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**17 JUNE 2010**

**MJR One Liners:**

*Life Skill: Never tell a lie to yourself. Be honest with yourself right through life.*
*You are in charge of your own growth as a person.*
*Be more of a team player at home.*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Child Safety:** You would be very aware of the incidents of children being approached by strangers in the northern suburbs, including Mindarie, Clarkson and Merriwa, over the past couple of weeks. The highest risk time seems to be as children go home from school. Our procedure is that all children go to one of the gates where a staff member is on duty. The children remain inside the fence with the duty teacher, until the person collecting them from school arrives.

A number of children walk home from school without an adult. While this is perfectly acceptable and we should not be discouraging this, you can improve your child’s safety by ensuring that he or she does not walk home alone. In two separate incidents in the past week, two of our school students who were walking home alone, were spoken to by strangers in cars.

Please make sure that your children understand the ‘**Stranger Danger**’ message which we continue to discuss at school, namely that you do not approach a vehicle for any reason if you do not know the driver, that you scream and create a big fuss if anyone tries to force you into a place you do not want to go, and that any incident is reported to police on 131 444.

**Grounds:** Many thanks to the families and staff that came to school last Saturday to weed our treed area. It looks much better already, though it is not finished yet. If you have a spare hour or two any day, please come in and weed a section that is still to be completed. We just need 30cm around each plant done, as the majority of the area is sprayed regularly but the spray will kill the trees so can’t go to close to them!

**Catholic Education Office message to parents in our Catholic Schools:**

“The Australian Government is undertaking a School Funding Review of schools for school funding post 2012. There is also a Federal Election to be held later this year.

The Catholic Bishops of Australia are seeking to obtain from both the Government and the Opposition the provision of ongoing funding for Catholic schools at least the same level in real terms.

To assist with the campaign, the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia would like to provide information regarding Catholic education for parents and friends of Catholic students to discuss with local candidates regarding their stance on future Catholic education funding and for parents and friends to be in a position to make an informed decision come closer to the election.”

Facts are located elsewhere in this newsletter.

God bless you.
Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK –

Archbishop Hickey LifeLink Appeal – Coin donation
Interschool Lightning Carnivals – Years 5 and 6
DATES TO REMEMBER

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SCHOOL MATTERS

Congratulations to the children who have celebrated their birthday recently.


INDONESIAN

Miss Ibu Chin invited a lady called Ibu Maria to school to teach us to water colour, to shade and also to draw cartoons. Ibu Maria came to our school on Friday the 11th of June. All the kids loved learning about shading, colouring and drawing. So did I. She taught us to draw certain styles of heads. I thought that they would be quite hard but they weren't really. To sum up all the smiles on the kids faces, I could tell they enjoyed it. Thank you Miss Ibu Chin and Ibu Maria. We loved it.

Luis Zappa – Student

FACTS ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION

- Catholic schools have been providing quality education for Australian children for over 180 years.
- There are approximately 1700 Catholic schools in Australia, with an enrolment of almost 700,000 students – that is 1 in 5 of all Australian school students.
COMMUNITY NEWS

THE CITY OF WANNEROO
The City of Wanneroo is providing an array of fun and exciting activities for kids and young people aged 6-18 this coming July School Holiday period. Programs include the always-popular Multi-Sport activities; one day art workshop, as well as various cooking and craft activities. For further information contact the City of Wanneroo Website: http://www.wanneroo.wa.gov.au/

NICK’S SOCCER SCHOOLS
Nick’s Soccer Schools - Before your child enters the arena of the World game, why not watch and enjoy your children learning the basics of the World game, in a non-competitive fun environment. Age’s 3s– 4s // 5s - 7s // 8s – 10s …. All programs are written and taught by Nick Corrigan, who is an accredited Soccer Coach. For details of our lessons, and new term details please ring Nick on 9304 8111 or 040918228. Nick can also be contacted at nick1965@bigpond.com. Or go to www.ncsoccerschools.com.au

YMCA
YMCA St Andrews OSHC currently has vacancies for our before and after school care program. We provide a nutritious afternoon tea daily, an exciting program which offers a variety of indoor and outdoor experiences for children from pre-primary to Year 7. For more information, please contact Keryn and her team on 0403 347 962.