Prayer for Peace in Sudan

Lord Jesus, you said to us;
“I leave you peace. My peace I give you.”
Look upon your sisters and brothers in Sudan as they face this moment of referendum.
Send us your Spirit to guide us.
Give us the wisdom we need to choose a future where we will know your true peace.
Grant us peace with one another.
Give peace among ethnic groups.
Help us to work together for the good of all.
We ask this in your name, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Reconciliation: As we pray for our children who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation next Wednesday, we also pray for those who are working to find peace in their own communities, including the Sudan, where a referendum regarding their future is taking place in January, 2011. We have a number of Sudanese families in our school and we join them in praying for peace in their country of birth.

Christmas Concerts: The completion of our Community Hall has been delayed due to problems with the air conditioning system, and therefore it will not be ready for our Christmas Concerts. The concerts planned for Tuesday, 7th December and Thursday, 9th December have been cancelled. Instead we will hold a CAROLS NIGHT on the school oval on THURSDAY, 9 DECEMBER from 5.30pm. All children from Preprimary to Year 6 are involved, though attendance is not compulsory. You are invited to bring a picnic tea and a blanket and enjoy the evening’s entertainment as you share a meal with others in our community. There will also be a sausage sizzle available. Orders will need to be placed for the sausage sizzle so we can cater adequately, and order forms will follow next week.

Advertising Flyer: Accompanying this newsletter is a flyer advertising businesses operated by families in our school community. We are often asked to advertise in our newsletter but it is usually too full to do so, so once a term we will be sending out an advertising flyer and I encourage you to support those businesses as you see fit. Please contact the school office for details if you wish to advertise in this flyer in the future.

NOTES ACCOMPANYING NEWSLETTER

God bless you.
Eileen Climo
Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

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SCHOOL MATTERS

Congratulations to those children who have celebrated their birthdays recently.
Jasmin Ryan-Sprowsen, Tahlia Hohaia, Kaila Purvis, Brendon Evans

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MOUNTAIN OF GIVING
Well done everyone! This week we have reached half-way. We are just moving up from Tasmania’s Mount Ossa towards Queensland’s Mount Bartle Frere.
Keep those donations coming in. Thank you to all those who have donated already.

ADVANCED PARENTAL NOTIFICATION - YEAR 6 SCHOOL CAMP 2011
We are notifying all parents who will have a child in Year 6 during 2011 that the proposed Year 6 Camp cannot take place unless there are adequate numbers of parents who can attend camp in a supervisory role.

To attend Camp Parents must have a current Working With Children Card. (A $10.00 volunteer Card will suffice). This card is applied for at the Australian Post Office and can take up to six weeks to obtain.

UNIFORM SHOP - OPEN DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
The uniform shop will be open on the 1st February 2011 between 10.00am-12.00pm ONLY. It is not open at any other time during the holidays.

ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH SERVICE OF APPRECIATION & SCHOOLS MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION
On Tuesday 9th November Father Andrew, Mrs Varley, Mrs Climo, Mrs Jones, Isabelle O’Brien and Joseph Slodowy represented St Andrew’s at a celebration for the first birthday of the reopening of St Mary’s Cathedral.

During the service, the Archbishop blessed a memorial garden, which has a plaque with the names of all the schools in the Perth Diocese represented on it.

Part of the ceremony involved schools receiving a plaque from the Archbishop. This plaque, which will be displayed in the front office, was given in grateful recognition of the wonderful support schools gave to the conservation of St Mary’s Cathedral. The plaque has our school’s name engraved on it and also has a cross inset in it which actually came from original timber used to make the pews in 1865.

Thank you to the two students who represented our school with great dignity and to their parents for attiring them so appropriately for such a special occasion.
Bridget Jones (Assistant Principal)
MARY MACKILLOP’S FAMILY LIFE

Regional Penola was vastly different to the coastal capital of Melbourne where Mary grew up. However, the community of Penola was one where a young Mary had found friendship and hospitality and was able to easily make a contribution. Not long after meeting Fr Julian Woods, Mary found in him a Spiritual Director and shared with him her deep desires and dreams to serve the poor in greater things. Fr Woods too, longed to serve better the educational and spiritual needs of the poor and was acutely aware of the ever increasing number of children growing up in the pastoralist areas of the growing colony of Australia. Towns were emerging in many areas and providing schools for children was becoming increasingly problematic. Fr Woods was particularly concerned about the lack of Catholic education in South Australia.

