Prayer for Mothers

O God, I know that I am going to be very busy today.
Help me not to be so busy that I miss the most important things.
Help me not to be too busy to look up and to see a glimpse of beauty
in your world.
Help me not to be too busy listening to other voices to hear your voice
when you speak to me.
Help me not to be too busy to listen to anyone who is in trouble, and
to help anyone who is in difficulty.
Help me not to be too busy to stand still for a moment to think and to
remember.
Help me not to be too busy to remember the claims of my home, my
children and my family.
Help me all through today to remember that I must work my hardest,
and also to remember that sometimes I must be still. Amen

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 2 which is a nine week term, with one pupil free day on Friday, 31st May. We celebrated our opening mass for the term yesterday with Father Rainier who has joined us in the parish. The theme of the mass was ‘Mary our Mother’ as May is the month when we honour Mary, the mother of Jesus. Please note that Father Robert is on leave until the end of June.

Winter Uniforms: Thank you to all the families that have ensured their children are in full winter uniform for the start of this term. Having said that, children in Years 3, 4 and 5 need to wear sports uniform on Mondays this term as they are participating in the gymnastics programme, so they wear sports uniform three days of each week. Please check the diary or notice board for the correct shoes and purchase accordingly.

Legal Requirements re Student Absences:
- If your child is going to be away from school on any given day, you must advise the class teacher in advance or phone the school on the day on 0458558780 and leave a message. You will receive a text message or phone call about your child’s absence if you do not advise us about the absence.
- Despite advising us, on your child’s return to school a signed note must be received regarding the absence. You can write your own, or there are tear off absence notes in the back of the school diary (Years 3 – 6) or you can collect a few generic slips from the office or class teacher and use these.

Mother’s Day Assembly and Raffle: Thank you to Year 5W who helped us to celebrate our mothers in today’s assembly and to the P & F who provided two raffle prizes for every class. Every child was provided with a free ticket and included in the draw. A special thank you to Diva Flowers who provided us with the major prize, a gift hamper, which was also drawn at today’s assembly and won by Bella P in Year 4.

Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers!

Eileen Climo
Principal
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SCHOOL MATTERS

**Congratulations to those children who will be celebrating their birthdays soon.**


**Car Park Changes:** The Kiss and Ride is operating considerably more effectively with its movement to the west side of the car park. Yes, there are still problems including:

- The necessity for drivers to drive through rather than queue for the Kiss and Ride (which causes traffic delays on Victorsen Parade);
- Rude and inconsiderate drivers who ‘jump in’ to gaps that are created in the Kiss and Ride when cars pull out having picked up children;
- Weather! Thank you to those who were patient and considerate of others and the safety of our children when the skies opened on Wednesday afternoon;
- Children taking their time to get to the gate. I highly recommend that you plan to arrive at 2.50 or 2.55 rather than 2.40 or 2.45. Staff are on duty until 3.00 (and longer when weather dictates this as it did yesterday). We can hurry children along, but you know how organized your children are and need to time your arrival accordingly.

We are considering opening up sections of the staff car park in the afternoon for parking. You will be advised about this shortly. You would need to be aware of the movement of children across the gates if this were the case.

**SCHOOL FEES:** Term 2 school fees are due on the 30 May, 2013. Thank you to those families that have already settled their accounts. If you are having difficulties please make arrangements to see Mrs Climo.

**UPDATED VISA INFORMATION:** Please notify the office if your details have changed.

**BOARD MEETING:** The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 May. This will be held in the Hall Board Room at 6.30pm.

**HELP - BANKING:** For your children’s school banking to continue, we urgently need parent help. Please contact the office if you can offer your time.

P&F MATTERS

**P&F MEETING:** Up for discussion at this meeting amongst other things, will be the school disco. Without parental involvement and commitment to this event we may not run one this year, so please come along and show your support. As always, the comments book is available in the school office if anyone has any comments or helpful suggestions they would like raised by the P&F. We would love to see some new faces, all are welcome. Why not start off the new term and become more active in the school by coming along to the next P&F meeting on Wednesday 15th May at 6:30pm in the staff room.
ENGAGING ASIA- LINKING WITH SUTA DHARMA SCHOOL UBUD, BALI.

