Welcome back to Term 3 after a well-earned break and rest. There is a great deal happening this term with some very significant events. World Youth Day begins this week and Mrs Stef Thom is assisting in leading a large group of teachers from our Diocese to Krakow, Poland for the gathering of pilgrims to celebrate Mass with Pope Francis. We wish Stef a fantastic and safe journey and look forward to keeping up with her travels while she is away.

This term we are focusing on the value of **Compassion**. This value is rooted in the Gospel story of the Good Samaritan. We are blessed to have in our school community the children and teachers from St Lucy’s who teach us what true compassion is; the acceptance of others who may be different to us and doing so “with love”. This applies to everyone who is suffering, whether it be in health or any other difficulty.

We welcome this term the Langley family to our community. Emily and Ruby joined Year 1 today. We hope their time with us is rewarding and enjoyable. We welcome also three student teachers from Notre Dame University who will be spending the term with Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6.

I wish to advise that the Director of Schools has emailed all parents regarding changes to school fees for 2017. If you have any concerns about the proposed new fees please do not hesitate to contact me. [Click here](#) to view the letter.

If you have any concerns, issues or questions you would like to discuss, I am always happy to make a time to meet with you. Contact the school office to organise a time.

Michael Gallagher

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**Sunday’s Gospel Quote**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

**Luke 11:1—13**

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Religious Education News

**Grandparents & Grand-friends Mass**

Our beginning of term Mass will focus on those extra special friends/family members who provide so much love and support…. Our Grandparents and Grand-friends.

This Mass will be held on **Thursday 28th July at 9:15am**. Please place the date in your diary and share with any special grandparents and grand-friends who play a significant part in your child/ren and parish communities lives.

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Students in Year Two and across our school will shortly begin their Sacraments of Initiation, the first being Confirmation. Fr Rex has invited parents whose children will be taking part in this journey to explore their faith further at one of three Parent Faith Formation Meetings. These meetings will take place on Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th of August. Check the Parish Website for more information regarding this event. **Click here.**

**Fun Facts about Poland**

Tomorrow I begin my pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. So I thought I would share some fun facts over the following three newsletters.

- Poland is the sixth most populous and largest of the European Unions twenty-seven member states
- Most of Poland is very flat
- Krakow is the second largest city and the most popular tourist destination in Poland
- According to Polish legend, Krakow is protected by a mighty dragon
- Poland actually has a desert, the Bledow Desert

And the one most prevalent at the moment is…

- It is a 24 hour and 15 minute flight time (over two legs) to get there!

Don’t forget if you wish to join in the ‘journey’ make sure you upload photos to any social media program using the appropriate hashtag (#) for the day and make sure you follow me on Instagram (username- stefanie.thom). This week’s hashtags are:

- **Thursday**- #dbbwyd_friends
- **Friday**- #dbbwyd_footsteps
- **Saturday**- #dbbwyd_lookup
- **Sunday**- #dbbwyd_JPII
- **Monday**- #dbbwyd_miracles
- **Tuesday**- #dbbwyd_happy

I thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during my trip and look forward to seeing your photos shared throughout the next two weeks.

Stef Thom (REC)
Library News

**PRC:** Congratulations to Alana M from Year 3 and Luc D from Year 4 for completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Well done children. The children have until **19th August** to complete the Challenge. Please see me if you are having difficulty finding books to complete the Challenge. This week the children in Year 2 enjoyed *Mr Huff* (Book id 9806). This can be added to anyone in Year 2’s reading log. 

**Book Week:** This term we will celebrate Book Week. We will be having a Book Fair, a visiting author and some other activities. Dates will be posted in the next few weeks. The theme this year is Australia: Story country.

Fran Jones  
Teacher Librarian

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P&F News

Welcome back to term 3! Hope everyone had a nice few weeks off.

I still have a few Football SSC vouchers that weren’t sold, available if anyone is interested.  
Mixed Under 9  
Boys Under 10  
Boys Under 12  

They’re $100 each. Let me know if you would like to purchase one. It’s a savings of $55!

**Few Reminders:**  
We have Grandparents Day next Thursday the 28th. The Kindy class is organising the event.  
Sports Carnival is next week as well. Next Friday the 29th at the Sydney Academy of Sport.  
If you haven’t done so already, hampers are being organised by your class parent and are in need of your contribution. These get auctioned off at the Fun Fair which all proceeds go to the school. Please help out where you can.

