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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 2
Week 8
15th June 2016

EXECUTIVE STAFF
Principal
Michael Croke
Assistant Principal
Steve Maguire
Religious Coordinator
Robyn Petty
Primary Coordinators
Clare Miller
Belinda Forbes

COMING EVENTS
Friday 17th June
5C Whole School Assembly
12:15pm

Sunday 19th June
Mini Vinnies Commissioning Ceremony at St Mary Church 9:30am

Wednesday 22nd June
Year 2 Grade Liturgy
12:30pm

Thursday 23rd June
Rugby Union Gala Day

Friday 24th June
Pupil Free Day
Music Manifesto Performance Night 6:00pm

NOTES OF THE WEEK
Mini Vinnies

NEWSLETTER

Don’t forget to purchase your tickets for the McAuley Dinner

Canobolas Hotel
Friday July 29th
$50.00 per head
including 2 course dinner
exciting 100 club and silent auction on the night
Tickets available at the office now!
Whole School Assembly: 5C will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly this Friday 17th June commencing at 12:15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

Music Manifesto Workshop: Our Concert Band and Senior Choir attended a Music Manifesto Workshop at James Sheahan yesterday. Mrs Niven accompanied the students. Thank you to Mrs Allen and Mrs Aumuller for providing the children with this wonderful opportunity.

Professional Learning: Mrs Carpenter & Mrs Croke attended the first of several days on a Behaviour Management Course this week. The Bathurst Catholic Education Office are becoming very proactive regarding “challenging behaviours” in schools. Once they have completed the course Mrs Carpenter & Mrs Croke will be well placed to help us with children who are displaying Challenging behaviours. The whole staff took part in a Retreat last Friday which focused on Catherine McAuley and the Mercy traditions. It is always fantastic to spend time learning about the life of our foundress and the wonderful traditions our school culture is based on. It is also a great opportunity for staff to reflect on their own spirituality and faith journey.

Pupil Free Day – Geography: Next Friday 24th June will be a Pupil Free Day that focusses on the new Geography units that each grade will study for the next two terms. There has been a lot of new Syllabi introduced in the last few years including Mathematics, English, History & Geography. Mrs Rose-Marie van Raad from the Bathurst Catholic Education Office will lead us on the day. There will be the opportunity for grade teachers to get together to collaborate in order to develop an understanding of the new unit and get ready to ensure they are well prepared to teach it for the first time.

June Reports: Thank you to the teachers for all the effort they have put into the students reports for the first two terms of 2016. A lot of thought and effort goes into making each report a true reflection of the child. The reports will be sent home next Thursday 23rd June. Please ring the office if your child’s teacher requested an interview to organise a suitable time.

Peer Support: There was no Peer Support this week as the long weekend prevented the Year 6 Teachers from preparing our leaders for the session. Peer Support will continue next Tuesday.

Steve Maguire
**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In Luke’s Gospel this week, Jesus poses a question to his disciples ‘Who do you say I am?’ It is a question we as his disciples should ask ourselves, as if we are to follow Christ, we need to be clear in our minds who it is we are committing ourselves to follow. Jesus invited all to follow Him, and broke down barriers between people. He accepted each person for who they were, and encouraged the good in all. This is who we are called to be. Perhaps this week we could spend a little time reflecting on how well we are doing in our commitment to Jesus. What response might we give if Jesus were to ask us ‘Who do you say I am?’

**First Communion Thanksgiving Mass:** We had a beautiful Thanksgiving Mass for First Communion today, and it was great to see so many families and friends able to join us. Thank you also to the families who were able to send in photos for the powerpoint in the Mass. I know the children loved reliving these memories and seeing themselves on the screen! The children also really enjoyed their little party after Mass in Kenna Hall. A huge ‘thank you’ for the cake, which was made, beautifully decorated and very kindly donated by Mel Milne. Thank you to the Parents who were able to join us for photos and a cup of tea.

**BLAST! 20th - 21st August 2016:** Last week Year 6 were lucky enough to see a live feed on BLAST presented by Bishop Michael McKenna and fed through Facebook to all in the Bathurst Diocese. This festival is an initiative of the Bathurst Diocese and aimed at students from Year 6 to Year 9. **BLAST** provides an opportunity for young people to have a powerful religious experience and either kick-start or renew their engagement with their faith.

