Principal’s Message

Hello Holy Family Community,

I do not like the newsletter piece to be a forum for gripes from me. There are though a few issues that need addressing. The things that I write about below are not new and I have written about them in the past.

Lunches and school arrival time are important and have been quite good for some time but have started to slip of late. What the children eat during the day is very important. We have children who come to school with packets of chips and other unhealthy food for their lunch. The children need to have as much healthy food as possible for their own development and so that they can focus at school. If you are not sure what constitutes a healthy lunch there are websites such as lunchbox.com which have lots of ideas. Also at 10am we have our fruit break across the school. The children bring a piece of fruit and have a few minutes to eat it. This gives the children a small break which helps them stay focused for the morning session of learning activities.

We are getting too many children arriving late at school. Some children are often late. When they are late in disrupts their day and their class. I would appreciate it if the children could be here for the start of the school day. The habits that are learnt at a young age can stay with people for a lifetime. The children need to know that when the bell goes everyone needs to be here. It is not optional.

School uniform is the final thing that I would like to mention. Tuesdays (and Friday for the seniors) are the only day that the children can come to school wearing runners. The rest of the week they need to come to school in their black school shoes. Also their uniform needs to be clean and tidy. Every child should come to school at the start of every week with a clean uniform.

Your assistance with lunch, arrival times and uniform would be most appreciated.

On the last week of term I would like to have a parent’s forum where you can talk to me about any aspects of school life. The forum will be on Wednesday the 18th September at 2.30pm. Also I would like to talk to parents about teaching another language at Holy Family. All schools need to offer a language other than English. A big push in the new Australian Curriculum is having a bigger focus on our neighbouring countries. Because of this we will be looking at introducing an Asian language. I have had an initial meeting with a language specialist from the CEO which I found very valuable.

I have been asked to place the following add in the newsletter:

Volunteer Foster Carers Needed
Do you have some time and energy to care for a child or young person unable to live at home? Wesley Mission Victoria is seeking local residents from all walks of life with a spare bedroom to become volunteer foster carers and care for children aged 0-18 years.
Phone: 9794 3000 or email: cyfssouth@wesley.org.au for more details.

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Reminders & Dates

Friday 6th September  Professor Maths Travelling Road Show
Tuesday 10th September Athletics Day Senior School 9.00 to 3pm
Thursday 12th September Confirmation Family Workshop 6.30pm
Friday 13th September GREEN DAY
How Full Is Your Bucket Performance 9.00 to 3pm
We have been looking at the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. One of them was Wisdom. Wisdom means you make wise choices. Joshua Year 4/5

We have been learning about what the Bishop wears at Confirmation as part of our belief and religion. By preparing ourselves for Confirmation we have been doing research on the internet about saints. I chose Saint Rose of Lima because she is the patroness of my country the Philippines.

Andrea Year 4/5

I have been learning about the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Respect is one of them. You need to respect one another. Right Judgement is another gift of the Holy Spirit. This means people know if they are doing things wrong.

Dayne Year 4/5

We had to make a poster of our Saint. I chose Saint Gabriel the Archangel. The name Gabriel means ‘man of God’

Julius Year 4/5

Confirmation Family Workshop will be held on Thursday 19th September at 6.30pm in the Hall.
It is compulsory for all Confirmation Candidates and a family member to attend. Sponsors are most welcome to come to the workshop, but it is not compulsory for them.

Pauline Moran - RE Coordinator

It is fantastic to see how many children are filling one another's buckets with their words and actions. Asking someone to play, sitting with someone who is upset and looking after a hurt friend are ways that children are filling the buckets of their friends and other children in the school. It is wonderful to see Year 6 students like Corey, take time out to teach and play basketball with the Preps or a group of girls from Years 4 and 5 playing house with the younger students.

Kelisha from Year 1 kindly spent time explaining what How Full is Your Bucket means to her.

What does How Full Is Your Bucket mean to you? “Trying to make them happy.”

How do you fill the bucket of your friends? “I say they can play with me. I am doing the talent quest with Monica. She wants to do a cartwheel in it and I agreed.”

How do you fill the buckets of people at home? “By making the cushions.” What does that mean? “When they are on the floor I pick them up. It makes mum feel happy.”

When you fill someone else’s bucket how does it make you feel? “Happy because they are happy.” — Thank you Kelisha

Reminder: Year 3/4 will be putting on the play, “How Full Is Your Bucket?”, in the Individual Needs Room next Thursday 12th September at 12.45 and 1.15pm. Friday the 13th at 9.15 and 9.45am and Wednesday 18th at 3pm. HOPE YOU CAN COME AND SEE OUR TALENTED CHILDREN.
Happy Birthday to Cassandra, Eva, Nyka, Logesh and Eva

Congratulations to Logesh, Tameika, Santiago, Ben, Zoe and Kees

A big thank you to all who attended our Book Week Disco, especially to all who came dressed in their costumes. The cow that jumped over the moon was there, a few witches and pirates, and Pippy Longstocking came along too with many more super heroes. We saw some great dance moves - the grade 6 boys were inseparable on the dance floor and we had a big crowd doing the Macarena and Nutbush. A big thank you to Joshua and Tahlia's Mum, Debbie, for the delicious scones and Leonard and Faustina's big brother Sonny for being our DJ. Thank you also to all our committee for the set up and clean up and helping the night go smoothly - Gemma, Angie, Cathy & Sel.

Keep the 8th of November free for our 2nd Annual Trivia Night. So far we have collected some great prizes including a security system, dinner voucher, car tool kit, Indian grocery hamper. These will be raffled or auctioned on the night. We are currently seeking sponsors for the night and ask if any of our families have a business or would like to approach their employer to become sponsors of the event and receive some free local advertising. Sponsorship may be in the form of a product or service, or a monetary donation. Advertising will be included on the tickets and on our posters and will also be announced throughout the evening. If you need a formal request please let me know and I will email or snail mail a sponsorship request letter.

We had a fantastic day Wednesday last week, where the children worked with their buddy classes to celebrate the theme of Outer Space by making Space Hat creations. They looked amazing, and the buzz around the school was FANTASTIC.

After recess we all worked in smaller groups across the school, looking at a book and participating in craft activities related to the books. It was really lovely.

The day culminated in a hat parade hosted by Titus and Bethany where all the students could share their great work. A great day was had by all, thank you everyone!!

Cath Fisher
Leon is asking the Year 4/5’s questions about BOOK WEEK!

Josh, what group were you in?
I was in Mr Twomey’s. We were looking for Where’s Wally.

Mario, what are you doing with the scissors?
I was cutting the frame for my shadow picture.

Dayne, what are you reading?
There was a poster with Where’s Wally that we had to try and find him in.

Lora, what are you doing to your eye on the computer?
I was putting some paint on my eye to make me look freaky!

Chante, what were you making?
I was making a sun, moon and earth. To show how the moon and sun rotate around the earth.