Uniform shop is open on Mondays from 2:45 - 3:15. Michelle Grice can be reached at:  
M 0402 914 953 michellegrice@bigpond.com

Canteen is open Mondays and Fridays. We are always looking for volunteers. Please contact Donita Kerin if you’re interested. M 0412 709 428 Donita.Kerin8@gmail.com

If you have any questions or need me for anything, please feel free to contact me.  
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Thank you!

Katie
Community News & Events

Grandparents Day
Dear Parents,
Next Thursday 28 July is Grandparents Day. A time to celebrate all the wonderful things our grandparents or grand friends do for our children. There will be a Mass at 9.15am in St Joseph’s Church. Following this, Grandparents and friends are invited to tour the classrooms to see what the children have been working on and they are also invited to enjoy some refreshments, out front of the canteen.

Kindergarten is hosting this event and we are asking for your help. We would love to serve some sweet and savoury treats for our Grandparents and friends alongside Tea and Coffee. Can we request that families who are able to (from all grades) bring in any cakes, muffins, cookies or any treats they think would be delicious and drop off at the canteen between 8.45am and 9.00am (before Mass please).

Thank you so much for your generosity. Cybelle Massey (Kindy Parent)

Use of SMS to inform School Community of Incidents
Schools and the CSO have the capacity to send a bulk SMS to all parents/care givers at an individual school using parent contact details in the student information system. Many schools use this facility routinely to send updates about school events, arrangements and student absences. Occasionally the CSO will send a message out on behalf of a school, for example, to alert parents to a particular urgent situation e.g. school communications are down, a storm or bushfire is impacting on the school, or the school is in lockdown. The message will be to alert parents to a situation, to inform them of children’s safety and to indicate any changed arrangements that may be put in place for student collection. This is a ‘no reply’ SMS. Parents would need to contact the school for further information.

Occasionally a few parents may experience significant delays in receiving the message. Different mobile networks operate at different speeds on different days so there can be a significant variation in delivery times between providers. The make and model of the mobile phone receiving the message can also affect speed of delivery as can whether the phone is switched on or off. If the phone is switched off there is a possibility that the message will not be received. If only a few students are affected by a situation individual parents would be rung. It is considered however that a bulk SMS is the most practicable way to get an urgent message to all parents at a school. It is also for this reason that we encourage parents/caregivers to ensure that the school has their correct contact numbers.

- Parent Workshop  CSO Parent Education Program Northern Beaches: 123 Magic Workshops  - Building Emotional Intelligence & Managing Behaviour Click here
Student of the Week

Kindergarten

Ciara Q: for great writing strategies
Vivienne O: for excellent writing about families.
Sebby T: for always listening and being in the right place at the right time.

Year 1

Luke B: for working independently during reading groups.
Daniel P: for a fantastic effort with spelling.

Year 2

Rohan M: for interesting news about electricity.
Benji F: for trying hard with writing.

Year 3

Max C: for fantastic problem solving during Maths Challenge.
Alana M: for her happy and cheery greetings each morning.
Jesse S: for always working well on his projects in Year 3.

Year 4

Lucas B: for being a good sport at the Rugby Gala Day.
Luca C: for his clever predictions during modelled reading.
Luc D: for solving a Maths brain teaser before Mrs. Wark!

Year 5

Nate L: for excellent manners when talking to teachers.
Nathan V: for excellent work on his iMovie.

Year 6

Chehak B: for her consistently positive attitude.
Luke L: for excellent manners at all time.

Community News & Events Cont’d

10th Anniversary Thankyou

“Thank you to all those who contributed to the wonderful and joyous celebration held for the 10th Anniversary of the Lakes Parish on Saturday night 25th June 2016.

There was certainly a “cast of thousands”. Children from both St Rose and St Joseph’s who sang, played instruments and brought great enthusiasm to the celebration. And the children who read the prayers of intercession and to their teachers who were there to support them.

The children from the state schools who reverently carried out their part in the Gospel procession and bringing up the gifts supported by their catechist teachers.

Many thanks to all the adult musicians who contributed their talents and time supporting the congregation in sung prayer.

All the work you all put in made it a very successful and enjoyable celebration.

We truly have a wonderful parish!!”

Many thanks everyone.
Julie, From the Liturgy Team.