St. Andrews’ Catholic Primary School has been working collaboratively with Suta Dharma Primary School, Ubud, Bali through a Skype Program. We are building a shared vision and commitment to develop a sustained communication system through Skype, forming friendship and cultural exchanges.

Suta Dharma School is in Ubud, Central Bali. It provides the children in Bali from low socio-economic backgrounds with the highest level of education, preparing them to participate successfully in the global world, while grounding them with knowledge and appreciation of nature, art and culture that is consistent with the traditional Hindu philosophy and Balinese culture. The school has about 300 students with 44 teachers and 19 non-teaching staff.

We have started our first Skype program with Years 5 and 6 in Term Three, 2012. Our first session was exciting and we managed to give most of the students a chance to speak and communicate with the Balinese students. We will plan further sessions in Term 3 this year. It is an awesome real life learning experience with native speakers and I hope the program will benefit all students in both schools.

With extra funding this year, I made a second visit to the school during the Bali school term so as to have the opportunity to meet the students, teachers and the school principal. In preparation for my visit, I started working with my Year 5 and 6 students in Term 1, to publish a booklet in two languages (Indonesian and English) which was dedicated to Year 5 and 6 students at Suta Dharma school. I also managed to pack two big boxes of colour pencils, crayons, story books and soft toys donated by our school teachers for the students at Suta Dharma School.

I arrived at Suta Dharma School Ubud, Bali on the 26 April, at 10.00am. I was totally taken aback by the preparation made for my visit. Students lined up at the entrance and there was an assembly where a 100 students’ band played different kinds of musical instruments to make for an arrangement of beautiful music. Individual displays of vocal talents by four students brought tears of pride, joy and appreciation to me. I felt so touched by their simplicity, demure, warmth, respect and cultural uniqueness which I found no words to describe. I was humbled by the presentation of flowers and students’ artwork which I value and will share with the school and students.

Friday is the school cultural activities day, whereby students learn to play the gamelan, dancing, playing badminton, English language games, painting and craft. I had the rare opportunity to observe the various activities with much excitement, awe, fascination and gratitude. It was an awesome learning experience to see different groups of energetic yet gentle, creative and musically talented students at work. Upon reflection, I felt that our small gestures have made a profound effect on the life of others, touching the hearts of many children, bringing a smile of joy to their faces. I look forward to a closer and meaningful working relationship with Suta Dharma school in the future.

By Mrs Agatha Chin – Indonesian Teacher
WHAT YEAR 5W LEARNT IN THEIR SCIENCE LESSONS

In Science I learnt that Jupiter protects Earth from comets, asteroids and meteorites. Jake
In Science I learnt that Jupiter has gas rings but it is hard to see the rings. Tom
In Science I learnt all gas planets have rings. Lilly
In Science I learnt that Mars is like a smaller sister to Earth. Kaitlin
In Science I learnt that all gas planets have rings. Dakota
In Science I learnt that Pluto is not a planet anymore. It is a dwarf planet. Tim
In Science I learnt about small planets. Lucas
In Science I learnt that Uranus has diamonds in it. Ryan
I learnt in Science that stars are made of balls of gas. Ciara
In Science in Term 1 I created a replica of the solar system and it was fun. Ethan
I learnt that all the terrestrial planets are the closest to the sun. Liam
I learnt about how the Sun affects the Earth. Sean
I found that even though Mercury is closer to the Sun, Venus is hotter. Maisie
I learnt that Neptune is the longest planet from the sun in distances. Cruz
I learnt that when a meteoroid hits Earth it is called a meteorite. Michael
In Science I learnt about all the planets and how the solar system works. Jye
In Science I learned methane is what gives Uranus its blue green colour. Amelia
In Science I learnt Earth, Venus, Mars and Mercury are terrestrial planets. Ruby W
In Science I learnt that all the gas planets in the solar system have rings around them. Millie
In Science I learnt what a terrestrial planet is made out of and what their names are. Emilie
In Science I learnt that Venus is a gas planet. Ruby C
I learnt in Science about all the gas planets. Jessica
In Science I learnt about the difference between meteors, meteorites and meteoroids. Rosie
In Science not only does Jupiter have a great red spot but Neptune has the great dark spot. Alyssa
I have learnt that meteoroids are old starts from extinct planets. Cleo