



NEWSLETTER No . 15 : 28th May 2015

Dear Parents,

How busy are households in the morning! Getting everyone out of bed can be a task in itself and then comes finding the clothes they are to wear that day, the things they need to take with them to fulfil the requirements of that day's routine and then, breakfast! Thankfully, all these pre-breakfast chores are predictable, even repetitive. Imagine being the White Queen in "Alice Through the Looking Glass", who made it a practice to believe six impossible things before breakfast!

One "impossible" for Christian people is understanding the Trinity. However, it is especially important to have some understanding of the Trinity because it is central to our faith. "Trinity is the Christian name for God." Karl Barth. The understanding of the Trinity stresses that The Creator or Father has come near to us in human form in Jesus and lives in us in the Holy Spirit.

The message through Jesus is that, in God's eyes, all people are of equal importance and we are to love ourselves and others, as God loves us. We are to do this because, "God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom He has given us." Ron. 5 : 5. And, of course, the Spirit produces, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control." Gal. 5 : 22,23. These are additional gifts to assist us to carry on the message as Christians, the Christs of our time. St Paul had a great insight into the Trinity, when he gave this blessing to the people of Corinth;

"May the grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." And may Paul's blessing be with us all, this very day.

Peace & Best Wishes

Noel Dillon

Principal

RECONCILIATION

This is for children in Grade 3-6 who would like to receive the sacraments this year. Our next gathering will be held on Wednesday, 3rd June at 3.25pm in the O'Dee Centre. Please feel free to come along and join in. Bring some afternoon tea to share. The session should last about 45 minutes. Any questions, please contact Bernie O'Keefe or myself. All welcome.

Noel Dillon

Principal



P & F NEWS

P & F Meeting -3rd June : Please note change of date

Due to our recent overwhelming support for the parent community and the great work that has been done by families at the school, we will hold a Parents and Friends meeting on Wednesday, 3rd June after assembly. The meeting will be held in the O'Dee. Please come along and support the Parents and Friends.

FLYING START PROGRAM

As of Term 2, we will be offering our Flying Start Program for students moving into Foundation in 2016 to help support their transition process.

Next session : Monday, 15th June : 8.45am - 10.45am

READING

This term, during the reading block, students from Foundation-Grade 4 will be working in small groups. Depending on the skill being developed, students will be moving around groups and will be working with different teachers.

Students will experience explicit instruction in decoding skills and strategies, fluency, vocabulary word meanings and word-learning strategies, and comprehension strategies with the aim of helping them to become more purposeful, active readers, thinkers and learners.

Should you have any questions in regards to the Reading Block, please do not hesitate to speak with any member of staff.

TERM 2 DATES FOR 2015

June

Monday 1st	:	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - Report writing Gr.6 Transition Day - Catholic College Bendigo
Wednesday 3rd	:	P & F meeting after assembly
Monday 8th	:	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Queen's Birthday
Monday 15th	:	Gym : Grade F-2
Thursday 18th	:	Gym : Grade F-2
Monday 22nd	:	Gym : Grade F-2
Thursday 25th	:	Gym : Grade F-2
Friday 26th	:	End Term 2 : School finishes at 2.30pm - Reports sent out



School Closure Day – There will be no school on Monday 1st June

ASSEMBLY

For the next two weeks we will have assembly on a Wednesday (3rd and 10th June) as the Mondays will be taken up by holidays and report writing days

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Due to there being no school next Monday the uniform shop will be open on Tuesday morning after the Breakfast Club

Could those with outstanding bills please settle them before the end of term. Thank you.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please contact the school by 10.00am if your child is not attending school for the day. On returning to school, students must bring a signed, written note explaining their absence and give it to their classroom teacher.

Annual Report to the school community for 2014

The Annual report to the school community is available on our website. A copy may also be found at the school office. Please take the time to read over the report, as it lists our school year for 2014 with successes and future planning.

SCHOOL TIMES

8.45am-10.45am - Class time
10.45am-11.30am - Recess
11.30am-1.30pm - Class time
1.30pm - 2.15pm - Lunch
2.15pm - 3.15pm - Class time

BREAKFAST CLUB TERM 2



The Breakfast Club will run from 8.00am - 8.30am each Thursday and will be held in the O'Dee.

Next week's special :

Hot Chocolate / Fruit Smoothies

Egg & Bacon Toasties : French Toast (Sweet)

We welcome parents to be part of the Thursday morning breakfast. The community aspect of the morning is as important as the breakfast itself. Please come along and join in with your child.

