JESUS BLESSES LITTLE CHILDREN

IN TERM ONE THE KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS LEARNED ABOUT GOD’S INFINITE LOVE FOR THEM AND FOR ALL PEOPLE.

THE STUDENTS EXPLORED THEIR UNIQUE IDENTITY IN THE IMAGE OF GOD. AFTER READING LUKE 16:15–17, JESUS BLESSES LITTLE CHILDREN, THE STUDENTS DISCUSSED THE FEELINGS OF THE CHARACTERS IN THE STORY AND HOW THEY FEEL WHEN THEY ARE BEING HUGGED BY JESUS.
Welcome back to Term 2

Stage Three go in search of gold!

Today our Stage 3 children began their overnight excursion to the Bathurst Goldfields. We look forward to their return tomorrow afternoon, sharing with us all they have learned and experienced.

Mother’s Day Mass

Please join us in Celebrating the Eucharist on Thursday the 9th of May at 9am. Following our Mass, A Mother’s Day High Tea will be held in the Hall. A note went home at the end of last term with the details. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact the office for further information.

On Friday the children will have an opportunity to purchase a special gift for their mums at our Mothers Day stall. Gifts range from $2 to $10. An enormous thank you to the mums who have organized the event for our children.

Mother’s Day Photos

This Friday will be the last day that Miss Harb will accept photos for the Mothers’ Day Mass. So please forward your photos for inclusion in the Mother’s Day Reflection to: mharb6@parra.catholic.edu.au

Staff Development Day

The staff spent two intensive days of professional learning unpacking the new NSW English curriculum, working on quality student assessment, and using IT to enhance teaching and learning in the classroom. We are all life long learners and it is even more so as educators. Our staff has embraced the learning and are enthusiastic about sharing this with our school community.

School app

Last term you would have received a letter explaining the process of how to download our new school app. If you have any difficulty following the prompts, please contact Mrs Ward in the school office and she will walk you through it. This is a great tool for schools to use to keep all our families up to date with the latest information.

The Honor Award

The Honor Award this week will be given to students who regularly display a positive attitude toward their schoolwork.

In the words of Thomas Edison "Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

As a Principal I am asked many questions about how children learn best. One question that is often asked is “My child does not what to go to school, What can I do?” Although there is no short answer to this very complex problem, I was reading a book by Daniel Pink, DRIVE The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us, where he outlines many interesting theories about ways to motivate our children to learn. A message that spoke volumes to me was the need to help our children move toward autonomy, mastery and purpose for learning. (p175). Challenging our students into engagement instead of bribing them into compliance is a goal that Daniel Pink believes is a way to encourage a positive attitude towards learning. This skill is vital in promoting a healthy work life. A positive word and role model may also encourage positive motivated children.

Food for thought........

Diocesan Cross Country

Next Tuesday our children will be representing our school at the Diocesan Cross Country. We wish all our students the best of luck and we send with them our gratitude, support and encouragement. Have a wonderful time children!

Parent Forums - We want your input!

This week a note went home to families asking you for your input into Educational topics you would like the school to share with you. Our first Parent forum will be held in the middle of the term on understanding the A-E Reporting system. Further information will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Winter Uniform

All students will return to school in full winter uniform. As the weather has been so unpredictable, children can have a two week window to wear their summer uniform if the weather again turns warm. After the two week period, student will be required to wear their winter uniform.
Welcome Mrs Sue Stagnitta

Mrs Sue Stagnitta will join our school family as an additional teacher in Kindergarten and Year 1. Mrs Stagnitta will be cooperatively teaching with Mrs Clogher and Mrs Gordon on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in both classes to support the learning of the children in these grades.

Canteen News

Next weeks lunch special for Wednesday 8th May is Sweet & Sour Pork with Rice or Spaghetti Bolognese or Enrico Fried Rice or Twista Bollogese—$2.50 each.

Please return the order form inside a lunch order bag with money to the office by 3rd May.

Earn & Learn

I hope over the student break, parents have been collecting their stickers from Woolworths. Please send in your stickers to the school office. Last year we were able to order a large variety of Maths equipment to support the learning of all students from K-6. We are hoping to order more teaching resources this year. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Canteen Roster

Fri 3rd May — Lunch Snacks—Rita Daher & Sonia Chambers
Mon 6th May—Lunch Snacks—Therese Sleiman
Tue 7th May —Lunch Snacks—Jeannie Gahdmar
Wed 8th May —Special Treats—Katrina Cooper/Dianne Bejjani

Calendar for Term 2

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Open Day

Saturday 11 May 2013  9am-12.30pm

Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls’ secondary school located at Westmead. Our Open Day will have school tours, lots of fun activities and student demonstrations. Principal presentations at 10am and 11am. Car parking available on site via Gate 3, Darcy Road. Additional car parking available at the UWS carpark, entrance via Hawkesbury Road. CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead  |  www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au
Sport News

The Diocesan Cross Country Carnival is on next Tuesday at Eastern Creek Raceway. Good luck to the following children who are representing Sacred Heart School.

George Bassil, Grace Bassil, Daniel Cooper, Marcus Cooper, Wesley Gan,
Mitchell Holsinger, Georgia Maroun, Matthew Mina, Nicholas Pezzutti, Dino Redimerio,
Christian Samaha, Shanice Seaib, Christopher Taouk, Ella Tauroa, Charmine Udan

Thank you to Mrs Rajca for helping on the day.

Parramatta Marist Enrolments

Enrolments for Parramatta Marist for Year 7 2014 close tomorrow 3rd May.

Our Gift from Year 6, 2012 has arrived.

As a parting gift to the school, Mrs Fortini and the Graduating Class of 2012 went through a process of designing wall art that reflected the Catholic Values of our school.

The final design was chosen and professionally made and installed in our school foyer during the student break.

I wish to thank the Year 6 class of 2012 for this gift on behalf of the school community.