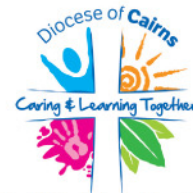




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Kindy to
Year 7

Term 1 Week 6 – 6th March, 2014

My father used to say, "You would worry less about what people think if you knew how little they did". Dr. Phil McGraw

DATES TO REMEMBER

7th March

- ◆ Kindy fees due

10th - 11th March

- ◆ School Auditors
- ◆ Playgroup at St John's Kindy 9am - 11am

11th March

- ◆ Adopt-A-Cop visit 9am
- ◆ P & F Mtg 3.00pm

12th March

- ◆ School Councillor

13th March

- ◆ Mini Vinnies mtg 1.15pm in 6/7 room
- ◆ Reconciliation liturgy Year 4 - 7
- ◆ Book club due

14th March

- ◆ SMCSA Soccer/Netball carnival

18th March

- ◆ Kindy sausage sizzle

28th March

- ◆ St John's Cross Country

4th April

- ◆ Easter Liturgy 9am

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

13/03/14	P Bromilow & N Hogan
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers & Students,

Yesterday's gathering of parents, students, friends and parishioners at the **Ash Wednesday Liturgy** was yet another terrific display of community at St John's. The students played a major role throughout the Liturgy, reading and performing the Gospel. The 40 day Christian Olympiad of fasting and good works is now upon us. Popular manifestations of this season of Lent will include **Friday fish dinners and conversations about "giving up" something** that requires a genuine commitment. **Thanks** to the kindness of our P & F, we raised \$85.00 at the Shrove Tuesday pancake fundraiser. Mini Vinnies appreciates the support of our entire school community.

All students will participate in our **Inter-house School Cross Country Carnival** to be held at the Silkwood Soccer Grounds **on Friday 28th March**. Students will commence training for this event during class sport time in the near future. Parents who are available to supervise the course at the Cross Country Carnival are requested to contact the school. Good Luck!

The **Three Saints Festival** will be held in the school grounds on **Sunday 4th May**. This is our main fundraiser for the year which **requires significant parent input to make the day a success**. A letter requesting support will accompany this newsletter. A discussion regarding planning for the 2014 Three Saints Festival will take place at next **Tuesday's P & F meeting being held at 3.00pm**. I encourage parents to attend this meeting to discuss this item for the benefit of fundraising at St John's. Please consider assisting St John's with your time during this weekend.

Officer in Charge at Silkwood Police Station, Sergeant Mark Cini, will visit all classes and the Kindergarten next Tuesday. Students will have the opportunity to hear about the average day in the life of a policeman. Our aim is to **make the children more familiar with our Adopt-A-Cop**. No doubt the students will have lots of interesting questions for Mark.

Next week we welcome WHK Auditors to St John's. Auditors annually review the school's income and expenditure to **ensure accountability**.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Maley

Principal, M Ed (ICT), B Ed, Dip T

Always Reaching for New Heights



What's Happening in Prep/One

The Prep/ Year One students have had a great start to the year, with their enthusiastic approach to learning! So far this term, we have been extremely busy. The Prep/ Year One class has been identifying themselves as unique individuals, learning what we, as humans, need to survive and the importance of our five senses. Students have come to distinguish how important their senses are and how they impact our lives.

In maths this term, students are being very productive in regards to recognising numbers and their patterns and manipulating various 2D shapes, whilst making connections to everyday objects. We have also been engaging in various fairy tales, such as Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs. Students have loved reading these stories, retelling and sequencing the main events that occur. The students have been working hard on their gross motor skills, as they learn to conquer their throwing and catching skills each week. We were very fortunate this week to have Steven and Sandra from Silkwood soccer club come out and teach us various soccer skills. The students thoroughly enjoyed this experience.

Miss Caitlin O'Meara



Lunchtime Activities

Students will have the opportunity to **attend an art/craft session every Wednesday second lunch break in the Year 6/7 classroom**. Bring your lunch, colours and your imagination! This session, organized by Year 6/7 will be supervised by Mr Russell. The Year 6/7 students will also offer other students of St. John's an opportunity to come and listen to **story reading and activities every Thursday at first lunch**. The reading sessions will be held in the Year 6/7 classroom and will also be supervised by Mr Russell (Bring your lunch).

P & F meeting

The next P & F meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11th March, at 3.00pm** in the school meeting room.

Agenda items include:

1. P & F Contribution to Technology proposal
2. P & F Social night
3. Anzac Day BBQ
4. 3 Saints BBQ Preparation
5. Cent Sale Co-ordination
6. School Annual Plan

All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

School Fees

School fees are now OVERDUE. Reminder accounts will be sent home. Please endeavour to settle your account as soon as possible. Kindy fees are due tomorrow, **Friday 7th March**.

