It is your Life that Jesus wants to enter with HIS word, with His presence.

Pope Francis.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to the many parents and guardians who have said hello to me as I move around the school or attend class and school events. You are all Making Jesus Real!

Last Wednesday I had a visit from Mr Robert Marshall, the new Principal of Irene McCormack College (IMCC). At one point in our meeting we took the opportunity to walk around the school so that Mr Marshall could have a look at our grounds, buildings and meet some staff, parents and students. He was particularly impressed when he spoke to our students. He loved our hall! Mr Marshall was very interested in seeing where many of his 2014 Year 7’s originate from. He was very impressed with our school. Mr Marshall is looking to build even stronger links with our school as IMCC itself seeks to grow in size and reputation. By chance, at the same time as Mr Marshall visited the school, Mr John Swindells, the new Campus Ministry leader at IMCC was visiting us and he made comment of how happy and welcoming our children were.

All families in our school community should be mindful that entry to a Catholic College for High School is by application and involves an application fee. The earlier you apply the better. Most Catholic colleges in the north coastal region of Perth – IMCC (Butler), Prendiville (Ocean Reef), Mater Dei (Edgewater) and Sacred Heart (Sorrento) interview and offer places to prospective Year 7 students when they are in Year 5. The reality of the process is that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get into these schools particularly if you are not Catholic. I strongly recommend that all parents plan for their children’s secondary education and not wait until things are grim!

This year we are holding Parent – Teacher Information Nights for Year 1 - 6 Year levels. These very important meetings afford you the opportunity to meet your children’s teachers, hear what curriculum the teachers are going to teach and learn about classroom structures, supports and procedures. Kindergarten and Pre Primary Parent and Teacher sessions were held in late 2013.

Additionally, by attending you will be informed about the 2014 Sacramental Programme which relates directly to Catholic students who are in Years 3, 4 and 6 which are the sacramental years. Catholic students in other grades can do the sacraments in ‘catch up’ mode with permission from their parents / guardians and Father Robert. All children regardless of religious background undertake daily Religious Education instruction that occurs as part of the curriculum created by the Religious Education Team at the Catholic Education Office and developed and taught by the Saint Andrew’s Primary staff.

Thank you for having your child prepared for school with all the booklist and uniform items required. This makes such a difference to the start of a new school year as children adjust to a new teacher, classmates and classrooms and in several instances new school.

God bless

Warren Smith
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Year 1 Religious Education Unit

Swimming Lessons Years 3-6
SCHOOL NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Congratulations to those children who have or will be celebrating their birthday’s soon!!


School Uniform: Please be advised that there are strict guidelines in place with regard the purchase and wearing of the school uniform. The school has its own very well stocked uniform shop. All components of the uniform for children enrolled from Kindergarten to Year 6 are on sale on Tuesdays from 2.30pm – 3.30pm and Friday from 8.00am – 9.00am. One aspect of the uniform that must be complied with is the purchase and wearing of correct school shoes. Parents, we advise that as per the 2014 General Information Booklet and the Student Diary (Years 3 -6) predominantly WHITE sport shoes are required. BLACK leather school shoe are essential. For further clarification please consult the main glass noticeboard outside the office.

2014 P and F Committee: The AGM of the P and F Committee was held on Monday evening the 10th February. May I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the outgoing P and F Committee for the wonderful work they did throughout 2013. The following parents were elected to office for the 2014 school year:

President: Ms Sally Cole  
Vice President: Mr Robert King  
Secretary: Ms Gwen Carroll  
Treasurer: Mrs Jennifer Lynch

General Committee: Mrs Michelle Hendry and Mrs Valerie King. All members of the school community are invited to the first P and F meeting for 2014. This meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th February at 6.30pm in the Boardroom which is located in the Hall.

School Board: The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 26th February at 6.30pm in the Boardroom which is located in the Hall.

MAKING JESUS REAL

Some helpful attitudes from MJR:

1. Every kind, helpful, cheerful and welcoming act you do – you are living out your Religion.
2. When we live out W.E.S.T. behaviours we are making the Gospel, the “Good News”, happen in our daily lives.
3. Be a giver of small things – smile, wave, thumbs up, say please, and thanks, use encouraging words – these actions will lead you to be a happy and positive person in life.

(Acknowledgement: Peter Mitchell)

Kindy interviews for 2015 take place in late March – April, 2014. We have only a few places left and I believe there are a number of current families who have not submitted enrolment applications. You may miss out if you do not get your application in before mid-March, as once the interview process has been completed, offers are sent out and places are filled by late May. At this point we can’t help you.

On Wednesday 5 February the Year 1 - 6 classes celebrated a beautiful Mass that welcomed the New School Year. My thanks to 6W for the great job they did in hosting this celebration and well done to the parents who attended.

Class Liturgies for PP – Year 4 in 2014: Last year Class liturgies were held in the classrooms. Unfortunately, it was very difficult to fit buddy classes into the confined working space along with the many keen parents who also attended. Subsequently, we have commenced using the hall for liturgies and the social ‘cuppa’ which parents and guardians are invited to stay for. This week both Father Rainier and I enjoyed a chat with several mums at the conclusion of the 2W liturgy.

