



NEWSLETTER No . 9: 16 April, 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 2. We hope that the children were able to have a good break with their families and are ready for the term ahead.

The family is important to children because, besides teaching them the truths of moral values, it forms their character and gives them the opportunity to become independent, stable and compassionate individuals. Children's personalities are able to develop in a healthy manner, because significant people within the family care intensely about them and give them priority of attention.

A family gives children a sense of history and a secure base from which to grow and develop and, through its discipline regime, helps children to internalise codes of conduct that will serve them for the rest of their lives. Within a healthy family there is a sense of giving and taking, of love and, when children see respect **between** their parents, they will more likely have respect **for** their parents.

In the midst of many thoughtful statements in the Book of Proverbs, there is this one: "It is your own face that you see reflected in the water and it is your own self you see in your heart". In other words people reflect and respond to you with the behaviours that you share with them. The bond that links our family is not one of blood but of respect and joy in each other's life. Here's a Cinquain by a ten-year-old named Sean Kelly:

"Family
Always there
Fun-loving people
Christians who love God
Friends."

God, our Father, help us to be a family of peace and joy, who carry Your love within our hearts and are generous towards each other. Amen.

Peace & Best Wishes
Noel Dillon
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Brooke and Mark Andrew. They have announced that they will be having a baby later this year. Our warm congratulations to Brooke and Mark. Brooke will finish at the end of term 2. We will advertise for a replacement teacher shortly.



CAR PARK PICK UP & DROP OFF

To ensure that all children are safe, it is important that parents collect and drop off their children from the shade area near the playground. A number of parents are waiting in the cars and calling their children across the car park. This causes a dangerous situation for the children.

Please ensure that children are collected from the pick up area.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY DEVELOPMENTS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Several repairs and maintenance items were completed over the holidays ensuring the school is safe for all students and families.

The Parents and Friends have also been busy updating resources and facilities. Quotes were obtained and the successful tenderer engaged to complete the shade structure over the new playground. This will be completed over the term. A BBQ trailer was also ordered and is currently being built. We thank the Parents and Friends for their fantastic work fundraising to provide these resources for the school. A great example of this was the Easter Egg raffle where \$411.00 was raised. Additional fund raising opportunities this term include the Mother's Day Luncheon on Friday, 8th May. Please get behind any fundraising initiative of the P and F.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to the staff for their time and considerable efforts in providing the portfolios and parent teacher opportunities for the families on Tuesday night. The conversations are an important part of the parent teacher communication process and provide valuable learnings for both parent and teacher.

Each portfolio has a page for parents and students to comment on their Term 1. Please take this opportunity to sit with your child and discuss the portfolios and write a positive comment for the students.

WELCOME

Welcome Latrobe University student teachers Melissa Butler in Grade 2/3 and Michelle Gyton – Taylor in Grade 3/4. They will be with us for weeks one and two and weeks five and six this term.

Important dates

TERM 2 DATES FOR 2015

April

Monday 20th : Tennis begins for Grad 1-6 for weeks two to seven

May

Friday 8th : School Photos
Mother's Day Luncheon

Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th : NAPLAN

Thursday 28th : Reconciliation

June

Monday 1st : SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - REPORT WRITING

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 - Reports sent out



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

HEATING UP FOOD AT SCHOOL

We have had an increasing number of children requesting food to be heated up at school during the lunch break.

Unfortunately, due to Occupation Health and Safety regulations, we are unable to perform this service for the children. Please ensure your child has food that does not require heating.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Noel Dillon

Principal

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.

EARLY PICK-UP

If collecting your child early, please call at the front desk and sign them out. Your child will then be called to the office.

If you have arranged for someone else to pick up your child and they are not on our emergency list, please contact the school and let us know.

AWARDS

This week's awards will be presented at Assembly tomorrow



Respect for Self

Sean Gleeson Sebastien Loraine
Aleksia Virgona Johanna Gleeson

Respect for Environment

Elley-May Featonby

Making Jesus Real (for excellent manners)

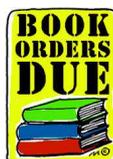
Jackson Pearce Shanae Scoble
Zoe Hamilton Laura Foster
Brady Lunn



BREAKFAST CLUB TERM 2

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

(No Breakfast Club weeks 1 and 11)



Order forms for Book Club 3 have been given out today.

Money and orders to be returned to school by Friday, 24th April

CAR PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

An increasing number of families are parking in other areas around the school causing a dangerous situation for students. Police have been notified and will issue penalty notices for offending vehicles. Please use the back car park for all drop off and pick ups.



PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL

The playground is not available for children after school.

RIDING TO SCHOOL

Storage of bikes and scooters is near the sports shed. This area is not locked during the day, so you may wish to bring your own bike lock along to secure your bike. Bikes and scooters are not allowed to be ridden in the school yard.

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Encourage your child to include the following parts when retelling a story/ experience: who/ where/ when/ what happened/ feelings/ why. Encourage them to use some joining words such as because, if, when, but, so, however, until, or, unless, then, consequently, before, after as, instead of. You might like to start a sentence for them to finish.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

The uniform shop will now be open on a Monday after assembly until 10.00am

All students should be in winter uniform by the start of week three, Term 2 (Monday, 27th April).

