


Newsletter Term 2 Week 5



Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Your Best

## MINI BLITZ- Weeks 5 \& 6

"When we're playing with our friends in the yard, playing fairly isn't that hard!"

## Dear Parents,

What a wonderful response to our Mother's Day Liturgy and Morning Tea last Friday. Thank you to all those who were able to attend. The children love these events and become highlights on our Calendar. I have no doubt Grandparents Day (Fri 30th July) will creep up quickly as well. Holding the liturgy in the MPB makes life a lot easier but it does mean that it's harder for the kids to say Hi to you as they're heading back to school afterwards. This is something we've discussed here at school and will investigate further. One option has been to have an 'Open Day' back at
 school for an hour or so afterwards so Mum's ( and visitors ) can catch up with their children then. We'll keep you informed.

## Enhancing Catholic Schools Identity Survey -

Last week every family received a hard copy information sheet and log-in details for this survey. It is an extremely important survey that gauges the level of Catholic Identity in our schools and we would be most appreciative of you taking the time to complete if you can. It is not a short survey and takes a fair bit of thought and reflection, with some of the questions being quite confronting. I hope you can spend some time completing this.

## NAPLAN

This week the children in Years Three and Five are completing the 2016 NAPLAN tests in Literacy and Numeracy. For some children these tests can be stressful so we ask that you talk to your children each day when they come home and remind them that the school has lots of different ways we assess how they are going and that the NAPLAN is just one more bit of information for us.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - We'll be holding our Parent Information Session for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday $24^{\text {th }}$ May at 7.00 pm . If your son or daughter will be completing the Sacramental Program this year please put this date in your calendars and come along to what is always a very informative session.

In Sympathy - Our sympathies go our to the entire Cummins family after the sad loss of Cathie on Friday evening. Cathie was a wonderful supporter of both our school and parish communities here in Yarrawonga and will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all her family and friends during this most difficult time.

Thanks and best wishes for the week ahead,
Paul

## Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

Sacred Heart acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which this school is built. We commit ourselves to working in partnership with Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.


## Religious Education Meegan McInness

## Mother's Day Liturgy

Last Friday we celebrated in a spiritual way, the love we have for our Mothers and the very important role they play in our lives. It was wonderful to see so many visitors join us for our liturgy and be a part of this special celebration. Well done to all our readers and to all the children for singing so beautifully. Thank you to our Year 5 families for the very impressive morning tea and to all the staff for all their extra help. Our Grandparents Liturgy is to be held on Friday 29th of July also in the MPB.


## Reconciliation

A note will go home to all students in Year 3 about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is to be held on July 20th. The home base program will commence this term and an information evening is to be held on Tuesday May 24th. Please pass on this information to any parents outside our school community who may have an interested child and ask them to contact me at school ASAP.

## TERM 2 DATES

Tuesday May 24th: Parent Information Evening for Reconciliation 7pm Mercy Centre

Friday June $3^{\text {rd }}$ : Sacred Heart Day Mass
Sun June 5 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ : Children's Presentation Mass

Thanks
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## Nationally Recognised Training

Yarrawonga Neighbourhood House
Registered Training Organisation No 21765

## Hygiene for Food Handlers

The unit SITXFSA101 Use hygienic practices for food safety is for those who want to work in restaurants, cafes or bakeries, or are members of a community group involved in food preparation. Date: Friday $20^{\text {th }}$ May
Time: 9:30am-4:00pm
Cost: Full Fee $\$ 105$
Concession: \$ 85 (GST Free)


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## Pastoral Wellbeing Janine Buerckner

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If you have any issues that you'd like to discuss, regarding your children's education or their social or emotional wellbeing, please feel free to come and see me - my office is in the Admin Block.
Our Breakfast Club is held on Wednesday and Friday mornings, before school, and all are welcome. We thank the dedicated and hard-working St Vinnie's volunteers for making this program possible. The Breakfast Club operates from the canteen.

