Caritas assists people living in Malawi. Their prayer is:
Dear God,
You have given us the precious gift of the earth.
Help us to care for the earth by living simply.
Help us to use just what we need, not what we want, so that there is a fair share for everyone.
Amen.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Confirmation: We have been advised of the dates for Confirmation. They are Saturday, 11 September at 6.00pm and Sunday, 12 September at 9.00am. You will be able to indicate your preferred mass at the commitment masses which will be held at the end of July for Confirmation.

Sacramental Parents Meeting: The meetings for parents of all children receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation were held in February. Some families were not represented at those meetings and they will need to attend the final parent meeting on Wednesday, 17th March at 7.00pm in the church if they expect their child to receive a sacrament in 2010. Children do not attend this meeting.

Swimming: Congratulations to our Year 1 to 3 children who have been attending lessons for the past two weeks. I hope you are all having great success with your lessons. Parents, please note that the full cost of swimming has to be paid regardless of whether the child receives one or nine lessons. There are no refunds available as swimming staff are employed based on our initial numbers.

Kindergarten 2011: In May, I will be starting interviews for our Kindy programme for 2011. All families with siblings already in the school need to make sure that they have an enrolment form completed to ensure a place at the school in 2011. Three families did not complete application forms for 2010 and had no guarantee of a place for this year. Please complete an application form by the end of Term 1.

Uniforms: Families need to pre-order uniforms each season, not rely on the uniform shop having the necessary items at short notice. We are steadily reducing the amount of stock carried by the Uniform Shop hence the need for you to place an order by the due date. Children wear the winter uniforms in Terms 2 and 3, so you should already have checked and placed and order for new items that your child requires. Please assist us with this and not leave purchasing items for the new season until the day before school starts.

God bless you,
Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES ACCOMPANYING NEWSLETTER
Interschool Swimming Team
National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy – Information for parents Yr 3 & 5
and develop their potential as they learn and contribute to their community.

**SCHOOL MATTERS**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**Congratulations to the children who have celebrated their birthday recently.**

Claudia Arto, Murray Robinson, Dyan Wilburn, Manolo Veneracion, Krystel Gapuzan, Jackson Roache, Joyce Wang, Nikita Francis, Ben Ciappara, Noor Anton

**MAKING JESUS REAL**

**I WANT TO BE A HAPPY CHAPPY**

To be a Happy Chappy we always do our best to display WEST behaviours.

- **W** = Welcoming
- **E** = Encouraging
- **S** = Sorry
- **T** = Thankful

WEST people are Givers in Life. We should all be Givers NOT Takers.

Happy Chappy (WEST) behaviours include; being welcoming, saying encouraging things, being grateful, being grinners and winners, volunteering, seeing the good and God in others, reflecting on the good God moments of the day, giving praise when praise is due and having the ability to make good decisions.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Thank you to the families that made their initial payment by the due date of 26th February and have indicated how they intend to meet their financial commitment to the school in 2010. Letters are being sent to all families that have not made a payment or indicated how they intend to meet their financial commitment to the school in 2010. These will be followed up by phone calls from Mrs Rafferty or myself. All families are expected to contribute on a regular basis to the maximum of their ability. If you have not made a payment yet, please do so in the next 24 hours or make an appointment to see me to discuss your options if you are in a difficult financial situation.

**KINDERGARTEN 2011**

Kindergarten interviews with prospective new families at St Andrew’s for 2011 will be held in May. Sibling families that have not completed an application form for a child beginning Kindy in 2011 need to do so by the end of Term 1.

**LOST**

A student has lost their reading glasses with a dark blue glass case. Please forward them to the office should you find them.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

**EASTER RAFFLE**

If you would like more tickets, extra books are available from the office. We are still receiving donations until Monday 29th March so that we can start making up the prizes ready for the draw on Thursday 1st April. If you have clean unused baskets you no longer want, we will gladly accept them.
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**BLUE LIGHT DISCO**
Date: Saturday 20th March 2010
Location: Gumblossom Hall, Tapping Way, Quinns Rocks
(turn into Quinns Road off Marmion Ave and right at the roundabout)
Time: 6.30pm to 9.00pm, Doors open at 6.15pm
Age: Children aged 8 – 13 years of age will be admitted
Tickets: $5.50 available at the door.

