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Outpouring

Dear Parents

We are now in Week 5 of Term 2, but also in Week 5 of a real touch of the Holy Spirit in our school. Students have been spending time praying every lunchtime, and many have really sensed God's presence. There have been visions and prophetic words along with real ministry into the lives of young people as they have prayed for each other which has significantly impacted lives and brought real change.

We have asked for personal responses from students to let us know what is happening in their lives – a number of these were in the last newsletter. We have only accepted responses where parents have verified that the comments by the student are being backed up by change in the home – exciting stuff!!

Testimonies:

From students:

"I have been stirred and have become obsessed with spending time in prayer/worship and reading God's Word."

"I used to watch a lot of TV, but I've been watching less and spending time with God instead."

"My behaviour and attitude has changed."

"I have also become a more joyful person."

"I can feel him more and I can see God working through people."

"The Holy Spirit came in and changed me."

From Parents:

"She seems more confident, happier and spends time in her room worshipping God and playing praise music."

"She has changed from mind driven behaviour into a heart inspired daughter – such a relief for us as parents. Family life can't be much better."

"Great to see kids using their gifts."

"Her attitude has improved greatly She's more approachable, and not so argumentative."

"I came home to a tidy house. He is less argumentative, quicker to obey, and listens better to instruction."

It is great to see that as the Holy Spirit touches lives that there is coming a desire to become more like Jesus – evidenced by attitude and behaviour change – along with increased time spent in prayer and reading the Word.

This week we had two ex-students Jonathan and Philip Harris speak in Chapel which then carried on for 2 hours as God touched many by His Holy Spirit. They shared about the good things that have been happening to them, and how God is bringing real life change. We then invited those that wanted a real touch of God to come forward for prayer. Almost all the secondary school responded – thank you Lord.

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It is important for students, and us, to remember that a physical manifestation is not the goal, but rather greater intimacy with Jesus. A physical touch is not evidence of a closer walk with God at all. A number of students have not had any physical touch, but have still become more in love with Jesus, evidenced by lifestyle and behaviour change.

We have an expectation that God is raising up a generation of young people who can be like Joel's army – prepared to make a difference in the world, in whatever area God calls them to. God is pouring out His Spirit and touching people. As this happens so different areas of our lives where we need ministry are being highlighted by the Holy Spirit. Over the last few days a few have requested prayer to remove obstacles that they feel are blocking the flow of the Holy Spirit. We are happy to work with young people to see them completely set free and may arrange for a special time for prayer but will communicate with you first.

Let's continue to pray that God will continue to touch and impact these young people mightily, so that they become ones totally free in Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit to make a difference in their area of life.

Thank you for praying with us.

Blessings

Rod and team