Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Year 6 students have researched various people who display the qualities of Jesus and are a model of faith for us all. We have shared two examples of people who have displayed the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in their everyday lives.

Mary MacKillop

Mary MacKillop displayed all the values of the Holy Spirit. The acrostic poem below explains how she displayed the Gifts of the Spirit:

Mary demonstrated understanding by caring for the poor.
Another value Mary displayed was knowledge about Christ.
Right judgment was when Mary saw the good in people and showed forgiveness.
You can tell Mary was reverent through her actions.

Mary had wisdom and taught students about God.
Another way Mary demonstrated the gifts was through her kindness.
Courage was expressed by Mary when she helped the poor.
Kindness was what Mary demonstrated to everyone.
Inside Mary was happiness and joy.
Love and generosity followed Mary wherever she went.
Lots of people were inspired by Mary.
Our Australian Saint.
Peaceful and patient.

By Charlotte Burns.

Nelson Mandela

Madiba is what they call
Although the discrimination made him small
Being a man of his word is what made him so good
Acting like Jesus as we all should.

His name covered with gold,
But still stands so bold,
His grit got him arrested,
But his belief got him tested.

Give to the poor, ignite as one
Like Jesus, he always shone
Mandela, Madiba
Christ The Lord.

By Dino Redimeno
**Honour Awards**

Congratulations to the following children who received an Honour Award for displaying the value of peacemaker.

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| Year 6: | |
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| Steven Chidiac | |

This week the children will focus on the value of Perseverance.

Perseverance is an important value I encourage all parents to discuss and model as part of your child’s normal experiences. This year we have been on a journey looking at the how and why of teaching, which we call our pedagogy, and ways we can improve and refine our practice to ensure we are providing the best education for our children. Children in today’s ever changing global world will be working in fields not even created yet, the skills they need for the future will be different to those traditional skills that our generation needed for sustained employment. The learning competencies that we will be exploring with the children, beginning in Stage 3 is the start of our very exciting journey in establishing for each student healthy learning and work practices.

Perseverance is also referred to as Grit. Grit means a person is determined and conscientious and is an important feature of learning success. Grit also means being reflective, flexible and showing initiative in order to achieve goals. This characteristic is highly valued in the workplace and thus needs to be nurtured and modelled to students as part of their learning, work ethic. Great teaching is effective pedagogy and effective pedagogy leads to student success. This is the journey we are traveling as a school community.

**Peer Support Program begins next week**

Our Year 6 school leaders will begin our Peer Support Program next Monday. The program runs for 7 weeks focussing on “Taking Opportunities: A module that focuses on Resilience”

The Year 6 leaders experienced their first training day today in preparation for their role as facilitators of learning. My sincere thanks to Mrs Fortini, Miss Harb, Mrs Iuliano and Mrs Kingsley for their continued support in running such a great program for all our children.

**Dance Program**

Our dance program began last Friday. It was wonderful to see Shirley Wall from the Toongabbie Dance School leading our students so creatively in the many ballroom style dances. I look forward to our students showcasing their learning at the end of term dance concert.

**Lost property**

Please ensure your child’s belongings are clearly labelled with their name. We have many items of clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles in our lost property basket.

**Enrolments**

If you know families who would like to attend Sacred Heart this year, we have limited places available. Enrolment Forms can be located on our website or from the school office.

**Dates to remember**

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Catholic Education Office

Terra Sancta College to become St John Paul II Catholic College from Term 1, 2015

In response to feedback from the school community and particularly the Year 12 Students, the timeline for Terra Sancta College for the name change to St John Paul II Catholic College, Nirimba and Schofields will now be Term 1, 2015.

This new date will allow the current Year 12 Students to graduate under the name Terra Sancta College and allow the school community to prepare for the transition that will see the college maintain its fine heritage and tradition as a basis for 2015 and beyond.

The NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) has been advised of the new commencement date and a formal renaming ceremony will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony in first term next year.

Parish News

Sacrament of Confirmation

Enrolment for the Sacrament of Confirmation is Sunday 3rd August during the 9:30am Mass. Following Mass, Catechesis will be given to the children whilst the parents will meet in the hall for Information session.
ALL candidates and parents must be in attendance.
No late enrolments will be accepted.
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 24 August at 11:30am

Christian Families Called to Holiness: 3 August

Meet the ‘Smiling Cardinal’, Luis Antonio Cardinal ‘Chito’ Tagle, Archbishop of Manila, for celebration of the Eucharist at 10am followed by lunch. Parramatta Marist High, 2 Darcy Rd, Westmead

Making the Connection

THE INSTITUTE FOR MISSION (IFM) of our Parramatta Diocese offers all, from young adults upwards, a series of enjoyable nights connecting God, our spirituality and our lives in the world.
An IFM #Life_Faith Initiative
WHAT: 3 themes – 3 nights – 3 venues FOR: You / Friends / Contacts / Catholics / Others / All
Venue 1: IFM Blacktown (1-5 Marion St) 7:30pm – 9:30pm
Theme 1: Thursday 7th August
Theme 2: Thursday 4th September
Theme 3: Monday 20th October
RSVP now or more info 9831 4911 & connect@ifm.org.au

2 more venues – same program - West & North West starting September

Canteen Roster
Week 3

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Our Day As A Farmer

Kindergarten goes to Calmsley Hill City Farm

On Tuesday Kindergarten visited Calmsley Hill City Farm. The tour “Down on the Farm” was led by our trained farmers, Farmer Steph and Farmer Matt. Kindergarten got to milk Annie the dairy cow. We were able to pat other animals like Nelly the dairy goat a newborn bunny and a 2 day old chick, learning how to care for them and treat them. One of the most popular activities on the farm was going on the tractor ride because it was bumpy. The students learned about the different needs of animals and plants and how they are met. They also learned how farm animals and plants provide for people’s needs. Another highlight was going into the farmyard nursery and petting baby goats (kid) and baby sheep (lamb).