

Newsletter



Term 3 Week 1

2 August 2018

It was great to catch up with our two boys, both of whom live on the mainland, over the holidays. Both of them spent some time visiting Tasmania for the first time, and brought their girlfriends with them to share the experience.

The photo below shows three generations of Littlewoods, with my Mum on the far right, our two boys in the middle and our daughter next to Mrs Littlewood. The boy's girlfriends are also in the photo.

As we were celebrating the engagement of one of the boys, it made me stop and reflect about the concept of values transmission.

There is a saying that values are caught, rather than taught. This is supported by a study on the development of values in young people within the Seventh-day Adventist church completed in 2012¹.

The report makes interesting reading, especially for someone who has worked among young people for many years. Here are some of the quick takeaways from that report:

- There is a connection between family worship and Christian commitment.
- Where a child has access to mentors (be it a parent, a teacher or a significant adult from church or other community group, there is a better take up of values and a corresponding

¹ Gane, B (2012). Valuegenesis II, Study 1 — Core Report: A Comparative Study of Faith Development and Values Formation in Seventh Day Adventist Adolescents and Youth aged 12 - 18 years in Two Generations. Coorang-bong: Avondale Academic Press

reduction in at-risk behaviours

- It seems to be that attendance at a Seventh-day Adventist school shields young people from participating in at risk-behaviours.

With governments putting increasing demands on school systems relating to the transmission of values, it seems that Christian schools have a head start.

Perhaps Paul knew what he was talking about in Philippians 4:8



Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. (NASB)

Yours sincerely

**Margate Church
Service**

**Saturday 4 August
@ 11 am**

See inside for details

Matthew 21:12-13 Jesus Cleanses Temple.

If you read the story in the above passage. You will read about Jesus chasing out people doing business inside the temple. According to the Bible, he turned over tables and chairs in anger for desecrating the temple. Although the people desecrating the temple were afraid of Jesus and ran from him, the Bible says that the blind, the lame and the children wanted Jesus and went TO HIM!

I went to Brisbane for two weeks do a do a series of talks during the school holidays. During my time I had the privilege of attending the South Queensland Teachers Conference where I had the privilege to meet Australia's Strongest Man. If you've never heard of the Strongman competition, it's worth typing into google and having a look at the crazy games they play. Eddie Williams was there to unify his championship in two tournaments, and he did. So now he's Australia's first man to be the champion in both Australia's Strongman Federations. But he wasn't just there to compete, he was there to speak at the Teachers Conference.

Not only is he a Strongman athlete, he's also, a husband, and a father of two sons who are 2 years and 9 months. On top of that he is a teacher's aid and share's a passion like the staff at Hilliard. He lives to give the best to his students and help them to be stronger and smarter. In our conversations he spoke affectionately of a girl who suffered from severe depression, and a boy who had left another school because of bullying. He has spent two years with them now and his eyes wells up with tears as he explains how much they've improved and how precious kids are. I agree with him, and I'm inspired and grateful for a young man who shares my passion.

There's something incredibly difficult for a typical Australian bloke to understand. And that is a blokey bloke who is also able to be vulnerable and show emotion. How much better could it get then having the Strongest man in Australia sharing something that leaves any bloke vulnerable. Love for kids! But what I wanted to get to was how people, in general, struggle to understand Jesus Christ this way too. This is why Eddie is the way Eddie is, and why I'm the way I am and the men at Hilliard Christian School are they way they are. We've taken a leaf from the book of Jesus Christ. We often perceive him as a weak man dying on the cross, but a better understanding of him will reveal he also created the world, and conquered many armies and has the ability to destroy anyone and anything He can in the blink of an eye. BUT, he chooses to love his children and care for them and encourage them to be stronger and smarter.

One of the most fun times I had in Brisbane was being introduced to the Strongman exercises. I attended a gym with Eddie and he showed me the ropes. I felt like a kid in a playground. There's something about taking on heavy challenges. It forces you to be stronger, but it also leaves you in a vulnerable position. Perhaps this is a good thing.

Pr David

Margate Church Service

This Saturday Hilliard Christian School is taking the service at the Margate Seventh-day Adventist Church, 17 Crescent Drive, Margate.

There will be a bus leaving the Glenorchy Seventh-day Adventist Church (518 Main Road, Montrose) **at 9:30 am**. When you drop your child off, please check in with Pr David.

If you are bringing your child, please be at the Margate church prior to 10:30am. You are welcome to come to Margate Church and enjoy the service with us.

The bus will be back at around 2:30pm in the afternoon.

