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FORWARD
FROM
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Dear Friend,

Welcome to the last in this series of thoughts in our Care Conversations. We hope that you have continued to find them encouraging. There will be a new set commencing from the first week of Term 2.

In the meantime, we trust that you, your school communities and your families have a spiritually refreshing time over this Easter period. It is certainly a time of great awe, pathos, mystery and celebration for us whose faith is in Jesus from Nazareth, the Saviour and Lord of all! May more people in your world experience this more deeply this Easter.

Sincerely,

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TEACHING AS A PERFORMING ART

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TEACHING : A RELATIONAL ART

When the Bible talks about someone ‘knowing’, it is much more than ‘knowing about’. ‘Knowing about’ is being able to recall information. It does not take into account what we will do with what we know.

For example, most of our students (and staff) can pass an information exam about healthy eating. However, we do not always do what we know about – and thus we can struggle with having healthy weight, despite what we know about.

Likewise, if we have a driving license, we know about the road rules. But there are times that we allow ourselves to speed, despite what we know about.

The implication for our teaching is that we should never think of our teaching as a technical process, or a reductionist science. Teaching is a relational art, heart to heart. As Sarason noted:

They [teacher training programs] rivet so on subject matter and formula-like pedagogical techniques as to produce technicians, not the performing artists teachers should be. [Sarason p.109]

Let us keep praying for the creative artistry of our teachers to grow, in Christ.

Grace and peace,

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1 Peter 4:10

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