Please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform at all times. Runners with school uniform is not correct uniform. Sports uniform is only to be worn on sports days. We appreciate that there are time where full uniform cannot be worn. Please send along a note to the classroom teacher informing them of the situation. This will avoid unnecessary embarrassment to your child

Tennis Term 2

Our tennis program for Term 2 will begin next week Monday, 20th April for Grade 1 – 6. The sessions will run for 30 minutes from 11.30am – 1.30pm



MJR is 24/7

Making Jesus Real: Our focus for weeks one and two is God Moments. This is an opportunity to recognize children's God Moments



God Moments

A God Moment is when you see God in others or God has touched your life somehow. If you are really hurt and someone rushes to help you, that's a WGM, a Walking God Moment, if you walk into class and someone waves and says "Hi", that's a Welcoming God Moment. God Moments make you feel good about yourself. You can't always see God Moments, you just need to have faith and believe in them.

A God Moment could be anything, it could be an answer you have been searching long and hard for, or it could be a peaceful moment that has washed over you.

Some examples of God Moments would be: If a group of children are playing basketball and one gets knocked over and someone stops playing to help them, then that is a God Moment.

If a team is pushing others out of the way to get onto the bus to go to netball and one person is just waiting patiently behind the others, then that too is a God Moment.

A God Moment is in all that is good and true, a God Moment shows people love, faith and a sense of belonging.

God lives in all of us, sometimes it may be hard to hear and see him, but if you open your heart and let him in he will be there to guide and comfort you.

We all need to look for God Moments in all we see. The most annoying person will have some wonderful trait that we need to celebrate rather than focusing on the bad.

ANZAC COMPETITION

The McIvor Times is currently running a special Anzac Tribute competition with a prize pool worth \$250.00 of Anzac Centenary collectable memorabilia.

The competition involves entrants taking a photo or 'selfie' with a person, place or thing in their local area that they believe represents the Anzac Spirit, along with a brief description or story about their photo and what the Anzac Spirit means to them (there is not work limit) The competition closes midday Monday, 27th April, with the winners announced in the April 29th edition of the McIvor Times.

Entries can be submitted to :-

The McIvor Times, 170 High Street, Heathcote

Email : editor@mciwortimes.com.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/mciwortimes

CHAPEL MASS

What a great experience Foundation children had this morning in the chapel with Father. It was great to see so many families join in our celebration. The mass was followed by a lovely morning tea.



You are invited to come along and join the Parent-Child Playgroup at Holy Rosary School, Heathcote.

Who: For parents and their children 0-5 years - When: Each Thursday
Time: 10.00am - 11.00am - Where: The O'Dee Centre at Holy Rosary Heathcote

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

jdawson@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au



Holy Rosary School

Mother's Day Luncheon

Featuring

The
Brides
of
Heathcote
Fashion Parade

Friday 8th May 2015

O'Dee Centre, Holy Rosary School, Heathcote

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

Call 5433-2057

Cost: \$25.00



MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

WANTED: Wedding photos, both new families to town and older families

Mother's Day Luncheon planning is storming ahead and I am still looking for as many wedding photos, gowns and stories as I can get to help make this day a magical one. If you are able to loan us some wedding photos to copy for the display or even your most prized Wedding Gown, I would love to hear from you. I can be contacted on 0403 618 560, via email at sgfbradshaw@gmail.com or, of course, on Facebook. Places are being sold by Joan at school for \$25.00 per head - so get in quick to avoid disappointment.

Fiona Bradshaw



Aussie Hoops provides boys and girls with a fun and safe Basketball experience that serves as an introduction to a lifetime of involvement in the game. In addition to promoting healthy and active lifestyles, the program serves as a platform for social development and inclusion - fostering stronger and more vibrant communities and individuals.



Aussie Hoops has been developed for 5 to 7 year olds as an introductory program that ensures all participants develop the fundamental skills to participate in and draw satisfaction from Basketball.

BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN

- Children learn the fundamental motor skills for future physical activity and sports participation;
- Children learn the basics of fitness conditioning, muscle management and well-being;
- Children learn the importance of health and nutrition;
- Important physiological and mental skills are nurtured;
- Respect for others as well as social, team work and cooperation skills are developed;
- Contact with coaches, ambassadors, older children and parents provides valuable role modelling;
- Children are exposed to multi-functional environments creating greater self-confidence;
- Physically active children are more attentive, have a more efficient memory and better problem solving skills;
- Children are coached and encouraged by accredited and periodically assessed coaches;
- Children are exposed to the Australian Basketball pathway from Aussie Hoops through to the elite level; and
- Aussie Hoops provides a structured and federally endorsed program for children to participate in over a five year period.

BENEFITS FOR PARENTS

- Convenient, local opportunities for safe, quality time with your child and family.
- The opportunity to engage with children and other families in a common setting.
- Greater social contact and interaction.
- Opportunities to become actively involved in program delivery.
- Periodic and consistent activity for the whole family.



Upon successful online registration and payment an Aussie Hoops participant receives a Participant Pack which contains an Aussie Hoops backpack, reversible singlet and basketball.



Register at:

<http://www.aussiehoops.com.au>

For any enquiries please contact:

Ph: Fiona 0403 618 560

Email: heathcotepanthers@gmail.com



CANTEEN THURSDAY, 23RD APRIL, 2015

NAME:

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CLASSROOM:I wish to orderserve/s

Pizza

Hot Dog

Cost: Gold coin

**Please return order & money in an envelope to your classroom
By Tuesday, 21st April**

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ON SALE IN THE CANTEEN
Tomato Relish - \$2.00 per jar
Made from tomatoes grown in the
school vegie patch



Lunch orders will be on a
Thursday and will be every
fortnight. These will begin on
Thursday, 23rd April