

Zion News

Week 9 Term 1 2020

These are certainly unprecedented times we are living in, at least for my generation and younger ones. It can be easy to get caught up with all the media bombardment, stories people are sharing and social media photos of empty supermarket shelves, and be worried about what the future may hold.

It is at times like these we feel like we can't control what will happen, so we try to control what we can, like making sure we have enough toilet paper. I wonder if it may actually be a good thing to be reminded that we are not in control, and look to God our maker and the sustainer of life, for what we need.

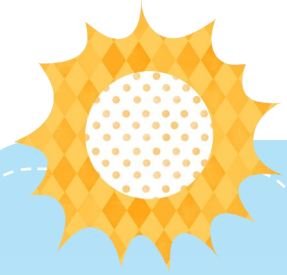
Be encouraged by some wonderful words that Jesus spoke to people about the birds and the flowers from Matthew 25:

So I tell you, don't worry about the food you need to live. And don't worry about the clothes you need for your body. Life is more important than food. And the body is more important than clothes. Look at the birds in the air. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns. But your heavenly Father feeds the birds. And you know that you are worth much more than the birds. You cannot add any time to your life by worrying about it. And why do you worry about clothes? Look at the flowers in the field. See how they grow. They don't work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that even Solomon with his riches was not dressed as beautifully as one of these flowers. God clothes the grass in the field like that. The grass is living today, but tomorrow it is thrown into the fire to be burned. So you can be even more sure that God will clothe you. Don't have so little faith! Don't worry and say, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' All the people who don't know God keep trying to get these things. And your Father in heaven knows that you need them. The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you. So don't worry about tomorrow. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Tomorrow will have its own worries.

Wow, who would have thought Jesus words would be so relevant for us today, as they were for people 2000+ years ago!

As isolation increases, if you don't have a supportive network and you need help, please get in touch with us.

Jasmyn Nicholls



Important Dates

Superhero dress-up day

Weds 25 March

Thurs 26 March



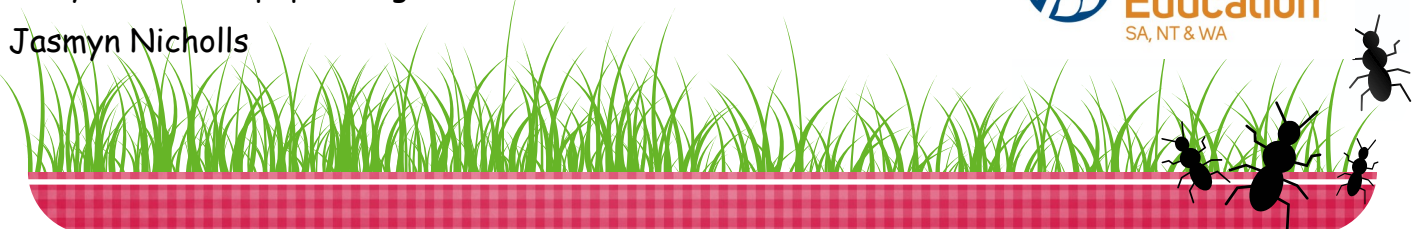
Last day of term 1

Group 2: Tues 7 April

Group 1: Wed 8 April

Student-free day Thur Apr

Please send back to preschool toys/learning materials that may have made their way home in bags or pockets.
Thank you.



Star Night

Last week we had the pleasure of celebrating Star Night with most of the preschool children and their families. Although a little challenging for our community to plan and participate in the event, with current concerns for health and wellbeing it was a fantastic night for both groups. Children dressed in a range of favourite costumes and clothes. We were able to share what is special and unique about each child with families and friends. A yummy sausage sizzle was provided by our Preschool Council and some delicious cupcakes were baked and sold by some of our own preschool families. A big thank you to all the volunteers and families who helped make the night a great experience. We raised \$1,130 (minus BBQ expenses). Thank you to preschool parents, Catharina and Deanna for donating from their businesses towards the Lucky Squares Raffle:



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I can't believe it's the end of Week 8 already. Just 3 weeks to go to the end of Term 1. We've had a successful Star Night which all who participated enjoyed. We've been doing lots of sensory activities: water beads; finger paint; water play; roller painting and even foot painting. There was a pretend pop up pizza shop, lots of caring for babies in the home corner and creating with boxes at the Making Table. We've been practicing sorting for Numeracy, and for Literacy we acted out the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' which was about sequencing of the characters and re-telling a story.

The staff have been taking photos and writing Learning Stories, so don't forget to look in your child's folder and the Group 1 or 2 'What we did this week' photo collections to see what else we have been up to.

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