This year we are running two separate Sports Days. The Foundation to Year 2 Sports Day will be held on Wednesday, 11 March; here at school. The finishing time of the day is still to be confirmed.

The Year 3 to 12 Sports day will be on Tuesday, 17 March, at Kadina Memorial School Athletics Oval.

Further details will be advised closer to the dates.

S.A.C.A. CRICKET CLINIC
Last Thursday the Year 4-6 students took part in a cricket clinic run by S.A.C.A. They participated in a variety of activities that honed the skills needed to play cricket. Skills learnt during these clinics were: bowling and throwing overarm, correct positioning, hitting and catching techniques and the need to work as part of a team. Students thoroughly enjoyed the time and even got a glass of cold milk and Milo at the end of their session!

BABY CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Geyser on the safe arrival of Daniel Stephanus Geyser, born Monday, 2 February.

THANK YOU FROM MRS KEMPSTER
“Glen and I would like to say a heartfelt thankyou to the many parents and students who gave gifts to celebrate the arrival of our precious Joseph. We have been so blessed by not only this overwhelming generosity but also the kind words and continued support that we have received from our school community. We are very grateful”.

LIBRARY NEWS
Have you started reading for the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge? Do you have a favourite book that you would like to tell everyone in South Australia all about?? Would you like to be in the running for a prize just for doing it?? If the answer is “yes”, “yep” and “absolutely” then go to the PRC website www.prc.sa.edu.au and Rate a Read.

Students will need to access Rate a Read on the website by looking in the student section under Kidspace or Teenspace and follow the prompts.

There is a book prize up for grabs each month and the winner will have their first name and their school posted on the website.

Take up the Challenge and get into a great book!
**CALENDAR**

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

⇒ **KiDzGaTE Live:** Friday fortnightly, 20 February and 6 March, 5-7pm, for children in Foundation to Year 5. $4pp, light tea provided. The Gateway Centre, 4716 Copper Coast Highway, Kadina. Please contact Tim on 0401 854 272 for details.

⇒ **Kadina Hockey Club Registration Day:** Wednesday, 18 March – from 4.00pm at the hockey fields (cnr Drain & Port Rd, Kadina). **Mini Colts** (Girls & Boys aged 5 to under 9). **Junior Colts** (Girls & Boys under 13 yrs). **Senior Colts** (Girls & Boys under 16 yrs). **Mens & Womens** (16+ years) – from 5.30pm. **New players and coaches welcome in all grades. Note:** No practise on Registration Day. **First Practise** – Wednesday, 25 March. Any queries please contact Sandra Paddick - 0418803259.

⇒ **Bute/Senior Colts Football Training:** Commencing Wednesday, 25 February from 3.45pm at Kadina Memorial School Oval. Enquiries to Cameron McCauley on 0428 242 396.

⇒ **Wallaroo Football Club Registration Night:** Thursday, 26 February, 4.30—5.30pm in the Club House. U10’s, U12’s, Junior Colts and Senior Colts. Enquires to Erica 0439 841 805.

⇒ **Gideons International:** Bibles for the World Dinner. Saturday, 21February, 7pm at the Weeroona Hotel, Wallaroo. Guest speaker is Rob Greenwood. $22 per person. Please contact Roger McCauley 0416 184840 or Viv Pearce 0487 358 884 for tickets.

⇒ **Copper Coast Youth:** Jetty Jumping Competition at Wallaroo. Meeting at Pier One, Saturday, 21 February at 5pm for hot chips. Years 7—12. Please contact Tony Moore for details 0430 242 045.

⇒ **Copper Coast Sports and Leisure Centre:** Winter FUTSAL and Basketball competitions commencing March/April. Contact Lisa on 8821 3106 for details.

⇒ **Kadina Junior Football Club:** 2015 Season training. Senior Colts, Tues/Thurs at 5pm. Junior Colts commence Tues, 10 March at 4.30 Please contact Steve McDonald 0448 211 062 for further information.

**INTERNATIONAL MURAL EXCHANGE**

Over the summer holidays, the Year 6 students received the half completed mural from Jousui Kita Elementary School. The Year 6 class was extremely excited to receive the mural, Christmas cards and three stuffed animal ambassadors which the students will look after for the next month.

The Year 6 class will now need to complete the remaining half of the mural. Through discussion, the students will create a mural which incorporates our area, school and culture. The students started painting the mural during week 2, with the aim to complete and send the mural back to Japan by the end of February. After successful completion, the mural will be placed on display in the Museum of Art in Japan.

**COUNTRY FAIR FAST APPROACHING!**

The Country Fair is fast approaching! During the last few weeks, classes have been working with Artist Lara Cooper to create a whole school mural which will be unveiled during the Fair at 5pm.

Each class has played a part in creating a special message. Come along and discover your child’s input in helping to create this amazing mural.

During the fair come and relax in the coffee lounge where Mrs Nicholls and the music team will be serving coffee and iced frappes. There will be performances by some of our students and other talented individuals.

For the adventurous at heart, please bring along a spare change of clothes. Mr Vivian and his homegroup are having a slip and slime challenge - once you participate you’ll want to beat your score and have another round!! There will also be a wet sponge throw!

There will be face painting, bubble blowing, a book fair and second hand books to purchase, minute to win it games, and an all age bouncer. Kids don’t miss out on the opportunity to dunk Miss Jesshope, Mr Ayoub, Mr Penner, Mrs R, Mr Porter, as well as many other staff members on the dunking machine!

The School Country Fair is sure to be a fun family event!