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Term 3 Week 4 : Thursday 10th August

Do Small Things Well



EUCHARIST DISCOVERY DAY

On Friday, the children in Grade 3 gathered together to show their support to those celebrating the Sacrament of First Communion. The children completed a variety of activities that linked back with First Communion. The children created prayer mats, a treasure chest with their personal 'treasures' in it, as well as flowers to represent their growing in faith.

On Sunday at 12pm the following Year 3 students will be receiving their First Holy Communion. We invite our community along to the Mass and ask you to keep them in your prayers.

Alyssa, Maia, Joseph, Celeste, Rhian, Stephanie, Jade, Lily, Leeam, Finnley, Megan, Ethan, Aleksandra, Ivana, Suzanna, Achol and Cooper.

We pray that these children come to know God more deeply as they prepare to encounter Jesus in the precious gifts of bread and wine. We make our prayer through Christ Our lord. Amen

Attention PREP PARENTS...we would love to hear from you!

Now that the 2017 prep year is half over (where did those first 2 terms go?) it is time to check in with our parents to see how this experience has been for you. So we are inviting you to a

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION TOMORROW

FRIDAY 11th August at 9AM

Please join us as we talk about and observe your child's learning. Greg and Marie will be asking for feedback on a number of topics including the transition program, learning at home, reporting to parents and anything else that might be useful for us in setting future directions for the school. We will be visiting the classrooms to watch learning in progress and then we will be sharing the letters you wrote to your child which were to be opened after they had been at school for 100 days.

Congratulations to our wonderful Preps who have completed 100 days of school! They will be celebrating with some fun activities including having dinner at school but would love you to join them for their extra special
ASSEMBLY at 2.30pm this Friday 11th August

CONCERT! CONCERT! CONCERT! Wednesday 30th August at 7pm

There are only 3 weeks to go until the big night! Rehearsals are in full swing and tickets are selling fast so make sure you don't miss out. Tickets are \$12 each and can be ordered on the booking form that went home last week or from Sally in the office. There will also be a DVD available for \$25 but these must be preordered. Please note the DVD is being produced by a different company to the last concert DVD and will be a much better quality!

Gr 5 visit to an Art Gallery

A highlight for the Grade 5 children this week was joining internationally renowned artist Geoffrey Ricardo to together exhibit their sculptures at Lewis Joel Art Gallery in Altona.

Geoffrey was commissioned by Toyota in Altona in 2016 to create a series of large outdoor sculptures that have recently been positioned along Kororoit Creek.

Along with Mother of God and Our Lady's Primary Schools, our children were inspired by the nearby Kororoit Creek, to create similar artworks to Geoffrey's and write about what the creek and surrounding areas meant to them. Combining student learning about our local environment, inspiration from meeting Geoffrey in his studio and at school, the students were led by our passionate and talented art teacher Judy Foulds to make wonderful sculptures. A big congratulations to the Grade 5 children for all your hard work to both be exhibiting with Geoffrey and featuring in the sumptuous photo book, that showcases the children's work. If you would like to see the book or purchase a copy please see Tenielle-Marie.

Greg Woolford (Family School Partnerships)



FUNDRAISING GROUP NEWS

Pie Drive...Hurry!



There are only a few more days left to get your pie order in. Remember the more pies we buy, the more money we raise for our school. So buy, buy, buy.... Tony's pies are delicious!
Orders need to be in by next Monday 14th

Father's Night: Friday 8th Sept

This is always a great night for our dads and their kids. More information about it will be sent home soon.

Father's Day Stall: Friday 1st Sept

We need some donations for our Father's Day stall so put your thinking caps on and come up with a gift that Dads will love to receive. A suggestion might be socks, mugs, chocolates, lollies, nuts, something for the garden or shed, or sports equipment.

CASEA Week 3

During Week 3 of the Program, the focus of the group is on managing strong emotions. The group will help children to understand the importance of being able to stop strong emotions before they become out of control, as well as helping them to identify different ways of coping with anger. In particular the children will learn how to use a 'calming down' strategy.

