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Slow-Fashioned Grace

Bible in a Year: Isaiah 32-33; Colossians 1

*Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness and patience.*
Colossians 3:12

Today's Scripture & Insight

Have you heard of #slowfashion? The hashtag captures a movement focused on resisting “fast fashion”—an industry dominated by cheaply made and quickly disposed of clothing. In fast fashion, clothes are out of style nearly as quickly as they’re in the stores—with some brands disposing of large quantities of their products every year.

The slow fashion movement encourages people to slow down and take a different approach. Instead of being driven by the need to always have the latest look, slow fashion encourages us to select fewer well-made and ethically sourced items that will last.

As I reflected on #slowfashion’s invitation, I found myself wondering about other ways I fall into a “fast fashion” way of thinking—always looking for fulfillment in the latest trend. In Colossians 3, however, Paul says finding true transformation in Jesus isn’t a quick fix or a fad. It’s a lifetime of quiet, gradual transformation in Christ.

Instead of needing to clothe ourselves with the world’s latest status symbols, we can exchange our striving for the Spirit’s clothing of “compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience” (v. 12). We can learn patience with each other on the slow journey of Christ transforming our hearts—a journey that leads to lasting peace (v. 15).

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REFLECT & PRAY

How are you tempted to find security by keeping up with the latest trends?
What helps you find contentment in Jesus?

Dear God, thank You that I can surrender my anxious strivings in exchange for the peace of a quiet walk with You.

From our Daily Bread

Important dates to remember

Busy Bee Saturday 14th of October

Book Fair 6th of November

School Fun Colour Run 15th of November

Box Night Y5/6 17th of November

Pupil Free day Monday 27th of November
(Professional Learning for Staff)

Awards night 8th of December

Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back as we begin term 4, 2023. Yes, that's right! Term 4 ... we are in the home stretch and the year has nearly gone. As always, the term will be packed with exciting learning challenges and new experiences for the children in each of the classes.

As we enter the Christmas season, children at CCS will celebrate by singing Christmas carols and hear the true meaning of Christmas. More than ever our children are needing to hear the good news of the Bible. Daily we are hearing of world strife; the continuing war in Ukraine; the current invasion of Israel by Hamas; fear of war escalating further and the catastrophizing of climate change all make it more important than ever to share the love and hope we have in Jesus with our children.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

I would like to welcome Natalya Mackay as a full time staff member to CCS. Natalya is well known to many of you, as she has been running the Sports program each Tuesday this year. She has enjoyed working at CCS so much that she has decided to come on board - full time. Natalya will continue running the Sports program and will initially be providing DOTT relief for our teachers before transitioning to the Year 4/5/6 class teacher later in the term.

Year 5/6 camp

The year 5/6 children will be heading to Pemberton for a camp during week 5 to explore the big karri forests. Other activities planned include mountain bike riding, canoeing, visiting the majestic caves in Augusta ... not to mention walking across the tree walk.

Box Night

Another CCS activity, that has now become an annual tradition, is Box Night. The older children will get to experience first-hand, as to what it's like to live 'on the streets' by sleeping a whole night in a cardboard box. We hope to help the children understand, and empathise more, with those who are faced with such hardships in life.

NB If you happen to be purchasing any big white goods this term and would like to donate the box - the year 4,5,6 children would be very appreciative!

Mountain Bikes

Thanks to a grant from the Sporting Schools program we have purchased a number of mountain bikes. We will be introducing them to the children and teaching bike skills and road safety once they arrive.

Standardized Testing

In the first few weeks of the term, students will redo standardized testing in Mathematics, Reading Comprehension, Punctuation and Grammar and Spelling which they did early in first term. This testing enables teachers to compare their CCS students' results with the National averages, as well as assist them in gauging the student's progress during the year.

Term 3 Assembly

It was a terrific turnout at last term's final assembly in week 10 which we trialled by being held in the afternoon instead of the morning time-slot. The children all performed sensationally and thoroughly enjoyed themselves gauging by their happy smiles! Thank you to all who attended to support and encourage the children.

Crunch-'O-Meter

In week 10 *Crunch 'n Sip's* 'Crunch-o-meter' event was sponsored by the Cancer Council. All children assembled together in the hall and each child chose 2-3 pieces of a crunchy vegetable generously provided through the Cancer Council's grant. Much fun was had with everyone biting down on their vegetable at the exact same time after the count of 3. The loudness of the combined crunch was then registered on an online app. We successfully made it to the top 'crocodile' rating on numerous attempts!

The *Crunch 'n Sip* program is a state wide program that encourages children to explore and eat fruit and vegetables each day. Each class at CCS holds a *Crunch 'n Sip* time during class time each day. The essential proviso is that the children are only allowed to bring fresh fruit or veggies and water to have in class.

Busy Bee

On Saturday morning 14th of October, we will be having a Busy Bee at the school. Jobs that need doing include: painting and a clean up behind the shipping container at the eastern end of the school and fix the sunshade and gardening in the Kindy/ Pre-primary area.

Art Show 2023

The Art Show 2023 was a great success. Thankyou to everyone who attended the Class Open night and the annual CCS Art Show. Thanks especially to these people who helped out voluntarily to make it such a successful event;

Our judges - Jillian O'Brien and Miranda Plum

The Sausage Sizzle team – Ben Manser and Ai and Trent Webb

The Banana Jungle suppliers - Mel Gibbings and Michael Andreoli

Helper at the Whiteboard Comment activity – Chloe York

And to all the staff that assisted both before and during the night. Sincere thanks to each of you.



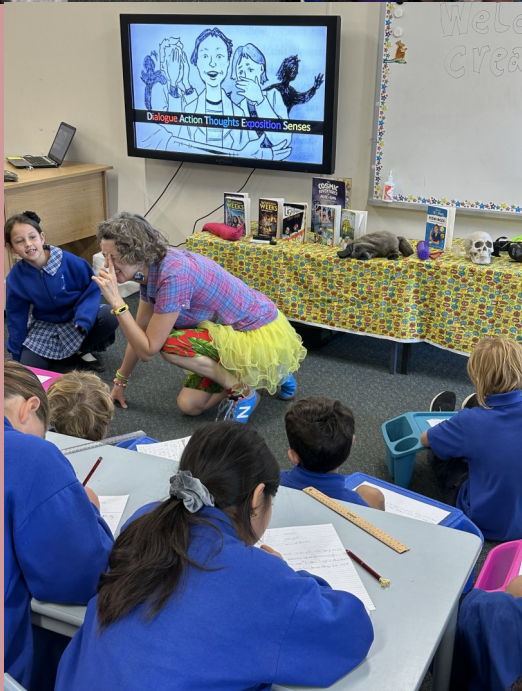
The Great Veggie Crunch

On the 20th of September all the children at CCS participated in “The Great Veggie Crunch”. Children got to enjoy crunchy veggies and testing how loud their combined crunch was with the *Crunch 'n Sip* app online.



Out and about the Class Rooms

In August we were lucky to get visits from two extraordinary female authors—Kelly Canby and Cristy Burne as part of the children’s book week. They both put on a great show for the children and inspired some creative writing.



Community Events

Parent, Tween & Teen Retreat



Unwind, Connect, Create.

A FREE 2-day parenting retreat that recognises the struggles of tweens and teenagers. The focus of this program is to build connection between parents and teens through art, meditation, and pampering. We will provide support and education on topics such as drugs and alcohol, vaping, and other teenage related issues.

Activities include, massage, face masks, yoga, and art.

Day 1
5pm - 9pm
Friday 13th October
Day 2
10am - 6pm
Sat 14th October
One Mile Jetty
Annear Place



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