SCHOOL FEES 2011

The School Board wishes to advise you that there will be an increase of 5% in the tuition component of the school fees, in line with the fee increase recommendation from the Catholic Education Office. Thank you to those wonderful families who have completed payment for the school fee account in full already. Those families with outstanding accounts are asked to settle them by the end of November to assist us with balancing the books for 2010.

Tuition

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Kindy children fees are approximately 40% of full tuition and are part of the family discount structure. Holders of valid Health Care Cards will pay $220.00 per child in 2011.

Mathletics will be made available from Pre-primary to Year 6. Thank you to Pre-primary parents who responded to the survey asking whether Mathletics should be made available to PP and Year 1. The overwhelming response was ‘Yes’.

Other costs:

- Building Levy $150.00 (per family)
- Amenities $150.00 (covers incursions, excursions, art and craft materials)
- Insurance $14.00 (for accidents occurring at school)
- Mathletics $30.00 (on-line programme available to school and families)
- P & F Levy $100.00 (see details below)
- Swimming $96.00 (Years 1 – 5 only)
- Reading Log $4.00 (Year 2 only)
- Diary $8.00 (Years 3 – 6 only)
- USB $10.00 (Year 5 & 6 only – school logo)
- Graduation $50.00 (Year 6 only – includes tee-shirt)
- Camp $90.00 (Year 6 only)
- MJR booklet $11.00 (Year 6 only – subsidised by school)

A detailed fee schedule is available on our website or copies can be obtained from the front office.

P & F Levy

The P & F Committee has had a small membership this year and their work has fallen on only a few shoulders. Many families are time poor and I do know that many of these families support the school through our fundraising activities. However, with only a few individuals prepared to give the time to organising the fundraising activities, the P & F, with the support of the School Board has decided to hold no fundraising events in 2011, and instead to increase the levy which previously covered only the P & F Federation costs. This will enable the P & F committee to put their energies into community events such as the Welcome to St Andrew’s night, Easter raffle, discos and the St Andrew’s Day festivities, rather than fundraising. Families will be given the opportunity to donate time through assisting with the community events or working in the canteen, thus reducing the amount of the levy they need to pay. The details of the system will be sent home before the end of the school year.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

We were invited to send representatives from our school to attend a Remembrance Day Commemorative Service on 11/11/10 held by the Quinns Rocks RSL sub-branch. Mr Smith, Cohen Dennis, Meg Stuart, James Su and Jordyn Cordiano were the selected representatives. Mr Smith said that comments were made to the effect that our students were respectful and well mannered. Thank you to those students for representing our school in such a positive light and thank you too, to their parents for ensuring they were dressed correctly.
Reconciliation

The students of 3B have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- I learnt that Reconciliation is about forgiveness. Louis
- For Reconciliation I am looking forward to going to church and saying prayers to God. Kiera
- Reconciliation is when you ask for forgiveness for your sins. Taylor
- I have learnt that conscience is a little voice inside your head telling you what is right and wrong. Mackenzie
- During class I have discovered the Ten Commandments and conscience and learnt what a sin is. Keely
- I have learnt to listen to my conscience. Declan
- In school I learnt what a sin is and what's not a sin. Jake
- I have discovered Reconciliation is when you are forgiven by God for your sins. Atieng
- I learnt that Reconciliation is about forgiveness. Sam
- I know that conscience is God's voice telling you what is right and wrong. Jaden
- In Reconciliation I am looking forward to saying prayers to God. Mikalya F
- I am looking forward to asking for forgiveness from God during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Martina.
- I have learnt to listen to my conscience. Dylan
- The Ten Commandments are very important to the Church Community. Claudia
- I want to do Reconciliation because I want to say sorry for my sins to God. Kaelena
- I know the 8th Commandment - you shall not lie. Molly
- I want to take Reconciliation because I want to tell Father my sins. Sebastian
- At Reconciliation I learnt the conscience is a voice in your head that tells you what is right. Victoria
- I now know the first, second and third Commandments. Justin
- Reconciliation will be an exciting experience for my classmates. Samuel
- We've been learning the Ten Commandments of Jesus. Mikalya A
- My conscience helps me to do the right thing. Miguel
- In class I learnt what the Ten Commandments are and they are important. Tea
- I have learnt about Reconciliation and the Ten Commandments. Trent.
- I learnt that God will forgive all sins. Ethan
- I cannot wait to have Reconciliation because next time I will try even harder not to sin. Emily
- I know the Ten Commandments and have learnt about Reconciliation. Georgia
- During class I learnt that in Reconciliation we are being forgiven for not listening to our conscience. Jaylon
- We have learnt about the joy of Reconciliation. Hannah
- I am doing Reconciliation and I'm looking forward to it. Mitchell