



4th June 2015

Term 2

Week 7

Religious Education Matters

The parable of The Mustard Seed.

In Year One we have been learning about parables. Parables are stories that Jesus told to give us a message. Our favourite parable is The Mustard Seed.

'I like the parable The Mustard Seed because the tree made a home for the birds'. *Laura*

'I like the story The Mustard Seed because it tells us to be the best we can be'. *Adam*

'I like the parable of The Mustard Seed because the tree grew bigger and bigger and bigger'. *Caterina*

'I like the Mustard Seed because the seed was like Jesus when he started by himself, then it grew bigger, like when Jesus had some disciples, and it grew bigger, like when Jesus had more disciples.' *Sukhum*



Student Awards

We congratulate this week's Student of the Week Award recipients:

Evana El Katrib

Rocco Gerada

Adam Assan-Larry

Kayleen Davis

Kaitlin Commodore

Johnny Kayrouz

George Maatouk

Veronika Georges

Norm Nakhoul

Nathan Bechara

Debrah Youssef

Larissa Harb

Blessing Coker-Macfory

Jorja Le Claire



Principal's Message

As you know we are life-long learners. Our moral imperative is to provide our students with the best education possible. This year our school goal is to increase the motivation and engagement of every student. One area that the staff have been working towards is to enhance the oral language skills in order for children to be able to articulate their learning across all subject areas.

Each week the teachers dedicate significant time to learning and refining explicit strategies to meet student needs. One concept I would like to share with you today, that will make a difference to your child's oral development and learning is Critical Literacy.

In the words of Dr Allan Luke "*critical literacy is a necessary life skill. Our youngest learners are able to start thinking critically at an early age.*

My research has shown that even Kindergarten students are ready to examine multiple perspectives, writers' motivations and how a text compares to their own reality".

During your own reading time with your children you may like to include some critical questions-

- What does the composer of this text want us to know?
- How would the text be different if it were told in another time, place or culture?
- What view of the world is the text presenting?
- Why do you think the author wrote the story?
- Do you think the illustrations added to the story? Why?

Asking your child for their opinion of the story book or movie is another way for children to think, express ideas and justify responses.

I encourage parents to give it a go!

Mrs Baird

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'y Baird'.

Principal

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Calendar



June

Friday 5th June	Athletics Carnival at Barton Park.
Monday 8th June	Queens Birthday — Public Holiday
Tuesday 9th June	Parent Interview note sent home.



Birthday Wishes!
Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week: Ethan El Katrib, Edward Hakko, Mathiang Mathiang and Mansour El Boutty.

Lost property

As the weather becomes cooler our lost property basket becomes fuller. Please ensure that your child's clothes are labelled. This allows us to return lost property to the children.

Cold and Flu season

Many of our students are sick with cold and flu symptoms. In order for us to reduce the spread of these germs to others, I ask parents to keep your child at home and seek medical advice. It is also important that our children are confident in taking care of themselves when they have a runny nose. It may be necessary to teach your child how to blow their nose so they are comfortable during the day.

CAPTIVATE Concert Night

Just a reminder that the CAPTIVATE Concert is on the 15th and 17th of June information went home to families of the children who are performing on the night regarding where to purchase tickets. A reminder that tickets are now on sale and all performances have reserved/allocated seating. The website for ticket purchases is (www.trybooking.com/HNSX).

This year there will be approximately 500 students performing on each evening and there are just over 600 seats. Just a reminder that parents that parents will need to buy your tickets ASAP as we don't anticipate many seats being available at the door.

School Fees

Thankyou to everyone that has already paid their school fees.

Please note, school fee payments are now **overdue**. All payments need to be finalised by the end of term. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPAY or at the Post Office.

Any family having difficulty in paying must make an appointment with Mrs Baird to discuss this matter. Thank you.



Public Holiday

This Monday the 8th is a public holiday.
Children do not come to school on this day.

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