How can we be better stewards of our planet?

Here are some pictures of our three days of exploring this question in Year one.

We had some help along the way!
Whole School Parish Mass Sunday 4th August 11am

The whole school Parish Mass this Term will be on Sunday the 4th August at 11am. We require children/families to help out with the readings and the offertory. If you are interested in being part of this Mass, please let Ms. Moran know. Following Mass there will be a soccer match on the oval for the children and parents. The PFA will also be holding a fundraiser for the upgrade of our new playground and will be selling sausages, drinks and balloons for $1 each, after Mass.

Yr 5 & 6 Confirmation News

The children have now started their preparation for Confirmation. Fr. Michael is visiting the children in their classrooms, weekly and our inquiry topic of stewardship fits in perfectly with this Sacrament.

Please ensure that your child has begun to think about their Sponsor and Confirmation name, if not already chosen them. Also each child will need to have a stole. These are the same ones that they had for Communion, and at school we will add the symbol and dates for Confirmation.

Could students, who have not already returned their stoles to school, do so immediately so we can start working on them. If your child has lost their stole and needs a new one there will be a replacement cost of $15. All students who are new to the school will be given their stoles.

Wellbeing

How Full is Your Bucket?

This term the social competencies we are teaching children as part of their personal and interpersonal learning are social awareness and responsible decision making. These competencies fit in beautifully with the Inquiry Topic children are participating in which encourages them to take action to become better Stewards of our Earth.

The vehicle we are using to promote awareness of others is the book How Full is Your Bucket? This book teaches children that when they show qualities such as friendship, encouragement, acceptance, loyalty and so on they can fill someone’s bucket. By filling someone else’s bucket they also fill their own. In other words—our actions and words can have a huge impact on how someone feels; and when we make someone feel good, we also receive the good positive feelings.

On the other hand we can also be bucket dippers through our actions. By encouraging the children to stop, think and reflect about their actions and words we are helping them to develop the quality of empathy.

Each classroom is setting up a display and we are constructing a whole-school display in the front foyer. Our aim is to add as many names as we can to the bucket which will symbolize all the amazing things that the children do for one another.

Our 3/4 class is currently practising a play about Bucket Filling which they will present to each class. When we are ready we will invite parents. We would love it if you had the opportunity to come and see the play – that would really fill the bucket of the children!

PFA News

Thanks to all who contributed to our Pizza & Noodle day. We received several queries about a vegetarian option so will be looking into it for future hot food days. We currently have just over $7,000 for the playground upgrade, which means we will need to work hard to get the playground upgraded this year.

Sunday 4th August - School/Parish Mass

After the mass we will be running a sausage sizzle fundraiser so please bring along some gold coins and enjoy a snack and drink before you head down to the oval for the soccer match.

Friday 23rd August - BOOK WEEK DISCO 7pm in the Parish Hall

This will be a great night of fun for the whole family. Lots of prizes just for coming dressed up as a character from your favourite book. Raffle and door prizes. Gold coin entry - no ticket sales. We will have for sale: Lolly bags/chips/soft drinks for the children and Devonshire Tea (tea/coffee and a jam & cream scone) for the adults.

Put it in your phone calendar now so you don’t miss out and start thinking about those great costumes now!

We are seeking volunteers to help before, during or cleaning up after any of these upcoming events. If you feel you could help, please contact Carmen 0410428871 or just approach us on the day.

GREEN DAY

Thursday 1st August

On Thursday 1st August Holy Family will be having a GREEN DAY. As part of our Inquiry Learning this term, we will be taking action to complete some environmental projects around the school. All the money raised will go towards paying for these projects.

Children can come dressed in green clothes on Thursday for a gold coin donation. We will also be having activities such as face painting and a raffle. At play time we will be selling green jelly, cordial, icy poles and cupcakes.

Please support us by sending your child/ren to school with some money to spend on this day.

READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE

Book week is a national celebration of reading with a focus on Australian authors and illustrators.

This year’s theme is: Read Across the Universe

The children’s book council of Australia chooses the best books in different categories and the winning books are announced in week 7, August 17th-23rd. To find out more about the book titles visit:


The books are grouped into different categories. We will be sharing these books throughout the term. By connecting to the art library blog via the My Classes web page, you can access more activities that relate to these books.

Happy Reading! From Mrs Jacka