AWARDS

Next week's assembly will be held on Wednesday, 27th May



Respect for Self

Imogen Nixon Matilda Edsall-French
Zoe Flynn Chace Smith-Harvey

Respect for Others

Laura Foster

Making Jesus Real (for excellent manners)

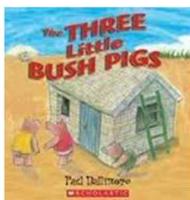
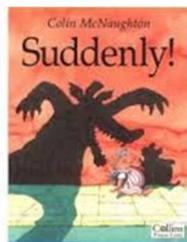
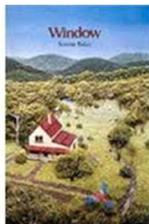
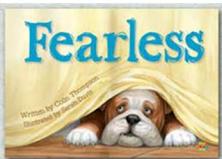
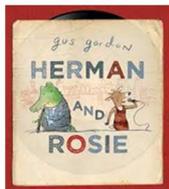
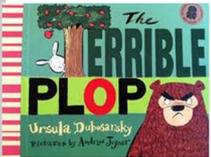
Johanna Gleeson Summer Banbury
Sophie Scoble Taya Lunn
Alkeira Craig

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Here is a list of fabulous books to read with your child that model complex sentences and rich vocabulary:



Fearless by Colin Thompson
Clancy the Courageous Cow by Lachie Hume
Suddenly by Colin McNaughton
The terrible plop by Ursula Dubosarsky
The three little bush pigs by Paul Dallimore
Giraffes can't dance by Giles Andreae & Guy Parker-Rees
Herman and Rosie by Gus Gordon
Window by Jeannie Baker (You will have to make up the sentences for this one!)



MJR is 24/7

Meet Greet and Speak
Show your manners on a Monday,
Tuesday give a cheer, Winking
Wednesday, Thursday is thumbs

up and Friday is Hi Five

One of the most important ways we can be a W.E.S.T.I.E. is in the way we meet, greet and speak to people. How have you shown that you are a WESTIE today

PLAYGROUP

learn laugh love

You are invited to come along and join the Parent-Child Playgroup

Venue : O'Dee Centre at Holy Rosary School
When : Thursdays 10.00am - 11.00am
For parents and their children 0-5 years

For more information, please phone Jess on 0409 967 997 or Email:

jdawson@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au

ANIMALS AT SCHOOL

At our recent School Board meeting a motion was passed to avoid injury to children in the school from animals.

NO ANIMALS ARE PERMITTED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SCHOOL GROUND OR BUILDINGS UNLESS PRIOR APPROVAL IS SOUGHT FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SMOKING REGULATIONS

New smoking bans to apply on school grounds and at school entrances

From **13 April 2015**, smoking will be banned within the school grounds of, and within four metres of an entrance to, all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, as well as all Victorian childcare centres, kindergartens and pre-schools, under an amendment to the *Tobacco Act 1987* (Vic).

The new bans are enshrined in legislation and will apply to all schools in Victoria, thereby ensuring a consistent approach across the government and non-government sectors.


SOMETHING
SPECIAL

ON SALE AT THE OFFICE
Tomato Relish - \$2.00 per jar

GRIEF AND LOSS PROGRAM

Dear Parents/caregiver

This term I plan to run Seasons for Growth, a grief and loss program within our school. Seasons for Growth is based on the belief that change, loss and grief are a normal and valuable part of life. We examine the impact of changes such as death, separation and divorce upon our lives, and explore how we can learn to live with and grow from these expectations.

The core intentions of this program are the development of resilience and emotional literacy to promote social and emotional wellbeing. The program is educational in nature and does not provide therapy.

We use the imagery of the four seasons to illustrate that grief is cyclical, not a linear journey with a clear end. Peer support is a key element of the program, and confidentiality is strongly emphasised.

The program runs for approximately one hour (withdrawal from class) for eight weeks. If you may be interested in your child/children participating in this program, please return the attached 'expression of interest' form to the office.

Please note that this program will only run subject to numbers.

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I give permission for my son/daughter (name)..... to participate in the Seasons for Growth Program at Holy Rosary School Heathcote.

Parent Name and Signature.....

Date:

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

The Catholic Mission Brahman in Papua New Guinea is in need of the following items. If you can assist, please contact Kiernan on 0428 448 862 or email Kiernan@theedgeequine.com for further information. Donations can be left at The Edge Bendigo, 61 Pratts Park Road, (Cnr Pratts Park Rd and Strickland Rd) or phone and a pick up can be arranged.

Computers : Printers : Library Books : Sports Equipment : Secondhand uniform (all sizes) : Stationery : Science books : TV screens : TV black box or decoder (2) : 5 for 6 stainless steel boilers for cooking
Any assistance would be very much appreciated.