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"We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly to the end, the confidence we had at first." Hebrews 3:14

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As a school we observed silence yesterday at 11am. Also I had the privilege of attending the Remembrance Day Ceremony with the Prefects. I have included a reflection from David D'Lima.



Blessings Paquita

A Remembrance Day reflection

David d'Lima JP BTh Dip Ed - FamilyVoice Australia

- November 2009 -

At the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month in 1918, the First World War came to an end. On that date every year we remember those who gave their lives for the cause of freedom - in that war, and others since - and we repeat the *Ode to the Fallen* (composed in 1914 by Laurence Binyon):

*They shall grow not old. As we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

But we do more than remember. We pray that the day will come when there will be lasting peace.

The First World War was the most bloody conflict up until that time. Taking four years, it claimed more than eight million lives. But there was a time, early in the war, when the soldiers ceased killing each other - just for a day or two. It occurred during the first freezing winter of the First World War, at the Western Front in France during 1914. Several nations had been fighting for about five months. In France, the war was fought by two sides, separated by about 100 metres of "No man's land" - an area that was littered with dead soldiers. On Christmas Eve, the soldiers thought about their families back home. Many were stamping around, trying to keep warm, half-deafened by the noise of cannon, huddled in the trenches, hoping to avoid being shot. Suddenly the soldiers began to hear the sweet sound of singing - in German: *Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht*. The Germans held up a sign that stated: *You no shoot, we no shoot*. Someone yelled out - *Don't shoot!*

After a few moments, hundreds of soldiers had climbed out of their trenches on both sides, and they walked toward each other into No Man's Land. They began shaking hands, laughing, joking, expressing Christmas greetings to the same people they had been trying to shoot during the last five months. *Silent Night* is sung together - two languages with one tune. Soldiers began exchanging gifts of chocolate cake and other rations. They showed each other their family photos, and exchanged postcards, newspapers, buttons and badges. Some played a few rough games of soccer, with caps for goal posts. They gathered dead friends from the battlefield, and took them back for decent burial. The peace persisted for a day or two, and then it was time to start killing again - until 1918. But only 21 years later the Second World War commenced. It lasted five years and killed more than fifty million people.

That famous truce at Christmas 1914, provides a glimpse of a time to come, when our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, will bring his peace to the world:

He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore (Isaiah 2:4).

We remember all who died in wars that were fought to obtain security and peace, until all people are ready to beat their swords into ploughshares at the return and glorious reign of our Lord Jesus the *Prince of Peace* (Isaiah 9:6). Our prayer is that all humanity would not only cease to hate or kill, but would learn to love.

- Lest we forget -

Remembrance Day is traditionally highlighted by the wearing of a red poppy, and by keeping silent for two minutes at 11:00 am (preceded by the bugle playing "The Last Post", and then followed by "The Rouse"). Each Remembrance Day, according to protocol, our National Flag should be flown at the peak from 8:00 am, then lowered slowly to half-mast at 10:30 am, and then flown at the peak again from 11:02 am.

ART SMOCK WASHING ROSTER

Term 4, 2009

The parents on the art smock washing roster for the next two weeks of Term 3 are:

Week 7: Karen Brokenshire; Week 8: Sue Bittner

We thank you for the support you give the school in this way. It is greatly appreciated.

BUSHFIRE READY PLAN

On Monday every family will receive a letter outlining our school's Bushfire Ready Plan. This will have particular relevance for our students who travel by bus to school- either HCS bus or the state run service. Please take care to read it, as both KMHS and Harvest will be cancelling buses on days where a Red Alert has been received.

MYSCHOOL WEBSITE

As many of you would have read in yesterday's Advertiser, the website www.myschool is now operational. As we are sent instructions, information will be placed on that site by ACARA for you to view. Our school's results are already available to you in our yearly School Report.

VAC SWIM

Brochures and registration forms are now available from our front office. You may also down load them from the internet. Postal enrolments have closed.

RECEPTION TRANSITION

On Wednesday, we welcomed our newest little Receptions and their families on their first Transition Day. All went very well. In fact some wanted to stay on after Recess!

TAFE GRADUATION

On Monday 23rd November a number of our Year 11 students who participated in a "School to Work" TAFE course, will be graduating at the Farm Shed. Parents and friends welcome as per students' invitations. Congratulations to these students.

YEAR 12 DINNER

Our Year 12's will celebrate their completion of SACE at a formal Dinner held at the Seagate on Wednesday 25th November. We congratulate them all on their efforts in the final exams.