Online Flaming By Catherine Gerhardt - Part 2
What parents can do:

* Discuss with your children what they do online and who they communicate with - try your best to know which social media/gaming sites they are using. Know that they may have more than one account on any social media platform. One of my daughter's friends has four Instagram accounts, each one carving out a unique social space.
* Know passwords. Youth may feel this is an invasion of their 'privacy'; however it is a key component of the responsibility that comes with the privilege of using the technology. In most cases parents have either supplied the device or pay the bills for usage - that means you have the responsibility and the right to control it. Mutual respect is required here, having password control does not give you permission to spy, and your child needs to know they are being monitored. Let me tell you the story of another friend of mine who had been 'monitoring' her daughter online for several months. However, her daughter was not aware that every message and photo went through her mother's device as well. When a problem did arise the parent was unsure how to deal with it - after all she had been 'spying' and wasn't sure how to broach the subject with her daughter without giving herself away. It is much better to have that conversation when setting up accounts, and start as you intend to go on.


## CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Activities will be provided each term, focusing on key areas of oral language supporting literacy. Feel free to adjust these activities according to your child's grade level.
Ten activities will be provided over Term Two to help develop your child's vocabulary at home (you may need to adjust the activity to suit your child's level). See if you can think of more activities!
** When you are shopping at the supermarket, pick two objects and encourage your child to
 describe how they are the same and different. For example: Carrot/Zucchini - They are both vegetables, they are both long and skinny, but they are different colours, and don't taste the same.


## The book fair is over

Thanks everyone for your support!
What a lot of visitors we had in the Library last week!
It was wonderful to see so many students getting excited about the books that were available and showing them to their Mums, Dads or Grandparents.
Many students were lucky to be able to take their books home but some students have to wait until the orders come in, which hopefully will be within the next two weeks.
During the book Fair we took over $\$ 6,000$ which means that we have been able to receive over $\$ 2,000$ worth of new books for our Library, which the students will be able to borrow in the near future.
Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who were able to help at the fair: Yvonne Strawbridge, Kerry Seamer, Kelly Quarrell, Kate Coffey, Jodie Lovel, Holly Smith, Belinda Elliott, Libby Cummins, Nici Freeman, Robyn Connell, Andy Jaques, Leah Lewis, Julieanne Turner, Michelle Connell, Kaitlyn Ackerly and Cara Bott.

## A Call For Help

Very soon I will have lots of books ready to be covered to be put on our Library shelves $\qquad$ If there is anyone who feels confident and knows their way around a roll of contact, I would love to hear from you. My plan would be to send home up to 10 books with the contact already cut for you to cover and send back.

If you are interested please complete the form and send back to school. If you are reading this on-line, please send along a note with your child expressing your interest in helping out.

## Book Covering- Need your help!

I am happy to take a bundle of books home to cover with contact (which will be supplied and cut to size)
Name $\qquad$
Phone Number $\qquad$
Eldest Child's Name $\qquad$ Class $\qquad$
Thank you
Loretta Myers

Have you returned your Medical and/or Asthma Forms?
Families are asked to return medical forms asap that were distributed at the beginning of this term.

## Awards- Mrs Cussen

Owen Woolley: for your articulate explanation to the class about your drawing of the 'Long Necked Turtle.'
Adam Lowden: for your respectful manner and thoughtful questions when visiting Treahna last week.

## Headlice

In the past week we have had some cases regarding Headlice. The children in Years Prep to Four received a note yesterday. Please be mindful of this and we appreciate your continued support.

## Thank $y_{\text {ow }}$


#### Abstract

A big thank you to Australian Munitions (Thales) Safety Committee for their generous donation to our school which has


## FRIENDS IN COMMON

 MORNING TEAMorning Tea for Friends in Common will be held on
Thursday $26^{\text {th }}$ May at Mulwala Water Ski Club from 10.00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Tickets are available on the day for $\$ 8.00$ each.
All very welcome to support this fundraiser.


## Congratulations on the new arrival

Congratulations to Mrs Cowan on the fantastic baby news! Kellie and Luke welcomed into the world ‘Myles Oliver Cowan', a younger brother to Spencer (Prep A) and Parker. Myles weighed in at 7 lb 13 oz and 47.5 cm in length. with comprehending and understanding of what they are reading. Parents are also reminded to sign off on the children's weekly goal setting sheet. This needs to be returned to school by Friday morning.


## Before School Care

Are you interested in Before School Care? Please see the below the URL link. This link will be active until 5 pm next Tuesday $17^{\text {th }}$. We are after feedback from parents.

http://tinyurl.com/YarrawongaBSC 2016


