

## CCS News Letter – Term 1, March 2020



### Instead of giving toys...give gifts that create memories.

In a study of more than 3,000 kids at Oxford University, it was found that children's academic success was more dependent on their home environment and parent's involvement than the toys or electronic devices they are given. Those who had fewer toys and no electronics, but had parents who spent more time with them, did better in school and in many areas of social and emotional development, suggesting that **parents' attention is better than any toy or screen.**

Giving experiences that involve spending time together instead of gifting toys brings greater and longer-lasting joy.

In our Moses LC we focus on making memories with Bakers Treat Day. Parents must spend time with their child to bake something with them at home and then bring the treat to school the following day for the whole LC to enjoy.

### Health and wellbeing of our students

At Centurion Christian School the health and wellbeing of our students is our first priority and we are monitoring the Coronavirus situation closely. The Department of Health is keeping schools up to date with any news about the virus in the interest of public health. If they advise of any changes to the level of risk, we will update parents accordingly.

As much as we want to protect our children from feeling stressed about the virus, we cannot protect them from being exposed to all the talk and discussion about it. We cannot ignore or make light of what children feel, and therefore we should let them express what they feel. It is in how we respond that will make the difference.

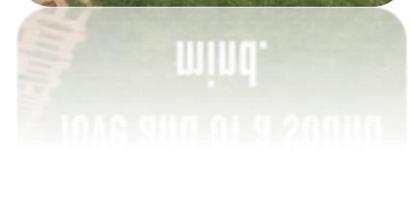
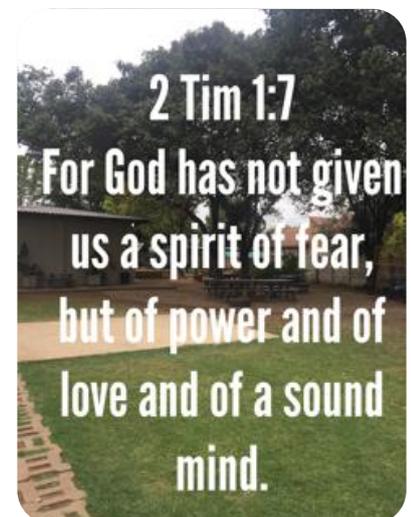
How do we as Christians prepare and respond to the Coronavirus reality?

Given the anxiety, worry, and panic unleashed by the coronavirus crisis, and now declared a global pandemic, we should be: PRACTICAL, PRAYERFUL, and PROCLAIM Christ's peace into this atmosphere of fear.

It's wise to do all we can to protect ourselves and other people against this outbreak, at the same time not to allow anxiety to find opportunity in our lives.

2 Tim. 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind"

Our posture is that we want to be led by faith and not fear. Simultaneously, we want to be wise - as we are to engage with a sound mind. Do what is responsible, and you can have peace in your heart knowing your future is safe in God's hands. God is bigger than the coronavirus.



# Some before & after photos of our school



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"Education must aim to support human development by ensuring dignity, meaning and purpose."

CCS Vision:

To equip children for life through Biblical Education; to become agents of change.

**MIMMOS**  
John LC students, working at  
MIMMOS to raise money for our  
school.  
Thank you guys you were great  
waiters!