Recess and Lunch Play in 2014: This is a revised copy of earlier announcements made in Newsletter 37/2013 and Newsletter 1/2014. A significant number of children spend too much time eating their morning recess and lunch, instead of running and playing during these times. Some children have too much food in their lunch box, some of which is not a healthy option. With the goal of encouraging children to spend most of recess and lunch time playing and moving around, children will play first and then eat their snack or lunch. Recess play will be from 10.20am – 10.35am and they will then have five minutes to eat - preferably fruit or other healthy options. Children must bring a snack(s) from home. The CANTEEN will not be open at recess. Lunch play will be from 12.20pm – 12.50pm and children will then have 15 minutes to eat their lunch. Please provide a reasonable amount of healthy food. All CANTEEN items must be ordered on the brown bag at the beginning of the day on canteen days (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). Children may not visit the CANTEEN at lunch time. The Library will no longer be open at lunch time, except on Fridays for Chess. We will evaluate the changes at the end of Term 1 and advise you of any changes that we might make.

Teacher Availability: Teachers are responsible for all children from 8.20am, so are not available to parents or guardians before school. On too many occasions last year, I would go to classrooms several minutes after the bell, to find parents engaged in conversation with the teacher, whilst up to 30 children waited to start the day. If you have information that the teacher needs to have, please put it in writing and ask your child to give it to the teacher. Alternatively you can leave a written message to the teacher at the school office for delivery to the teacher. However, messages left at the office may not be received until recess or lunch dependent on the time you left the message. In the case of an emergency (death, severe illness, or other trauma) please advise the Secretary of the urgent nature of the message.
Sacramental Dates for 2014:
Note: Registration and Attendance at all components is required in order to receive the sacrament. If a component is missed the Parish Priest determines a child’s continuance in the sacramental program.

Reconciliation-
Parents Information Night:
6.30pm Church - Thursday 27 February.

Parents – Children Workshops:
6.30pm School Hall - Tuesday 11 March or
6.30pm School Hall - Wednesday 12 March or
6.30pm at Brighton Catholic School on Thursday 6 March if the above dates don’t suit.

Commitment Masses for Reconciliation:
Parents and children can attend any of the Parish masses over the weekend of 15 /16 March.

Choices are 6.00pm Saturday or on Sunday at 7.30am, 9.00am or 5.30pm.

Reception of Sacrament:
4.00pm on either - Saturday 22 March, 29 March or 5 April.

Eucharist –
Parents Information Night:
6.30pm Church - Thursday 8 May.

Parents – Children Workshops:
6.30pm School Hall - Tuesday 27 May or
6.30pm School Hall - Wednesday 28 May or
6.30pm at Brighton Catholic School on Thursday 22 May if the above dates don’t suit.

Commitment Masses for Eucharist: TBA

Reception of Sacrament:
Weekends of either: 7/8 June, 14/15 June, 21/22 June or 28/29 June.

Confirmation –
Parents Information Night:
6.30pm Church Thursday 24 July.

Parents – Children Workshops:
6.30pm School hall Tuesday 5 August or
6.30pm School Hall Wednesday 6 August or
6.30pm at Brighton Catholic Primary School on Thursday 31 July
if the above dates don’t suit.

Commitment Masses for Confirmation: TBA

Reception of Sacrament: TBA,
Main celebrant – Monsignor Whitely, Vicar General of the Diocese of Perth.
Teacher Interviews: Teachers are not available for parent interviews before school. They are available after school on Monday and Wednesday to Friday and at various times during the school day according to their ‘non-contact’ time. Parents will receive this information at the Year 1-6 Teacher - Parent nights in Weeks 3 and 4. Parent interview request forms are available from your child’s classroom or the school office. If you are unable to come in to meet with the teacher and wish to discuss the matter by phone, please indicate this on the form. Kindy and Pre Primary parents should also make their appointments in the same way.

Playground Equipment: The climbing frames and other equipment are out of bounds at all times unless there is a staff member on duty, supervising children’s play. There are notices advising parents that the equipment is not to be used by children under 5 years of age, but these are frequently ignored, particularly at the end of the school day. Please assist us by not allowing your children to play on this equipment while you are waiting for other children or talking with another parent.

Helping Others: We recently received a letter from ‘Wheelchairs for Kids Inc’. It reads as follows:

‘Dear Principal, Staff and Students at St Andrew’s Catholic Primary School, during the holidays we received a huge amount of ring pulls from your school. By doing this you are helping disabled children get off the ground, have dignity, as well as being able to go to school and be with friends. To continually be prepared to collect ring pulls takes perseverance and a willingness to help someone who is less fortunate than us. Congratulations and thank you so much for your involvement in our humanitarian project.

Sincerely,
Beppie de Kuyer’

COMMUNITY NEWS

OSHCLUB BEFORE SCHOOL / AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM
OSH program phone: 0432678211
Coordinator: Lisa Assistants: Tenaya OSHClub Head Office: 9261 3200
All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
The 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is on Friday 21 March 2014. This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say Bullying: No Way! It also strengthens our existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. Our school is registered for this event. Please take the time to look at the website: www.bullyingnoway.gov.au. There is a special section for parents with lots of great advice.
Our First Week in Pre-Primary White!

We have been very busy in Pre-Primary. We have been learning each other's names, meeting all of our new teachers, making new friends, exploring new playgrounds, activity areas and learning lots of new things! We would like to share our reflections with you!

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