TELL ME A STORY...

We have been looking at six key habits that research suggests will assist us in building lasting, loving connections with our children. All of the habits involve something difficult to find – time. Time was the first habit and the responsibility is ours to measure it, keep track of how it is benefitting our relationships.

Habit number two addresses the lack of loving time modern families purposely set aside for positive connection. Loving through laughter, listening, playing and just ‘hanging out’ is what our children need and desire.

Using our words carefully, prayerfully and not loosely characterizes our third principle of taking the time to measure our words. Children will treasure our company and our input more when we can use language to encourage and connect. It is so easy for our words to separate us and create emotional distance. This is far from easy. It requires time and thought, like all of these six principles, and gets easier with practice.

The fourth habit we all need, if we value these ‘vanishing marbles’ of time is the development of stories. Together stories. Past stories. Stories from the past or the Bible and stories of our own making together. Grandparent stories. Naughty Mummy stories. Stories with values and deep lessons of hope and direction. Stories to provide a history, a backbone, a legacy.

God gave each of us an imagination so we can imagine the unimaginable. Stories become the spark that ignites our creative senses and emotions. We are deeply moved as we hear and come to feel the stories that created and are forming us. Stories invite us into the action.

You and I are inviting our children into the action. We are all becoming part of the bigger narrative if life, where we have been designed to play a special and significant role.

When we make time to tell our stories together, we say clear things to one another. The message becomes a bond. The stories are stepping stones. They are the trophies of time spent in common vision. What’s your story? Who needs to hear it? When will it be retold by your children – and theirs?

With just a few weeks until the end of term I am wondering just where half a year went. We look forward to hopefully spending some relaxing and quality time together on the last day of term. If not before!

Christian Regards,

Ian Humphries
NOTICES:

CANTEEN
Don’t forget to place your order this coming Monday.

FEES
There are only 2 weeks of Term 2 remaining. Please ensure your fee account is finalised before the end of Term.

PARKING
Please do not park on any grassed area as we are trying to grow the grass. Thank you for your understanding.

HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING
The next H & S meeting is on Monday, June 15 at 3:10pm. It will be held in the library. A big thank you to all who purchased at the Mothers Day Stall and to those who helped. We raised $270!

PYJAMA DAY & TERM BREAK-UP
Wednesday, June 24 is the last day of Term 2. We are planning to have a pyjama-themed free-dress day with the students. They may come dressed in their favourite pyjamas with a pair of closed-in shoes and a gold coin. In the afternoon at 3pm, there will be a break-up social time in the breezeway. Afternoon tea will be provided and the kids (and big kids) will be welcome to have games on the oval and playgrounds. Come along for a chat and wind down as we mark half-way through our school calendar year. Grandparents, aunties, uncles, siblings and any other family members are welcome to come and join us!

WHEELS DAY
Due to weather, Wheels Day is now next Wednesday, June 17.

OPENING PROGRAM - ‘BIG CAMP’
The annual ‘Big Camp’ is on again and, as always, Riverside has been invited to take the opening program on Friday, June 26 at 5:30pm. On Monday, there will be a letter sent home with more information and a slip to return to the office. Teachers have prepared a fantastic program and it is sure to be a memorable night, so please keep the date free.
**Principals Award**

Mark Lambayong - For politeness when people open gates for you.

Imogen Cornell - For nurturing fellow students.

**Prep/1**

Rana Tahir - For helping classmates.

Lucas Marshall - For a top effort in spelling.

Elluka Robertson - For demonstrating persistence.

Xan McNabb - For your creativity in art.

**Grade 2|3|4**

Ella Wilkinson - For great concentration during spelling on Thursday.

Sara Jalaleddine - For going above and beyond and striving for excellence.

Dakota Murison - For positive listening choices.

Jakob Glendinning - For excellent handwriting and completing all work in classtime.

**Grade 5|6**

Ethan Dawes - For consistently producing neat and accurate work.

Sharree Feaks - For being helpful and considerate in class.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**JUNE 17**

WHEELS DAY

**JUNE 18**

MID-YEAR REPORTS TO BE SENT HOME

**JUNE 22/23**

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

**JUNE 24**

LAST DAY OF TERM 2, PYJAMA DAY & SCHOOL BREAKUP

**JUNE 26**

OPENING BIG CAMP PROGRAM 5:10PM

**JULY 20**

TERM 3 COMMENCES