Prayers Based on the Beatitudes

Pope Francis has asked us to reflect on The Beatitudes leading up to World Youth Day. The World Youth day theme is, “Blessed are the merciful for they shall have mercy shown to them”. In the months leading up to World Youth Day, Pope Francis has requested that we take the time to really understand the Beatitudes in Matthew 5: 1-16.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5: 3-10
“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Reflection
Each Beatitude begins with the word “blessed.” The word “blessed” means “truly happy, fortunate and connected with God”. The Beatitudes invite us to live in a true inward peace that leads to a desire to be outward peacemakers, to bring reconciliation, to seek out opportunities for mercy and compassion, to pursue justice and righteousness as a hunger and thirst. We live the Beatitudes where we are right now, one day at a time, and one action at a time. We live them realising that we are imperfect, that we make mistakes, and need forgiveness. We live them with confidence in Jesus’ promise of a joy and peace that only God can give. When we live inspired by the Beatitudes, we are more open to the truth, beauty and possibilities of our faith.
(Source: http://www.tractassociation.org)
Welcome back to Term 2

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday with family and friends. As the weather has been so unpredictable of late, we will have a two week transition period into the Winter Uniform. Parents can decide, depending on weather, as to which uniform, Winter or Summer, the students are to wear.

All children must be in full school Winter Uniform by Monday 9th May (Week 3).

WYD Cake stall and Mufti Day

Last term the Year 6 students, parents and teachers coordinated a very successful cake stall and mufti day fundraiser in support of WYD and sending Miss Isaac on her pilgrimage.

I am pleased to report that the total amount of money raised was $940.60. What a brilliant effort Year 6!! Thank you to the generosity of the Year 6 parents and students for baking and supplying the delicious goodies that we enjoyed. Thank you to the parent interest group that helped Mrs Kingsley coordinate the fundraiser and thank you to all the parents for supporting this initiative. Well done everyone!

Staff Professional Learning – Comprehension

The staff were involved in a professional learning day on Tuesday 26th April in Literacy, with the particular focus of improving comprehension skills across the school.

We explored the various ways in which students make meaning from a text and profiled the skills and strategies of those who are good comprehenders of texts and those that struggle with the comprehension process.

We explored the explicit instruction required to attain the Super 6 Comprehension strategies and how we as teachers could apply this to our everyday literacy program.

One of the big shifts in teaching in learning is that we allow students more opportunities to explain their thinking and verbalise the strategies that they are using to help them solve problems. The questions that we ask are crucial in this process in order to push our students along the learning continuum.

I have outlined a few of the key questions that the staff will be asking, before, during and after reading that parents may also like to use when they are listening to their children reading.

Reading is thinking

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Source: The Literate Learner (Catholic Education Office of Parramatta)
A Snap Shot of our Community

Name: Yvette Takchi
Role: Library Aide
What I like to do in my spare time: I like spending time with family, especially my Grandchildren. I also like doing Tai Chi and catching up with friends. Bringing a smile to the face of my elderly neighbour when I visit her in the nursing home.

Something you may not know about me: I have been associated with Sacred Heart Primary School for about 22 years. My three children attended this wonderful school and my granddaughters attend here now as well. Sacred Heart is a very special place and very dear to my heart.

Hope/Goal for 2016: To help children have a love of reading real books and gain much knowledge and information from them.

Family Name: GOLDS
Family Members: Darrin, Tracey, Charli, Riley and Noah
How long have you been part of the Sacred Heart Community: We have been part of the Sacred Heart community since 2011.
What does your family like to do on the weekend: We like going to the beach as a family but all for different reasons. Mummy likes eating a nice breakfast at the cafes, daddy and Charli like riding the waves on a buggy board and Riley and Noah like climbing the rocks exploring the rock caves.
In 25 words or less share your favourite family memory, funny family story or interesting fact: This year one of our favourite family memories so far was going to Newcastle at Christmas. We ate out at restaurants, walked and walked and walked along the Honeysuckle Wharf eating lots of ice cream and swimming in the ocean baths at Nobby’s Beach.

Mother’s Day is a wonderful celebration, where we have the opportunity to thank our mothers for all that they do for us. As part of the Mother’s Day Mass, I will be preparing an imovie presentation. If you would like your photograph to be included in the reflection, please email a photograph of mum and the kids/family to cnubla@parra.catholic.edu.au by this Friday 29th April.

Thanks, Mrs Christina Nubla.
# Year 6 Student Snapshot

**Name:** Simona Somerville  
**Date of Birth:** 07/06/2004

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<th>Favourite memory of school</th>
<th>Going to camp for the first time in year 5 when we went to Bathurst, and getting my Kindy buddy.</th>
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| Contributions I have made to the school community | Being in the assembly team and doing assembly at least once a week.  
Being a Kindy buddy. |
| One way I think I can make a difference | I think I can make a difference in the world by showing kindness and respect to everyone I meet and by following in Jesus’ footsteps. |
| My ambition for the future | My ambition for the future is to either be a hairdresser, singer or an actress. |
| Words to live by: My Motto | Life is a journey, not a destination. |
| What makes Sacred Heart Primary School unique? | Even though we are a small school, the love here is so big and God’s love is shown in every member of our school community. |
| High School for 2017 | Catherine McAuley, Westmead |
Catherine McAuley Westmead
School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am
Tuesday 17th May 2016

Enrolments for Year 7 2018

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2018. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour especially for Year 7 applicants but open to any year group.

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor’s car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards.

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