2009 Term 4 Dates

Nov	
13th	SACSA Primary Athletics Day-postponed
18th	2nd Transition Day
18th-20th	Middle School Twilight Concert
23rd-27th	Year 8-11 Exams
24th	SACSA Primary Athletics Day
25th	3rd Transition Day
25th	Yr 12 Graduation Dinner
26th	P&F Gathering-8.45am-Staff Room
27th	JP trip to Blythe Cinema
27th	Last Day yr 11
Dec	
1st	Secondary Celebration Night
2nd	R-12 Transition Day
4th	Yr 6 Graduation Celebration, Pt Pirie
4th	Last Day yr 10
10th	Primary Celebration Night
11th	Last Day Term 4

Term Dates 2010

2010	TERM DATES	LENGTH OF TERM (Weeks)
Term 1	27 Jan - 1 Apr	10
Term 2	19 Apr - 25 Jun	10
Term 3	19 Jul - 24 Sept	10
Term 4	11 Oct - 10 Dec	9

YEAR 8-11 EXAMS

Exam for these Year levels will begin on Monday of week 7. Exam revision is already in progress and students will soon have a timetable of exams.

2010 NEW STAFF

We welcome Mr. Phil Krahlung to our staff following the decision by Mr. Sekove Lili to withdraw. Phil comes with extensive credentials in Maths and Computing at senior level and he and his wife and sons will be moving here from the Barossa to take up his position in 2010.

Vote for US!!!

The Year 4 Class at HARVEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is in the running to be named the **top energy wise school and win \$5,000**. See our entry on:

<http://www.originenergy.com.au/switch>

If you like what we did, simply vote for our class **before midnight 17 November 2009**.

The school that gets the most votes will win.

The winning school will be announced on Origin's website on 23 November.

PARENTS & FRIENDS OF HARVEST NEWS

Thankyou to everyone who participated in the Junior Social a fortnight ago. I have been hearing many good comments about the night. It was a success and a lot of fun was had. \$432.90 was raised from the night.

A further \$452.10 was collected from people donating money on return of their Christmas Boxes. In total, \$885.00 left with an amazing 155 boxes from Harvest Christian School.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who kindly took part in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Box Charity. Maria Hutchings, Kelly Duns and Mandy McDonald thankyou for all your help before, during and after. Thankyou to everyone who helped supervise on the night, to set up and clean up.

What a blessing 155 boxes will be to 155 children in need. Bless you all for generosity.

Our next P & F gathering will be on **Thursday, 26th November 2009 at 8:45am in the Staff Room at Harvest Christian School.** This will be our last for 2009. Please join me for a cuppa, chat and some goodies!! No meeting, just a get together. ANYONE is welcome.

Thankyou

Lyndall Arthur
(P & F of Harvest Co-ordinator)



36'ers TICKETS

Our school has become a Gold Sponsor of the Bears Basketball Club. A family pass (2 adults and 2 children) to the 36'ers match on 5th December at 7.30pm has been made available to us. We have a silent auction running, so if anyone would like to make a bid for the tickets, please do so in an envelope marked SILENT AUCTION and send to the front office by 30th November. The highest bidder will receive the passes and all money raised will go to our school sports equipment.

2010 GOVERNMENT BUSES

If your child is **eligible** to travel on the Government Buses in 2010 then you will be automatically kept on the approval list. Forms will not be sent out to you this time. Please notify the Harvest Front Office if your child will not be using a Government Bus in 2010.

If your child is **ineligible** to travel on the Government Buses then forms will be sent out to you, within a few weeks. Once you complete this form please return to the Harvest Front Office for forwarding to the Kadina Memorial High School for their approval. If new siblings, are starting next year please contact Sharon and a form will be sent out to you. Please note that ineligible students are not permitted to travel on the bus in the first week of term 1 until numbers have been finalised.

SCHOOL FEES

All School fees need to be finalised before the end of term 4. Please contact Sharon if you are having any difficulties in paying your fees.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- *Maitland Art & Craft Fair* –Sat 21st Nov-10.30 to 7pm. www.maitlandsa.com
- *Belly dancing* classes-Kadina Church of Christ Hall. Kids 4-5pm, Oryantal 5-6pm, Beginners 6-7pm. Adults \$105, Kids \$56. Further details from Greta 0428846889. Private classes on request. Term 4 dates: 19/11; 26/11; 3/12.
- *Royal Life Saving Society swimming program*-4th-14th January. Minimum age of 4yrs. Info at www.sa.royallifesaving.com.au. Enrolment forms available at the school front office.
- *Little Athletics* will be cancelled if Friday's temperature is forecast as 36 degrees or more on the GTS/BKN Thursday night news. The meet will be help on the Sunday at 10am instead.
- *Striving Families v's Families at Rest*. Gateway Care presents guest speaker Glenda Watson. Topics include existingsor living, temperaments of love language, restoring intimacy, love and respect, communication, the power of forgiveness. Saturday 28th Nov, 9.30am to 3pm. Gateway Life Centre , Kadina. \$25pp includes morning tea and lunch. Ph 88213086 to register.
- Vac Swim 5th to 13th January 2010, Moonta Bay, and Wallaroo Beach. Refer to website for enrolment details (www.vacswimsa.com) or call the Vacswim office on 74247650.