SMCSA Soccer/Netball Carnival

The two carnivals will take place, weather permitting, next **Friday 14th March**. Permission notes and tuckshop orders were sent home yesterday and must be returned by Friday and Monday respectively.

Bookclub

The second bookclub issue of the term will come home today. **Final orders will be taken until Thursday 13th March**.

March

1st - Lauren

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kindy Corner

We are on a learning journey with the children and their families as we established and maintain our new Kindy gardens and sustainability practices. In the Kindy garden we have been growing lettuce, tomatoes, basil, strawberries, ginger, chives, marigolds, pak choy and nasturtiums. We also have mandarin, mulberry and lemonade trees planted. We have cooked zucchini slice, basil pesto for spaghetti and made salads and fruit platters.

We have established a thriving worm farm at the Kindy, feeding them each Kindy day with the food scraps from the children's lunches. The children plant the seeds/seedlings, water the garden with watering cans and dig out any weeds with their own tools. At the Kindy we use organic fertilisers including horse manure donated by one of the families, worm juice and castings, garlic spray and companion planting with marigolds.

The garden has created a new learning experience enjoyed by adults and children alike.

Regards, Robyn & Denise





Yesterday our school community, along with Parish members, celebrated an Ash Wednesday liturgy.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Church season of Lent. It is a special time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving (voluntary giving to charities) for Catholics.

Through prayer we come closer to God so that we are better able to live our baptismal promise to live justly as Jesus teaches us.

Fasting joins us with the poor who often have no choice but to go without enough to eat. Giving to the poor or almsgiving is a sign of our commitment to justice and of thanks for all that God has given us.

Lent leads up to the season of Easter, the most important time in the Church calendar. By praying, fasting and giving to the poor we are reminded of Jesus' death and Resurrection. Jesus brought the promise of hope for all people so **that we may have life and have it to the full. (John 10:10)**

We give thanks for the blessings in our own lives - for the gifts of good food, a safe home, clean water, education and healthcare.

We are called to work for a just and fair world for all people. By supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion we share in Jesus' call to give hope to others so that they may also have life to the full.

*God of hope and compassion,
You remind us of the need to care
for our brothers and sisters
throughout the world. We pray that
during this time of Lent,
we will make a home in our own
hearts for the poor. May we listen
and act on your call to end poverty,
promote justice and uphold the dignity of every
person. We make this prayer in Jesus' name.*



Black Duck Wisdom

by Maggie Dent

17th Wisdom



**Step back from life from time to time.
Taking care of oneself is important and essential.**

When a duck has had enough of the world or feels "out of sorts" they simply stick their head under the water and wag their bottoms to the sky. Groups of ducks do this too like a group comment on the state of the world! So when all else fails remember to do what ducks do—bumps up and duck to you all!

Life can be a challenging journey and many humans have times when they want to run and hide. This is both normal and healthy. You can call it a "doona day" or a "mental health day" and you simply get off the treadmill of life and chill out. This is essential for good health and wellbeing.

P.S. There are many out there in the world who think that the Earth will go into a crisis if they were not around for a day. Get over it and know that martyrdom died in the dark ages!

Student of the Week

Social Emotional Learning Awards Organisation

Rylee - Always being ready to learn and putting in 110% effort. Keep up the great work!

Persistence

Tegan - Working tough during Guided Reading groups.

Persistence

Lucian - Persistence with his print and stencilling creation during art lessons.

Organisation

Jennifer - Excellent effort in getting lunch time art activities organised for so many students.

Inquiry and Reflective Learners Awards Quality Producer

Kelsey - For your beautiful story writing. Fantastic effort!

Designer and Creator

Timothy - Thinking creatively when making a shoe -box church.

Quality Producer

Amy - For an extraordinary story writing.

Quality Producer

James - An all round improvement in all areas of school life.

READING AWARDS will only be presented at assembly for 50, 100, 150, 200 etc.

Sight words awards:

Gold Award - Wavey, Deja

Silver Award - Dylan

Snap the sticker & win an iPad or iTunes vouchers



You might have seen the Catholic Education ads on TV running during the month of March, with Cath Ed's new 1300 CATH ED phone number. All Catholic school students in the Far North have received a bumper sticker promoting the 1300 number.

Pupils (and teachers) are being encouraged to put the stickers on cars and in other (legal) prominent places. Everyone, including Catholic students and teachers, as well as members of the general public are invited to take photos of them and send them in to Post-Ed. Each week for three weeks Post-Ed will publish what we judge to be the best, most interesting or unusual photo, and the lucky photographer will win a \$50 iTunes voucher, kindly donated by Harvey Norman. All entries will then go into a draw and on Tuesday, April 8, the winner of an Apple iPad, again donated by Harvey Norman, will be announced. It may not be the best photo, but everyone who sends one in is in with a chance to win! So start looking for the new stickers, grab your camera, and get snapping! Send entries to Chris.Ellis@news.com.au

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