TOMORROW!

Help our school to raise money for kids with cancer so that they can continue with their education during treatment and recovery.

Our Year 6 SRC team is encouraging all students to dress up in the colours of your favourite team (or just wear something pink if you don't follow a team) and bring some gold coin donations.

Coins = Points and the grade with the most points wins a **MYSTERY PRIZE.**



COMMUNITY NEWS

Being a Parent – Parenting Course in Vietnamese and Burmese/Chin

Bringing up happy, sociable and confident children in Australia. Topics include: understanding your child's behaviour; clear communication and learning through play; and, how to discipline your child. For parents with children aged 2 – 12 years. Free childcare provided.

Course delivered in Vietnamese language:

Fridays, 10am-12.30pm, starting 18th August (9 week course)
Holy Eucharist Catholic Primary School, 1a Oleander Drive, St Albans
To register contact Van 0401 687 181 or Hong 0422 712 476 (VICSEG)

Course delivered in Burmese /Chin language:

Mondays, 11am-1.30pm, starting 14th August (8 week course)
Stevensville Primary School, 52 Kings Road, St Albans
To register contact Nguri 0412 648 094 or Moe 0421 486 096 (VICSEG)

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3. Once you've filled your Sticker Sheet, pop it into a Collection Box that is just outside the office.

We've always been able to gain quite a range of educational resources from 'earn & learn' campaign. Thank you to the families who have already given us stickers.

With your help we can do it again this year.

Attention Parents of Year 5 Students

A reminder to all Yr. 5 students that enrollments for 2019 to Catholic Secondary Schools close on August 25th, 2017. Most secondary colleges are currently offering school tours to help you make an informed decision. Check the relevant school website for details of tours and how to submit an application

Parent/ Family Feedback from Term 2 Survey

Many of you will remember at the end of term 2 during parent teacher interviews you completed a survey to help us understand parent/ family perceptions of the school.

Over the coming weeks we will include this feedback in the upcoming issues of the school newsletter

Below are two samples of data from this year and two previous years.

1. How important do you think you are in your child's learning?

2012 79% very important
2014 75% very important
2017 93% very important

2. How confident do you feel about supporting your child's learning at home?

2012 44% very confident
2014 39% very confident
2017 63% very confident

As a staff team we will be unpacking this data as it presents some interesting trends in changing parent attitudes.

We will use this information to help us identify which areas we will focus on in our ongoing building connections to our community

Thanks again to the people who helped us collect this data

If you have any questions, please contact Greg Woolford, Family School Partnerships at gwoolford@mogardeer.catholic.edu.au

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



P/1 S : Jaison for being a kind and responsible class member. Hendrix for excellent effort and improvement with writing. Gisele for fabulous improvement with her writing.

P/1 CE : Andrei for incredible improvement with his reading. Teanna for a wonderfully detailed drawing of mythical creatures.

P/1 L : Ishan for working hard to improve his reading. Alex for developing his organizational skills. Daksh for his mathematical thinking skills.

2/3 K : Stephanie for always putting her best efforts into her work and leading by example. Billy for always trying his hardest and helping his friends.

2/3 P : Alex for making mature decisions related to his work. Kathleen for being a kind and responsible classmate.

3/4 D : Gabby for displaying resilience and using her initiative. Adelaide for doing some fantastic writing and using interesting vocabulary. Baili for always being a fantastic member of the 3/4 class. He always does the right thing.

3/4 B : Sofia for being a responsible and helpful member of the class...such a great leader! Shion for trying his best in all that he does. Well done!

5 TM : Claudia for working really hard to improve her reading, well done! Khanh for his wonderful contributions to class discussions.

6 F : Bettina for her amazing writing piece and use of symbolism to provide an insight into her character. Maria for raising an excellent discussion point with her reading group and making some great connections.

CONGRATULATIONS also to Marcus, Soham, Philip and Anthony for working hard to gain their PEN LICENCE.

