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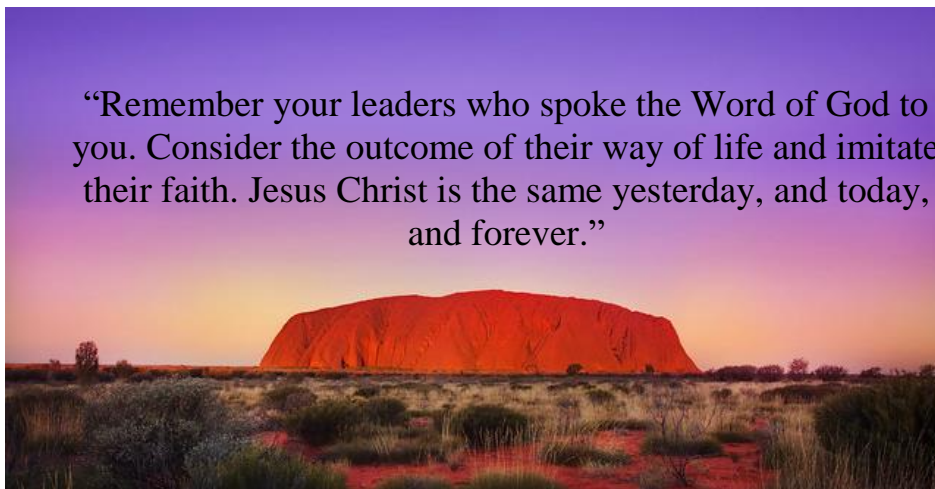
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I sincerely hope that this special letter finds you, and all members of your family, well and comforted by God's word.

At the moment, our world is a very unfamiliar one to each of us. Our children must also be finding it puzzling and frustrating –especially if they are unable to see members of their family and their friends due to the restrictions placed on all of us at this challenging time. We must continually remind them of our love and of God's love for each and every one of them. We must try and feel secure ourselves and pass on a strong sense of faith and security to the children. They are our greatest gift and they are our future. We need them to go forward in their lives with confidence and with a sound understanding of the importance of caring for and respecting others.

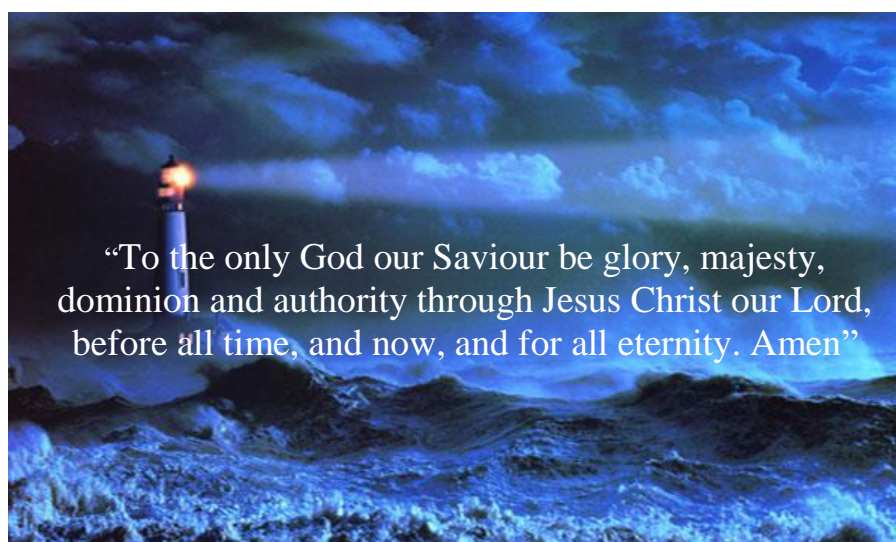
There is at least one important and undeniable constant in our lives of which we are reminded in several verses in the Bible –and that is of Christ's unchanging nature;

In Hebrews Chapter 13 verses 7 &8 for example, we are encouraged to:



And...

In Jude 1 verse 25,



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Verity Christian College Operation Term 2 Weeks 1-3.

