

Weeks- 13.11.23-8.12.23	Core Value Focus- Togetherness
<p>Scripture Link “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:4</p>	<p>Message from the Principal This feature of our core values is especially close to our hearts. We are a vibrant and diverse community here at QEA with well over 30 languages spoken. Taking every opportunity to come together and share moments of reflection- such as our Remembrance Service on 10th November- and moments of celebration- such as our rewards events on 19th and 20th October- bring us together as a family. God loves people and he knows that people need people. He created us to live in a community, giving and receiving support. We strive to do the same.</p>
<p>Message from the Chaplain Jesus preached a radical message of togetherness, his disciples were men and women and the early church was full of people of different races and nationalities. In the bible heaven is described as having people from every tribe, every nation and every tongue.</p> <p>Today in a time of division in the world we make sure we come together for assemblies, events, collective worship. But there is an even more radical togetherness that Jesus came for.</p> <p>Paul writes in Ephesians Chapter 2:13-16 <i>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ... thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross...</i></p> <p>The bible teaches that we can be together with God. Because Jesus came to reconnect us together with God. God’s love in Christ and his forgiveness and payment for our sin on the cross means that each of us can be together with God. To be freely welcomed into God’s family is a level of togetherness which is unrivalled!</p>	<p>Discussion points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How is togetherness and community important to you in your life? ✓ Think of the best times together with people. ✓ Imaging what heaven will be like with people from every tribe, every nation, every tongue! ✓ What events or activities bring you together with your friends or family? ✓ Remember that togetherness can be difficult. ✓ Togetherness takes a looking out for others (Philippians 2:4) how can we look out for others at school and at home? ✓ Think about the offer of Jesus’ togetherness with God. How can forgiveness, togetherness and being in God’s family impact your life?

A prayer for togetherness

God, we thank you for this day in our school community

We thank you for our opportunity grow in love and learning

We thank you for our food and for our friends

We thank you for Jesus that he welcomes us into God's family.

Help us to enjoy this time together

All: May we love on each other as you have loved us (John 13:34)

Amen