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENTS : YEAR 7 – 2012 (MATER DEI COLLEGE)**
Applications need to be forwarded immediately to the College
- these will be treated as late - closing date was 31 July, 2009
Please access the College website of [www.mdc.wa.edu.au](http://www.mdc.wa.edu.au) for enrolment application forms or e-mail barbra.moyle@mdc.wa.edu.au to request an enrolment booklet.

**PRENDIVILLE CATHOLIC COLLEGE - YEAR 7 2012**
Applications for Year 7, 2012 are now being processed, with interviews commencing in the second half of Term 1, this year. Places for Year 7 in 2012 will be offered upon the completion of interviews in mid June. A full application form must be completed. If they have not already done so, parents who have previously completed an interim application form must contact the College to request a full application package. Siblings of current students must also request an application package.

**PRENDIVILLE CATHOLIC COLLEGE- ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YEAR 7, 2011**
Commencing for the first time in 2011, the College is offering up to two full scholarships, tenable for 6 years, to academically outstanding students entering Year 7. Scholarship applications are open to those who may already have a confirmed enrolment for 2011 and also those who may not as yet have a place for 2011. Applications close: 9th April 2010. More information is available on our website.

**IRENE MCCORMACK CATHOLIC COLLEGE - ENROLMENTS 2011**
Due to the high demand for places at the College we are calling for final applications for students wishing to enrol for 2011. We will shortly be commencing interviews for 2012. Please phone 9562 2400 for an enrolment pack or email admin@irenemccormack.wa.edu.au or contact Mrs Kim Boscarino to arrange a tour of the school.

**OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION**
The Office of Crime Prevention (OCP) is pleased to inform you of the range of graffiti prevention and education resources available to schools. The OCP's Graffiti Team has been working on a series of initiatives which reflect the State Government's Tough on Graffiti approach. The initiatives all aim to assist local councils, WA Police, schools and the general community in preventing and reducing graffiti vandalism in our Community.

Initiatives which are school-related include:
- The Goodbye Graffiti website – an extensive section for students and teachers;
- Teaching Resources – an education program developed for primary & secondary students together with WA Police, the Department of Education and Training, Association of Independent Schools WA and Catholic Education;
- Graffiti Management Guide for schools; Information for Parents & Guardians;
- Designing Out Graffiti - aims to reduce opportunities for crime through the design and management of the built and landscaped environment;
- Online graffiti reporting form – all members of the community can report graffiti for removal.

Please consider placing a link to our website in your school newsletter to support parents, and encourage the reporting of graffiti.

For more detailed information please visit the Goodbye Graffiti website at Goodbye Graffiti or contact lorraine.jarrett@police.wa.gov.au

**P & F Meeting**
Thank you to those who have offered to be on the P & F for 2010.
Your help is much appreciated.
All those who have volunteered or are interested please attend the meeting on Wednesday, 17th March.
At this meeting, a decision about the P & F for 2010 will be made. We need to fill all positions.

4W

This Term we have been looking at ‘Imagination’ and ‘Wonder’. Here are some of the thoughts of our students.

I wonder.......

Why apples are green? **Jayden**
Why do dogs dig? **Monique**
Why some people are small and some are tall? **Mikayla**
Why I am so cute? **Jacinta**
Why does Redman snore? **Baylee**
Why God loves us so much? **Claudia**
How water is made? **Anders**
How the first man learned to swim? **Chevi**
How God was made? **Brandon**
Why my dog loves me so much? **Grace**
Why animals don’t talk? **Nikita**
Why am I so tall? **Ryan**
How my mum and dad chose my name? **Kate**
How planes stay in the air? **Naomi**
Why God created bugs? **Tapiha**
Why do we get sick? **Aleisha**
How the solar system was made? **Josh**
Why we live on land? **Lia**
Why the grass is green? **Ruby**
Why we have a solar system? **Ethan**
Why do we have trees? **Jack**
Why are we people? **Friday**
Why I like egg? **Emerlin**
What Heaven looks like? **Demi**
Why I’m a good swimmer? **Ben**