The College will be open and no child will be turned away. However, I must encourage you to keep your child at home if at all possible. If you work in the Emergency Services area, you are able to send your child to school each day as required by your work demands.

Operations:

Date	What's Happening
Mon 27 th & Tues 28 th April	PUPIL FREE DAYS. Staff will be in preparing work and devising procedures for implementation.
Weds 29 th April	Year 6 and 6E <u>only</u> to attend school for face to face lessons and to receive work for the following week.
Thurs 30 April	Years 1 and 2 <u>only</u> in attendance for face to face lessons and to receive work for the following week.
Fri 1 st May	Year 4 <u>only</u> in attendance for face to face lessons and to receive work for the following week.
Mon 4 th May	Year 5 <u>only</u> in attendance for face to face lessons and to receive work for the following week.
Tues 5 th May	Prep and Kindergarten <u>only</u> to attend for face to face and to receive work for the following week.
Weds 6 th May	Year 6 and 6E <u>only</u> to attend school for face to face lessons and to receive work for the following week.
Thurs 7 th May	Years 1 and 2 <u>only</u> in attendance for face to face lessons and to receive work for the following week.
Fri 8 th May	Year 4 <u>only</u> in attendance for face to face lessons and to receive work for the following week.
Mon 11 th May	Year 5 <u>only</u> in attendance for face to face lessons and to receive work for the following week.
Tues 12 th May	Prep and Kindergarten <u>only</u> to attend for face to face and to receive work for the following week.
Weds 13 th May	Year 6 and 6E <u>only</u> to attend school for face to face lessons and to receive work for the following week.
Thurs 14 th May	Years 1 and 2 <u>only</u> in attendance for face to face lessons and to receive work for the following week.
Fri 15 th May	Year 4 <u>only</u> in attendance for face to face lessons and to receive work for the following week.

Advice regarding Week 4 onward will be sent home during week 3. This staggered commencement of and return to face-to-face teaching is in line with government and health guidelines and is subject to change. Our hope would be that from Week 4 we will be able to return to two days a week of face to face teaching for each group.

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Other Conditions:

- **Children must make a reasonable attempt at work which is sent home.** Work can be returned for marking and assessment on each child's day of attendance.
- **DROP OFF:**
 - Parents bringing their child/children to school must drop their child outside of the front door of the church and should not enter the building themselves.
 - The children will be met by a member of staff who will help the children to sanitise their hands before being escorted to play/class.
- **The children will be required to wash/sanitise their hands a number of times during the day.**
- **AFTERNOON PICK-UP:**
 - Normal school buses will still run
 - At the end of the day, the children will be gathered in the church/foyer/café area (following social distancing guidelines)
 - Parents are to pick up their children from outside the front entrance under the portico area.
 - Teachers will release the children to parents only when they are sighted in the covered area.
- **UNWELL:**
 - **Any child who is showing symptoms of being unwell MUST NOT BE SENT TO SCHOOL.**
 - **Similarly, if there is an illness in the household that could be contracted by your child, they must MUST NOT BE SENT TO SCHOOL.**
 - Any student who is unwell will have their temperature checked with a non-contact thermometer and will be sent home if necessary.
- **RECESS AND LUNCH:**
 - Students must bring food and refreshments from home and each should have a refillable drink bottle.
 - Staff will not be able to handle/prepare food in the kitchen so please ensure that all food is prepared beforehand.

These are unprecedented times and it upsets me greatly to have to have in place this range of conditions. However, we must, in the interests of everyone's health and well-being, abide by community guidelines and standards.

This does also demonstrate to children that we have a responsibility to care for the welfare of others in our community.

Together, we hope and pray for a speedy solution to the challenges being faced around the world.

We must hold on strong to our faith and knowledge that God will provide the support and guidance to our medical researchers and leaders as they search for a solution.

Please take care in your everyday lives. We miss the children and pray for the good health of everyone.

Please contact us by phone or email if you need to and draw strength from God's word.

With regards and blessings to all.

David Fox
Principal
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