SPINE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

The National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis (NSDP) involves a new online discussion forum launched on the website in 2009 (www.scoliosis-australia.org). In this forum, girls and their parents can obtain general advise from certified specialists who manage patients with spinal curvature. There is also a fashion forum where girls can ask a fashion consultant for helpful advice and tips on how to best dress a spinal curve. Please feel free to visit the web site.

AWARDS

The award winners for last week's Junior assembly were: *William Brand, Steven Lane, Dwight Pringle, Jessica Eglinton, Stacey Nielebock, Bronie Denew, Elizabeth Cockburn, Isabella Rosella, Hilary Daniel, Eric Metcalf, Finlay Hansen, Jaimi Tabb, Vivita Lili, Luke James, James Lawrie, and Susannah Eglinton.*

Well done to all of these students and also to the Year 3 class and Mrs. Lawrie for an excellent assembly.

Thanks to the parents who attended.

Science



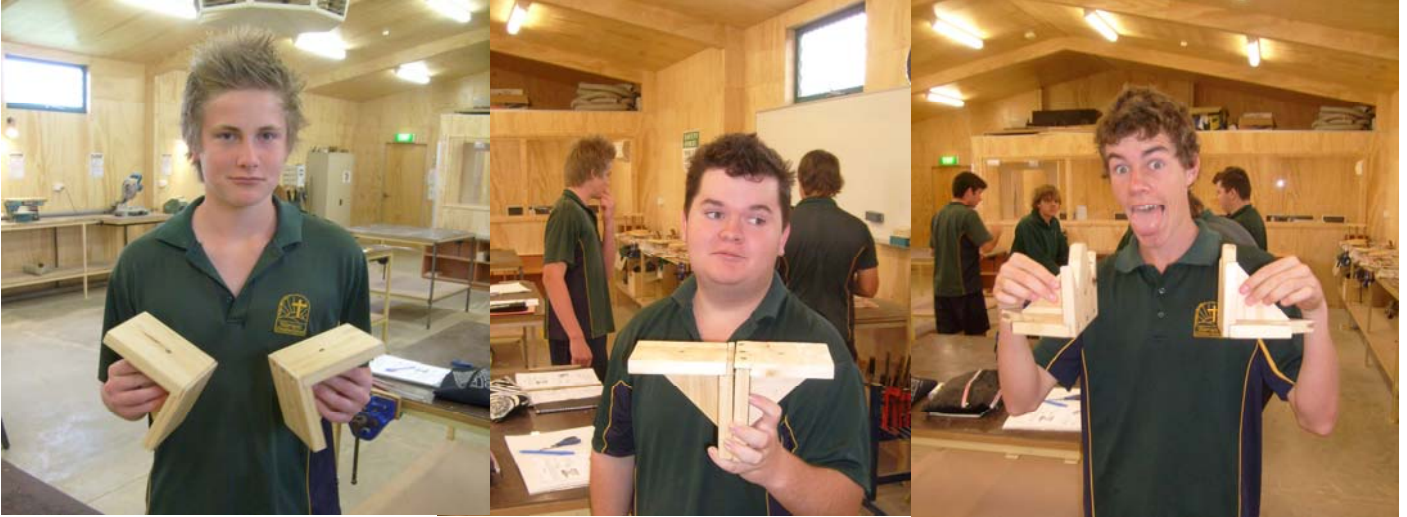
The year 8's have been learning about simple machines in Science and to demonstrate their knowledge on levers they constructed and raced mouse trap powered race cars.



Tech Studies

This semester in year ten tech studies with Mr Gray, we have been making bookends! Our different designs were very creative and we have all enjoyed working in this area. We look forward to future projects with our favourite, handsome teacher, Mr Gray.

Written by Adrian Simpson and Matt Halls.



This year in Year 8 tech, we have so far made a pencil holder and a wine bottle/glass holder which turned out to be very successful. We have enjoyed tech a lot and have learnt lots of new skills which some of us hope to be using in the near future. By Afia Duah

