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Not every day is a 3 cookie day....

Over the last week or so in devotions, I have been sharing some readings with the class from Max Lucado’s “Let the Journey Begin.” One reading that I thought was particularly apt was about the metaphoric portions we are served each day and how we don’t always enjoy, or want, the serve we are given. Some days we find a plate full of cookies while other days we may only get a measley portion of brussel sprouts. It is interesting to note that this dissatisfaction with our given lot is not only normal but exceptionally human and as we read the Bible we find that even Jesus was given a portion he found hard to swallow.

In Matthew 26:39 in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus is heard to plead, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as You will”.

As we enter the period of reflection known as Lent, we come to acknowledge that Jesus suffered terribly—not only in the physical sense but he also suffered the agony of being separated from God, and He did this knowingly and willingly to save us from our sins.

I especially love the last line “as You will”. Sometimes it takes tremendous courage and trust to follow the path God lays out for us, without full knowledge of where He is leading us. For even though the Lord does have plans for us, sometimes we need reminding that He is ever-present and ever-active in our lives and that His plans are for our welfare and not for harm (Jeremiah 29:11).

May you find peace in the knowledge of God’s loving plans and may you enjoy a full plate of cookies every now and again.

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Bible Verse for the week:

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for harm, to give you a future and a hope....

Jeremiah 29:11

HOMEWORK DUE: Friday 15th February
WANTED…..

Brochure holders: Does anyone know where I might get hold of some brochure holders? I am looking for the plastic sort that hold A4 bi-fold brochures and will need about 4 or 5 of them. Please let me know if you have, or can obtain some of these.

Thank you.

BUGS, BUGS, BUGS…..

Special thanks to Lee Wilhelm (Mikayla’s mum) for donating an aquarium for our Spiny Leaf Insects. Some of the boys spent time cleaning it up ready for the big day.

Further thanks must go to Ryan Josephs for his fantastic efforts over the weekend in designing and making a special lid for the tank. Now we just have to wait for the imminent arrival of our wonderful little insects. This is dependent on my husband, Simon, who will be collecting the insects from Woodville for us—hopefully this week. We all wait in excited anticipation!

Canteen Helpers: We have been struggling this year to have enough helpers to run the canteen. In order to continue providing this service, we are asking that parents of a given year level try to find time to volunteer during a given time period. We are asking parents of Year 6 students to volunteer some time either this week, during Week 2 of Term 2 or during Week 9 of Term 2. This roster covers all year levels and should help to alleviate the need for people to volunteer on an ongoing basis. Please contact Tegan if you would like to discuss this further or would like to put your name on the roster. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Thank you.

-cultural infusion——

On Friday this week students will have the opportunity to celebrate different cultures from around the world. They will experience dance, stories, music, martial arts, scobatics, and cultural traditions from a range of cultures including West Africa, Brazil, Japan, Ghana and India.

Students will have the opportunity to have a go at some of the traditional cultural activities throughout the day (personally, I am looking forward to the Japanese Taiko drumming) and, if they have ordered from the special Cultural Day menu, taste some of the yummy fare available from these countries.

Donations are required for this dress-up day.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Thank you all for your generous donations of magazines, fabric and buttons. We could not have undertaken the fantastic activities we have without them.

We have had a terrific range of fabric to select from in doing our ‘patches’ and students are working with enthusiasm towards their masterpieces.

They were also able to decorate their pencil pots which, if you haven’t been able to see them yet, turned out beautifully. The students did a fantastic job with hammer and nails to create their own personal pencil pot and put a lot of effort and detail into personalising them.

“Happiness doesn’t result from what we get, but from what we give.” – Ben Carson

There has certainly been a lot of enjoyment and happiness created from the donations we received.

Thank you.

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CHRISTIAN STUDIES

We have looked at some quotes by famous people, not about their beliefs per se, but more their lack of and desire for. One that I loved was:

“The seers of a force of love and logic behind the universe is overwhelming to start with, if you believe it. But the idea that that same love and logic would choose to describe itself as a baby born in dirt and drama, and property is genius. And brings me to my knees, literally.” - Rev. Ted, USC

Everyone wants to believe there is something more. Not everyone has the privilege of knowing what that something is for them.

MENTAL MATHS

I have hoped this week about times tables and have given students some really good strategies for practising them at home—either on their own or with a sibling or parent. A deck of cards (not even a whole deck—parts of a number of decks are just as good!) is perfect for practicing random multiplication facts. They are also great for addition and subtraction! Five minutes a day is all they need to do.