Dear Parents,

Last week was filled with many special events, namely the Grandparents’ Morning and the Athletics Carnival. Our Eucharistic celebration, class visits and morning tea were wonderful opportunities for grandparents and special friends to share with our school community. Fortunately the weather wasn't too unkind to us on Friday and we were able to complete the most of the carnival on time. Thank you to all those who were able to help out with the events, especially the Year 5 class parents and to Mrs Evers and Mrs Carolan for their organisation.

Our core value for Term 3 is Compassion. It is a gospel value that is at the centre of the story of the Good Samaritan. The children will be focusing on this value throughout the term both in theory and action.

A final reminder that the Staff Development Day is on Friday 8th August and there will be no supervision at school. If necessary, supervision will be organised with a school nearby. Please contact the office asap if you require supervision for the day.

Our sympathies go to the King family in Year 1. Harrison’s grandfather, Joseph Spiteri, passed away after a lengthy illness. Please keep the family in your prayers.

There continues to be problems with Kiss n’ Ride. Please obey the rules for the safety of our children. Do not queue in Wellington Street. No Parking at Kiss n’ Ride means that you may stop for no more than 2 minutes and must remain within 3 metres of the car. Disobeying the No Parking sign attracts a $173 fine and $311 for making a U-turn.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions. My door is always open.

Michael Gallagher

Sunday’s Gospel Reflection

After Jesus heard about John, he crossed Lake Galilee to go to some place where he could be alone. But the crowds found out and followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw the large crowd. He felt sorry for them and healed everyone who was sick. That evening the disciples came to Jesus and said, “This place is like a desert, and it is already late. Let the crowds leave, so they can go to the villages and buy some food.”

Matthew 14: 13-21
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Religious Education News

GRANDPARENTS DAY
A big thank you to Grandparents and special friends who attended our Grandparents Mass and Morning Tea last week. The children were so excited to have you visit! Thank you to Mrs Sue Willis (Grandmother of Jenna and Calan Murphy) for sharing her thoughts on being a grandparent and reminding us of those grandparents around the world confronted by injustice, violence and poverty as they care for their families.

WHOLE SCHOOL/Parish Masses
We have some significant celebrations over the next few weeks which all in our school community are invited to attend:

ST MARY OF THE CROSS (MACKILLOP) - THURSDAY 7th AUGUST AT 9.15am

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - FRIDAY 15th AUGUST AT 9.15am

This solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will be joined by students from our local Catholic High Schools

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION
Bookings have now closed for the 2014/15 Sacramental Program Confirmation sessions. Parents of enrolled children are asked to attend a Confirmation Commitment Evening on Monday 4th August commencing 7pm at St Rose Church. This will be a very informative evening in which the producer of the program, Teresa Pirola, will give parents background information necessary to support their child through the sessions.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE VICTIMS OF MH17
SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST AT ST JOSEPH’S CHURCH 9.30AM

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY / PUPIL FREE DAY – 8th AUGUST
The St Joseph's School Staff will spend a day reflecting on their spiritual journey and their role as teachers in a Catholic School. We will explore further the history of our Good Samaritan background in the surrounds of the old seminary - now the ICMS International College of Management, Sydney.

Gillian Evers,
Religious Education Coordinator
Library News

Book Week
This term we celebrate Book Week. The theme this year is Connect to Reading. We are going to have a Book Fair on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th August in the Library. The Fair will be open from 8.30-9.00am and 2.30-3.15pm each day. Books will range from $5 to $20. They will all be good quality new books. You can purchase a book or donate a book to the library.

Dress-up
We will have a dress-up day on Tuesday 19th August. The children’s costume must represent a letter of the alphabet as a Connection to Reading. So if your child has a princess costume they can come as a “Pretty princess”; or if they come as a pirate they could come as a “Powerful pirate”. From 12.45-1pm the children will sit in the playground behind their letter of the alphabet and describe themselves using 2 words beginning with their letter as above.

Poster competition
Children can design a poster which shows the theme Connect to Reading. It is to be an A4 size poster. Entries are due by Tuesday 12th August. The best entries will be entered into the CBCA poster competition.

Photography competition
There are 2 categories for this competition. The first is a photo of yourself reading in your favourite spot. The second is of someone reading in a most unusual spot. You can enter one or both, but each entry must be a separate photo. Photos must be handed to Mrs Jones by Tuesday 12th August.

School Athletics Carnival Day
Week 3, Term 3

Clothing Pool News

Due to increased work commitments, the uniform shop will now be open on Friday afternoons (instead of Monday afternoons) as of **Friday 15th August**. The time remains the same; 2.45pm – 3.15pm at the canteen. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Don't forget we are here to help you and if you are unable to come on a Friday, we are always happy to take an order via email cybellemassey@yahoo.com.au aqwaemma@optusnet.com.au or to the School Office via the class office bag in an envelope clearly marked “Clothing Pool”. We can pop items in your child's bag, via their teacher or hand to you at pick up time by arrangement.

Thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Cybelle Massey and Emma Crossley

P & F News

Greetings from Thredbo....

Grandparents Day Thankyou!
I wouldn't ordinarily write my report whilst on holidays but I need to send out a huge thank you and congratulations to those who put together the wonderful grandparents day last Thursday. It was such a beautiful Mass with the kids singing and the dancing and of course the montage of pictures and comments from the kids. I am sure everyone would agree that it was very entertaining. Thank you to the Year 5 parents who put together the morning tea.

P & F Meeting
The P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday August 5th at 9am. This time slot proved successful last term. Can I please encourage you to come to the meeting. If you would like to discuss anything in the meeting, please send through your agenda items to Michael or myself. I look forward to seeing you there.

Michelle Grice
P&F President michellegrice@bigpond.com or mobile 0402914953

School & Office News

Wednesday Assembly - (6th Aug)

There will be no assembly next week due to the Touch Football competition for Years 3-6.

Update Address & Phone Numbers
Please advise the office immediately if you have changed address, email, phone numbers or person of contact in case of emergency if you cannot be reached.
Students of the Week

Kindergarten
Harper T: for helping to organise our classroom before and after Art.
Rohan M: for a beautiful painting of his grandparents and family.

Year 1
Ethan A: for creativity and enthusiasm for learning.
Madison G: for caring for her belongings and the environment.

Year 2
Matilda P: for taking care of our classroom.
Lucas B: for great thinking in Mathematics.

Year 3
Kiana C: for working beautifully in class this week.
Tom M: for his regular contribution to classroom discussions.

Year 4
Lachlan M: for caring for our classroom.
Zeke W: for being inclusive and supportive of others in sport.

Year 5
Antwone C: for excellent Poetry writing.
Isabelle H: for great application in writing tasks.

Year 6
Jackson P: for always caring for the place he is in by keeping his space neat and tidy.
Liana I: for her continuous positive attitude to all tasks.

ST LUCYS
START RIGHT 1
Balthazar S: for being a good and caring friend.

STARTRIGHT 2
Lily C: for excellent participation during P.E.

Important Dates

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