Ping Pong Pizza Day

Students in Years 9 and 10 have been working hard brainstorming ways that we can raise funds to support Operation Christmas Child, which is our school's service project this term. Two common themes emerged in their ideas: food and entertainment. As a class we came up with the idea of Ping Pong Pizza Day. Students have been working together to create different elements of the program from name design, flyers, forms, and advertisements. They are really excited for Monday and we are hoping that we get huge support from students and staff. The mini pizzas will **need to pre-ordered** with forms going out on Wednesday and will be due **back to the office by Friday**. Our students will be making the dough from scratch to provide everyone with fresh delicious pizzas.

The Ping Pong Tournament will be a high school event with entry costing \$1 and there will be prizes to be won. We look forward to sharing our successes with you in the next newsletter and also on our school's facebook page. There is a flyer later in the Newsletter about this.



Eddie Williams and me. (I know it looks like we're holding hands. Call it Bromance)

"For it is in giving that we receive"
– St. Francis of Assisi

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is here again!

This charity organization promotes the packing of age appropriate gifts inside shoeboxes that are then transported to less fortunate countries, and formally presented to children who may not otherwise have received a Christmas gift.

We are proud to communicate that last year, at Hilliard, over 40 boxes were prepared and presented to the OCC cause.



Last year, Tasmania sent thousands of Christmas boxes to children less fortunate than our own.

This year, at Hilliard, we would like to continue to be part of this enterprise. In Term 3 students will be organizing themselves to raise money for this cause. As a result, specific activities, and dates will be communicated via the newsletter in due time.

This year's OCC Coordinator at Hilliard will be Mr Alex McAndrew. Please feel free to consult with him should you have any queries.

Ignite Shirts

We would like to say a big thank you to Heather Buxton and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) for donating the funds for t-shirts for our ignite leaders. Ignite has been a great program that began last year and now takes place once or twice a term. The next Ignite program will be announced in the next Newsletter. Thank you to all students, staff and community members that help to make this possible.

Mr McAndrew



Cross Country

Like to congratulate the students who travelled to Symonns Plains and participated in the Tasmanian Schools' Cross Country Championships.

While we did not bring home any medals, Samson Juju, Jeremiah Neya, Grace Matteo, Eh Eh Htoo, Victor Aleri, Timothy Cox, Esther Mbabzi, Bella Flack, Rolumus Rabe and Bereket Hussein finished the course around the middle of the field. Thanks to all of them for flying the Hilliard "flag" at this event.

Thank you also to Mr & Mrs Rabe (who accompanied the Primary Students) and Mr McAndrew (who accompanied the High School students) for your time and effort in planning, organising and attending the events.

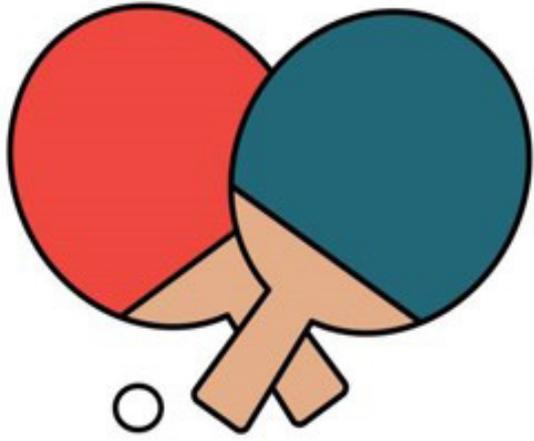
Meningococcal Vaccinations

Hilliard Christian School has received information that the Government is planning to fast track an immunisation program for school students in our schools' region.

More information on this will be available over the next few days.

Citizenship/Visa Changes

If you recently became an Australian citizen, or changed your visa status, please advise the school **immediately** as we need to complete a report for the government early next week. We only provide numbers, not names in the report.



PING PONG PIZZA DAY

MONDAY AUGUST 6 – PIZZAS \$2.50 – TOURNAMENT ENTRY \$1 (HS Only) – PROFITS = OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Mathematics instruction (Prep style)
with Abbas and Chase



Hot chips will not be available next week due to the Ping Pong Pizza Day.

They will be back again in Week 4



Keep in touch with what is happening at Hilliard Christian School by checking out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HilliardChristianSchool/>

Happenings

3 August

Years 3 - 6 visit to the Australian Antarctic Festival

4 August

Margate Church Service

6 August

Ping Pong Pizza Day

8 August

Year 7 & 8 visit to the Museum

20 August

Book Week Commences

3 September

Primary Fire Safety Week

22 September

Glenorchy Church Service

28 September

End of Term 3

Remember to return your forms with your email address so that we can email the Newsletter directly to your inbox.



Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.

— Robert Louis Stevenson