



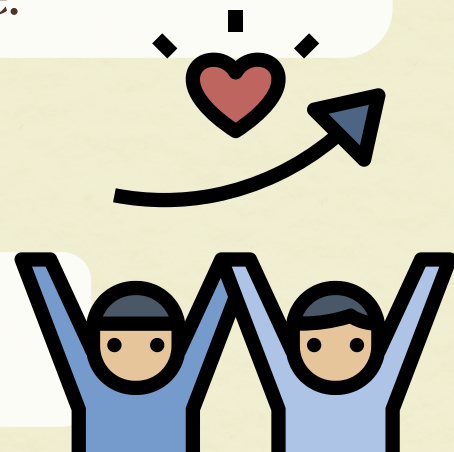
# Growing Together

in the Spirit of Christ's Love.



## Word of the Week

John 15: 5-14



"I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me. Those who do not remain in me are thrown out like branches and dry up; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, where they are burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it. My Father's glory is shown by your bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my disciples. I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them.

You did not choose me; I choose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. This then is what I command you: love one another.

*We are all called to grow  
together in unity over time.*

*-Amanda Kelleman*



## Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Bless our school as we start this new year together. Let compassion, honesty and respect live here.

Fill our hearts with love so that we can show kindness, friendship and forgiveness, as we are learning, caring and growing together in the Spirit of Christ's love.

Amen.





# "Growing together in the Spirit of Christ's Love."

This week's theme encourages us to reflect on and pray with our school mission statement: "Growing together with the Spirit of Christ's Love."

In this week's Word of the Week Jesus is comparing himself to a vine and saying that we are the branches.

He wants us to stay joined to him so that we can produce fruit, in others words so we can do wonderful things in our lives, using the gifts God has given us. If we stay close to Jesus we will do amazing and great things. He does not want us to separate ourselves from him.

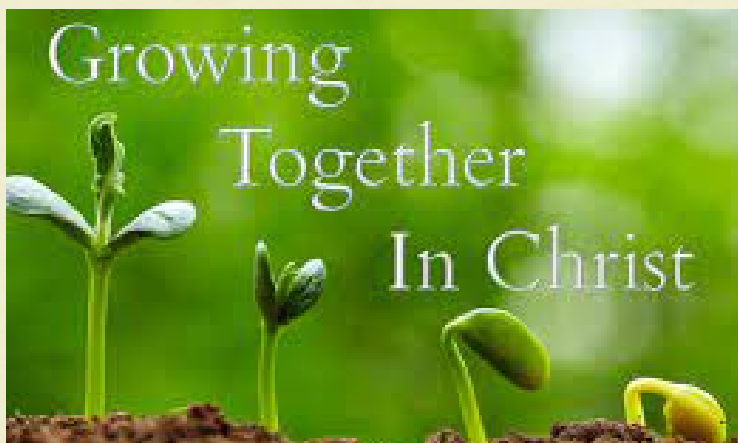
## Staying Connected

Our Word of the Week encourages us to stay connected to Jesus. But how do we do that?

Firstly we are called to love one another, so staying connected with each other, loving each other, growing together is a great way to stay close to Jesus. We should be recognising the presence of God in each other. Secondly we stay connected to Jesus through prayer. Every morning in school we pray together, starting our day with Jesus, thanking Him for being present in our lives, asking Him for the help we need in our day. We get to know Him better through our Word of the Week bible passages, and reflect on our relationship with Jesus through our themes of the week. So each morning as you pray together remember that this time of prayer is bringing you together as a form group and also connecting you with Jesus.

We can turn to Jesus whenever we need his help and support. This week each form group will get a prayer book.

This book is for you as a form to write down prayer intentions, things you want to pray for. So if you would like your form to pray for something specific; a family member or personal intention it can be written in the book and be prayed about in your time of prayer each morning.



Think about our school mission statement. How can we grow together as a school community?



How does our mission statement fit with this week's bible reading?



If you were to have your own form mission statement what would it be? What is your form mission this year?



Song: Remain in Me

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God, go with me to school Prayer

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## The Year Ahead...

What does it mean to bear good fruit? What is good fruit that you can produce this year? Good fruit is more than just good academic results and work, how else can you bear good fruit this year?