The Bishop’s Office has sent through a notice suggesting students who are interested in going, show their parents a recording of the Facebook event, which can be found on the Diocesan website; [www.bathurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au). Online registration is now open on the website. The cost of the camp is $100. Once registered, you will receive regular email updates about attendance, what to expect and what to take to BLAST 2016.

**Grade Masses:** We have nearly concluded our Grade Masses and Liturgies for this term, with the Year 2 Grade Liturgy next week our last for the term. This will commence at 12:30pm on Wednesday 22nd June in the Church. As always, we love to see parents, friends and families join us for our Liturgical celebrations. I will have a list of next term’s Liturgical celebrations in next week’s newsletter.

God Bless,

Robyn Petty
At the beginning of the Term I spoke about the great work that Mr Hudson is doing with our Math Olympiad students.

The Olympiad is not just about achieving the highest possible score. One of the main aims of the Olympiads is to encourage students to develop new problem solving skills.

This connects well when teaching the Outcomes from the Mathematics Syllabus, as one of the aspects of learning is HOW TO WORK MATHEMATICALLY.

The students work through problems and are able to share their thought processes and different methods to work out the answers to the problems.

Mr Hudson being a very enthusiastic Mathematician himself has set parents a challenge.

Below is one of the Olympiad questions. If you can work out the answer and show what method you used to determine that answer then please send in your results to Mr Hudson. I am sure there will be a special prize awaiting.

Good Luck with this challenge.

QUESTION

You only have 6 minutes to answer this question so set up a timer.

When 150 is subtracted from a number, the result is the same as when the number is divided by 7. What is the number?

Belinda Forbes

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

In the time it takes to say ‘one hundred and thirty’, your vocal chords open and close 130 times.
MINI VINNIES

We would like to remind parents and students that we have our Mini Vinnies commissioning ceremony this Sunday 19th June at the 9:30am mass at St Mary’s Church. If your child is part of the Mini Vinnies group, please ensure that they have returned their note to Mrs Tavares before the weekend. Children are asked to be at the Church by 9:10am. Children will be called to the front of the church during the mass to recite the Mini Vinnies pledge and to receive their badges. We will be having morning tea after mass and everyone is invited to join us.

Camille Da Silva Tavares

LIBRARY

Book Club Catalogues were distributed last week to all students. Could all orders please be submitted online or sent to school by Friday 17th June. Thank you.

Catherine Bishenden

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:
Alyssa Acheson, Rhiannon Millar, Lachlan Mason, Molly Dean, Isabella Boyd, Jessica Richards, Thomas Cain, Cameron Fieldus and Lara Horan.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 20th June to Thursday 23rd June 2016

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Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942
Where the Wild Things Are

Kids, Behaviour & Families:

0-12 years

Julie Holliit

Educational Development Psychologist, Counselling Psychologist

Julie is an educator of over 25 years experience across primary, secondary and tertiary settings. Julie is also endorsed by the Psychology Board of Australia as an Educational & Developmental Psychologist. Her work has spanned diverse contexts and populations. Julie currently consults and provides professional development to educational and child-focused welfare organisations with a particular interest in "why this behaviour, why now".

Raising children requires a lot of energy and courage. It’s hard to know as parents/carers whether what we expect of them is appropriate. No-one really teaches us the things that children are capable of understanding and doing at different ages/stages. It’s easy to fall into the trap of expecting more from them at certain ages than they can deliver emotionally or intellectually.

This presentation looks at children from 0-12 years of age to help us:

1. Know what to expect at different ages, different stages.
2. Understand social skills and abilities at different ages.
3. Figure out “Why this behaviour and why now”.
4. How to work with different personalities.
5. Understand styles of management and our relationship with our kids.

The presentation will include question and answer time.

Date: Wednesday, 6 July 2016  Time: 6pm – 9pm
Where: IBIS Styles: 146 Bathurst Road, Orange
Cost: Gold Coin Donation

For bookings please phone Centacare Bathurst on 02 6331 8944 or email reception@centacarebathurst.com.au  Closing Date: Friday, 1 July 2016