FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week’s special newsletter contains photos of our recently completed school building. Hope you enjoy the photos and I look forward to showing all parents through the building shortly.

Michael Croke
FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

**Mission Week:** Over the next two weeks our whole school focus will be on Catholic Missions. The theme this year is “I Was Thirsty and You Gave Me Something To Drink!” During this week, children will join with a partner class to learn about the work of the Catholic Missions, and in particular, the work being carried out in Madagascar. Here, over 50% of the people live without access to clean water and proper sanitation. Distressingly this leads to thousands of children dying from easily preventable diseases like diarrhoea every year. Next week we will have various fundraising activities to both continue to raise our awareness of the desperate plight of these poverty stricken people, as well as assist them in a practical way. For more details, please refer to the Mission note, which will go home this week.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** This term our Year 2 will be receiving their First Reconciliation on 9th and 10th November. In preparation for this Sacrament, there will be a Parent Meeting tonight, Wednesday, 7th October in St Mary’s Church at 7pm. It is very important that parents attend this meeting in order to receive the relevant information for preparing your child to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Liturgies and Masses:** We have a very full term with a Mass or Liturgy scheduled just about every week this term. We will be starting our Liturgy Celebrations for this term with our first whole school Mass next Wednesday, 14th October at 10:00am for the Missions. For those who may have missed it last term, below is a schedule for this term.

- **Week 2:** Wednesday 14th October Whole School Mission Week Mass 10:00am
- **Week 3:** Wednesday 21st October Whole School Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass: 10:00am
- **Week 4:** Thursday 29th October Kinder Grade Liturgy 12:30pm
- **Week 5:** -
- **Week 6:** Wednesday 11th November Year 4 Grade Mass 12:30pm
  - Mon 9th /Tues 10th November First Reconciliation
- **Week 7:** Wednesday 18th November Year 5 Mass 12:30pm
- **Week 8:** Wednesday 25th November Whole School 1st Reconciliation Thanksgiving Mass 10:00am
  - Sunday 29th November 6pm Parish Mass prepared by McAuley
- **Week 9:** -
- **Week 10:** Thursday 10th December Year 6 Farewell Mass 6:00pm
  - Friday 11th December Whole School End of Year Mass 12:00 noon

Parents and families are always very welcome to join us for all our celebrations.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The first mobile phone call took place on 3rd April 1973. Motorola’s general manager called their rivals AT & T to let them know they’d got there first.
CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER

As part of our fundraising in term 4, we will be offering a Christmas Card pack to help with raising money for new playground equipment.

The cost will be $15.00 for a pack of 8 cards. The artwork for the cards will be created by your child during weeks 2 and 3. An order form has been sent home today and orders will need to be back to the office by Week 3.

LIBRARY

It is very exciting to have the library up and running again now that all the renovations are complete. All the students will be borrowing this week so please dust off those library bags and bring along to school as soon as possible. Kinder students and new students in other grades have been given a new library bag to use. Kinder were very happy to borrow a picture book yesterday to take home and read with their family.

In this world of technology it is good to see that a book made out of real paper and beautiful illustrations is still very appealing to children. Please find library days for classes below.

Monday - Year 6, 5F, 4T, 3B
Tuesday - Kindergarten, Year 1
Wednesday - 5L, 4G, 3A, 3W
Thursday - 4S, Year 2
Friday - 5H

Our annual **Book Fair** will be held from October 21st - 27th so please save up your pennies for this great event. More details next week.

Catherine Bishenden

BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:** Mitchell Crain, Jack Gow, Daniel Cooper, Claire Finley, Hunter Priest, Sophie Bouffler, Isaac Rodd, Chad Weekes, Liam Hurley, Laura Carman, Kaiden Cole, Holley Dunn, Cruz Jordan and Jack Judge.

TUCKSHOP

**Roster—Commencing Monday 12th October to Friday 16th October 2015**

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