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Parents and caregivers of P to Year 6 children, it's that time of year again. Whether you like it or not, Book Week is fast approaching. Time to get out the crepe paper, glue and paint, save the cardboard boxes and start looking around for inspiration. Or simply order something appropriate online – just don't leave it too late!

As a teacher, I always look forward to our annual Book Week character parade. It's a day when the playground transforms into a living library of pirates and princesses, detectives and dragons, astronauts, animals, and heroes of every kind. The children don't just read their favourite stories; they step into them. They bring books to life through colour, imagination, and costume.

And as we celebrate Book Week later this term, I want to draw our attention to another book — one that doesn't need a parade to come alive. One that doesn't rely on costumes, props, or characters drawn in ink. This book is alive because God Himself speaks through it.

Hebrews 4:12 tells us:

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword; it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

Most books inform us. Some books inspire us. A few books challenge us. But the Bible does something more profound: it transforms us. It reaches into the "thoughts and attitudes of the heart." It shows us truth, exposes what is broken, heals what is hurting, and strengthens what is good.

"Sharper than any double-edged sword", Scripture cuts through the noise of our lives. It pierces through confusion, pride, fear, and doubt. It gets to the very core of who we are. It is "living and active" because God Himself is living and active.

And unlike Book Week, this isn't a once-a-year celebration. It's a daily invitation. Every time we open Scripture, God is ready to speak. Every time we listen, He is ready to shape us.

My prayer for our students, staff, and families is that Book Week will not only spark imagination and joy but will serve to remind us to spend time in the book that is truly alive.

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