



NEWSLETTER No . 16 : 4th June, 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.

In the "civilizations" of Greece and Rome, no one would have dreamed that leaders should in any way be servants. Indeed, Aristotle argued that the poor and the underprivileged should be kept well and truly in slavery, so that "superior men" would have leisure to think and participate in the governance of the community. Aristotle cherished the "great-souled man" who was proud, honourable, aristocratic and rich. The job of the leader was to stay above the common people and lead.

But Jesus invented the notion that the way to lead is by serving the needs of others, especially those who are the most needy: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant for even the Son of man did not come to be served but to serve." Mark 10 : 43. Jesus was born in a stable and lived most of His life as a carpenter's apprentice. Usually, He travelled by foot, His first disciples were fishermen and craftsmen and He lived and moved among the common people.

Jesus broke the taboos. From society's point of view, and even from some of His male disciples point of view, Jesus scandalously permitted women, even women who were outcasts because of their lifestyle, to travel with Him and to be part of His circle of friends and confidants. "The Christian prohibition of adultery, viewed as equally serious for men and women, placed a moral leash on the universal double standard that commanded women to behave themselves while men did as they pleased." Dinesh D'Sousa.

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." Rom. 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, 10th 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
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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.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS TOMORROW,
5TH JUNE AT 11.30AM AT THE CHURCH.
ALL WELCOME**

TERM 2 DATES FOR 2015

June

Wednesday 3rd	:	Parents & Friends meeting after assembly
Friday 5th	:	First Friday School Mass
Monday 8th	:	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Queen's Birthday
Tuesday 9th	:	School Board meeting
Thursday 11th	:	Grade 3/4 Mass in the Chapel
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, 8th June

ASSEMBLY

Next week's assembly will be on Wednesday, 10th June. as Monday is a public holiday

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. Notification can also be made via the school phone app.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Due to there being no school next Monday the shop will be open after assembly on Wednesday

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

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

FLYING START PROGRAM

As of Term 2, we 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

AWARDS

Next week's assembly will be held on Wednesday, 10th June

Respect for Self

April Flood-Conway

Respect for Others

Kaleb Robinson

Respect for Environment

Annabel Johnson Nicole Foster

Making Jesus Real (for excellent manners)

Thomas Johnson Gage Knight

Allie Robinson Lily Edsall-French

All students in Gr. 1/2



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 :

Muffins : Pancakes & Smoothies

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.

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS



On long car trips you might like to play build a story, where each person adds a new part in turn.

Make sure you include the following important parts;

A setting: 'who' the story is about, 'where' the story is taking place and 'when' the story is taking place,

A problem which arises in the story or a kick off event

Feelings: how the character feels about the problem,

A solution to the problem and an ending.

You can make it as humorous or far fetched as you like, most importantly it has to be fun!

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

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.

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.



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


SOMETHING
SPECIAL

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

CANTEEN THURSDAY, 11th June, 2015

NAME:

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CLASSROOM:I wish to orderserve/s

Cheese & Bacon Pasta

Chicken Noodle Soup with Garlic Bread

Cost: Gold coin

Students will also receive water & treat with their order

**Please return order & money in an envelope
to your classroom by Wednesday, 10th June**

NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED

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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.