Thursday 19th February, 2015  
Fortnightly update ...... Week 4

Dear Parents,

I am writing this message for you as my last official task before I take three weeks leave to have surgery on my knee. Tyrone starts his acting position by attending the GRIP Leadership conference at Highfields with our two leaders, Zachary and Ryan. Thanks must be given to the community at St Francis de Sales school in Clifton, for allowing this to happen now and during term 2.

Yesterday we started the liturgical season of Lent with Ash Wednesday mass. It was great to see many parishioners joining us for this special occasion. During Lent we are asking students to say the Sorry Prayer, give up something they love and do something to help another. Talk to your child about what they have decided to do and support them through these next six weeks. Attached to the newsletter is a Project Compassion box for families to put their loose change into, to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

During Lent, we are conducting a reflection program. Everyone is welcome to join us each week on a Wednesday from 4 o’clock to reflect on the upcoming Sunday’s theme at church. It is also, a time for personal reflection and journey during Lent when we are looking at ways of being a better person.

Congratulations to the P & F on a great bowls day last Saturday afternoon. It was great that some of our families and staff were able to enjoy the afternoon of fun. Congratulations to the winners of the day and the various raffles. How much money was raised will be presented at the P & F meeting on Thursday, 5th March starting at 3:30 pm.

Nathan Hindmarsh visited our school on Tuesday as part of the NRL Active Community program. Nathan represented Parramatta, NSW and Australia during his career. Nathan talked to the students about being healthy. He talked about healthy food and sometimes food, drinking 8 glasses of water, being active, getting plenty of sleep and happy and healthy mind being mentally healthy. Some great messages were presented to the students in terms of being healthy. A couple of bags of goodies have been left and will be distributed to students.

Next week, Ty will be attending the APRE meeting in Toowoomba - Monday and Tuesday. During this time Ms Sonia will be deputising and Mrs Laurel Lynch will be coming in as the relief teacher.

Mary Mackillop’s reflective saying for this week is "God understands us better than we understand ourselves or each other". 21.5.1877

Yours in God’s name,

Paula

Wednesday Treats:
Water Ice-block $1

Congratulations to our students of the week:
Calais, Max and Charlotte!

Parents: Please ensure your child has sunscreen before school starts!
Year 3—6 Academic Awards

Congratulations to Jorja and Lily for achieving 100% in Number Facts!!

Ash Wednesday

Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish is offering the sacrament of Reconciliation this term. Children are eligible to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation at about the age of seven.

If you are interested in your child receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, please see the school office for an enrolment form. Forms are due back by Thursday 26th February.

WARWICK JUNIOR NETBALL SIGN-ON
Ages 5-14 Yrs (Born 2010 – 2003)
Sign-on day Saturday 14 February 2015
10am – 1pm at Barnes Park Courts
Fixtures played Saturday afternoons
Fixtures commence Saturday 21 February
2 free try before you pay days available.
Pay fees on Sign-on day and go in the draw to win your fees back.
Enquiries to Lou Bunch warwicknetball@bigpond.com or 0407 734 380

Looking for somewhere to put your child’s pocket money? We are happy to bank it for you through the School Banking Scheme. On opening a membership with Warwick Credit Union your child will be given:
- A deposit book (which they can fill in)
- A Bank book (to keep track of their money)
- A money box (to put their money in)
If you are interested please see Mandy in the office for an information pack.
Learning News

Teachers have collected writing samples for each child. From there, they have analysed the pieces of writing to find where the areas of need are for the students. Some of the areas of focus are good sentence structure and building a bigger vocabulary base.

To also help improve this I encourage parents to read every night with their child and then ask questions about what they have read.

Some questions could include...
1. Tell me what happened?
2. What do you think is going to happen next?
3. What did you enjoy about it?
4. Could the story have ended differently? How?
5. Which character did you like? Not like? Why?

DATE CLAIMERS

Inglewood Swimming Championships  
Saturday 28th Feb

P and F Meeting  
Thursday 5th March  
3:30pm

Inglewood Aquathon  
Sunday 8th March  
7:30am

Board Meeting  
Wednesday 4th March 6pm

World Day of Prayer  
Friday 6th March  
9:30am

Inglewood Show  
Friday and Saturday  
14th and 15th March
LST NEWS

Occupational Therapy Visits

During 2015 and as part of the occupational therapy support provided to St Maria Goretti School, the Catholic Education Occupational Therapist (OT), Emma Goddard, will be spending time in some of our classrooms.

In the school setting, the OT is able to work with students and teachers to enable students to more optimally participate in activities that they need or want to do at school. Specifically, the OT may work with teachers to:

- Set up the classroom and school environment for optimal learning e.g. make sure desk and chair heights are a good fit, check pencil grips and scissors
- Plan activities to support development of gross motor and fine motor skills e.g. balancing, climbing, hopping, using a pencil or scissors
- Suggest strategies and activities to support development of pre-writing and handwriting skills
- Identify when students may require additional support to boost the development of their skills in these areas.

These visits will focus on whole class strategies. They are not intended to replace individualised OT and assessment for students who require that support. If specific support from an OT would be of benefit to your child, you will be provided with information regarding this and an opportunity to give your consent prior to your child being seen.

If you have any questions regarding Emma’s visits, please contact your child’s class teacher.

On another note, I would sincerely like to thank all students, parents and staff for their continued support of me and my family over the last few months since the recent passing of my beautiful Mum and Dad. I appreciate your kind words, sympathy and prayers during this most difficult time. I know they are at peace with God which gives me much comfort.

God Bless,

Maree Twidale (LST)
WHAT'S IN STORE THIS WEEK

Lenny Pops $1.50 each
Florentine Filo $5.95 each
Greek Pinwheels $ 3.95 each
Sweet Thai Spring Rolls $ 3.95 each
Oriental Spring Rolls $ 3.95 each
Korean Summer Rolls $3.95 each
Garlic Mignon $ 3.95 each
Honey Macadamia Breast Supreme $ 18.99 each

We also have
Frozen stir fry Vegetables, we can marinade the meat portion for you

Don't forget to enter the $ 50 Voucher Competition, and fill out our Survey we want to help you make life easier.
NRL STANTHORPE BLITZ WITH BRISBANE BRONCOS COACHING STAFF

NRL and Broncos Coaching staff will visit Stanthorpe in support of the Stanthorpe Junior Rugby League.

Please see session details for Stanthorpe below.

DATE: MONDAY 16 MARCH

WHAT’S ON:
STATE HIGH SCHOOL
10.30 TO 11.30AM

STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL
11.45 TO 12.45PM

ST JOSEPH’S
1.30 TO 2.30PM

KIDS CLINIC JUNIOR GREMLINS
5.00PM- 6.30PM

FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
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