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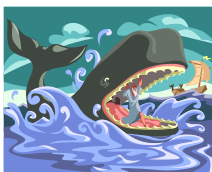
From the Acting Principal

“For I knew you were a gracious God, merciful, slow to get angry, and full of kindness.”

Jonah 4v2b

This week in assembly we are looking at the relationship God has with animals. We know that God created all the creatures of the air, land and sea and we see through history how he uses creatures to serve his purposes. One way is by commanding them to do particular things at particular times.

On Monday we heard the story of Jonah. Jonah had been asked by God to warn the city of Nineveh that the city would be destroyed if they did not repent and change their ways. The people of Nineveh were particularly wicked and Jonah had grown up hating them. He knew God was a kind and gracious God and he simply did not want them to receive mercy.



It took a miracle of deliverance to get Jonah to do as God commanded. Jonah discovered that no matter where he went he couldn't get away from God. The creation of the storm and the ordering of a large fish to swallow Jonah and spit him out on to a beach after three days caused Jonah to stop running, face God and be obedient.

God did not just want Jonah to be obedient. God wanted to minister to Jonah so that he would have a greater understanding of God's heart. God arranged for a vine to grow that would shade Jonah and a worm to eat the vine and for a scorching wind to blow on Jonah. Jonah was angry at the death of a plant but not over what could have happened to Nineveh. How easy it is to be more sensitive about our own interests than to the spiritual needs of others. God is more merciful than we can imagine.

God knows how to use his power over nature to serve his purposes.

URGENT ATTENTION

It has been noticed that some cars are travelling too fast up the driveway and in the car park and an accident was narrowly avoided last week. This is an extremely important safety issue. Please take responsibility for driving slowly and carefully when on ECS property and when around children.

Children can be unpredictable in their actions which requires us to be very vigilant to avoid any accidents.



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Sports draws for Friday 3rd June 1:30

Sport	Team	Vs	Venue
Netball	Y 7 & 8	St Patricks	Hagley Ct 5
	Y 5 & 6	Burwood A	Hagley Ct 29
Soccer		NB Catholic	Christ's Coll. 2

Calendar Term 2

Friday 3rd June Room 3 assembly

Monday 6th June

Queens Birthday Holiday

Friday 10th June Room 5 assembly
Fantastic Friday

Friday 17th June Room 1 assembly

Friday 24th June Room 2 assembly

Friday 1st July Room 4 assembly

Friday 8th July Room 7 assembly

Thank you to all those who participated or sponsored children doing the **40 hour famine**. Please could we have the money raised, sent back to school office as soon as possible, along with the book. If for any reason you have a famine pack but did not participate please hand the un-used pack back to the office also.

Uniform reminder: **Please** ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform to school each day. In terms 2 and 3, children should be wearing the winter uniform. If your child is wearing a tee shirt or undergarment of another colour, please ensure it does not show. No jewellery is to be worn to school. If you are not sure of the correct uniform please either look on the web site, in the parent handbook section, or come to the office for a copy. This booklet gives a good description of the uniform at all levels. School uniform is compulsory and as such must be worn correctly. Our uniform looks better when worn correctly so lets wear it with pride. We are aware that not all uniform items are in stock at the moment. *Girls with long hair are asked to keep hair tied back with red, blue, white or school fabric style hair ties or head band.*

Sports results Friday 27th May

Sports	Team	Vs	Result
Netball	Y 7 & 8	Bye	
	Y 5 & 6	Opawa A	9/2 loss
Soccer		St Joseph's	16/0 loss

Celebrating our Achievements.

We have been processing the results of norm referenced mathematics tests for students and we were particularly interested in the result of students in Years 3 and 4 as they were our students who received anniversary reports for end of second and third year last year and in term 1 of this year. We are aware that some students in the average range did not reach the National Standard for end of second or third year and some who are clearly above average were not when measured against the National Standard. Of 23 students who sat the Year 3 mathematics test in 2011, 43% were in the average range and 57% were above. Of 12 students who sat the Year 4 mathematics, test 8% were below, 42% were in the average range and 50% were above. We rejoice with the results of the students knowing that much hard work and diligence by both students and teachers has enabled our students to do so well. Well done!

Head lice have been appearing at our school recently. There is no cause for alarm, their presence is no reflection on a child's general health and the condition is easily cleared up.

In most cases one simple treatment is all that is necessary. If re infestation does occur a further application will be required in 7 to 10 days. Due to the highly contagious nature of head lice we recommend everyone in your family is checked and also treated if the condition is evident. Itchiness and signs of silvery/white specks close to the scalp are the telltale signs. See your local chemist who will be able to recommend the most suitable treatment which will work quickly and efficiently

Walk as
Children
of Light

