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Weekly Parent Prayer Reminder for this term!

Monday 2 October
9am, Small Meeting Room
Parents' prayers for the Blue school community.
We also take prayer requests.
Everyone is welcome.





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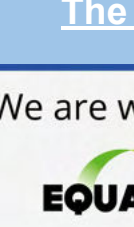
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