NEWSLETTER 03 – 27 February 2013

We have had two significant parent meetings over the last two Tuesday nights. The Parent Information Evening was extremely well attended and it was a tremendous opportunity to share with you our focus for the school year as well as what to expect from your child’s teacher. The value that underpins our work this year is responsibility. “I am Responsible for Learning through Faith, Love and Laughter” is our motto for 2013. Staff, students and parents will have an opportunity throughout the year to explore and live this motto. I am so impressed with our students who can tell me what they are responsible for and how they can help others be responsible. My thanks go to the staff for their careful preparation of their class meetings and the wonderful support we received from parents who were in attendance.

Our Kindergarten to Year 3 parents were part of a meeting last night to explain the PATHS program. This program “Promoting Alternative THinking Strategies” is aimed at supporting the resiliency and emotional health of students. The program will be rolled out over the next 3 years to include all of our year levels, Miss Guazzelli and Mrs Greaves will be leading a PATHS staff team consisting of Mrs Bradder, Mrs Miller and Sister Kathleen to implement the program and to ensure the program complements our current Pastoral Care, Bullying, Behaviour Management and Code of Conduct Policies as well as Bidjara. I thank those staff for their commitment and all those parents who attended the meeting. Information about ideas and PATHS strategies will appear in future newsletters.

Saturday morning is usually a time for a relaxing cup of tea and a read of the newspapers (or sleeping in, shopping, gardening, sports, gym etc, etc). Last Saturday 4 staff were busy at the Armadale Aquatic Centre requalifying for their Bronze Medallion to ensure our Year 6 students would be able to swim at camp. I am grateful for the commitment shown by these intrepid staff and would like to thank Mr Burns, Miss Shaw, Mr Tunchon and one soggy Principal for supporting our Year 6 students and staff. You would have seen a great picture of the end result of being immersed in water for four hours if you were on twitter!! Join our school twitter account, it’s free and is a great way of finding out what is happening in our school. @GSKelmscott will get you access to a new way of looking at our school.

God Bless

Gabrielle M Doyle
Principal
Religious Education & Pastoral Care

Second Sunday Lent

There was nothing exceptional about the appearance of Jesus, the former carpenter from Nazareth who had become a teacher. So it was a special moment for Peter, James and John, when they witnessed the divinity of Jesus breaking through and becoming visible.

One night, when the four of them had gone up a mountain to pray, the face of Jesus became radiant and his clothes a dazzling white. Then there came a voice from heaven, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen one; listen to Him.’ Soon the moment had passed and they were alone again with the Jesus they knew.

Our lives too are lived on different levels. There is the day-to-day round of familiar activities. Then there are moments of grace and insight that break through into our lives – when we recognise the deeper level where our lives are intertwined with the divine life of God.

This week’s Project Compassion story comes from Bolivia, one of Latin America’s least developed countries, where Caritas Australia has helped support a circus which gives an opportunity for parentless or impoverished children to work together at the circus and to learn to read and write. From participating in the circus, hundreds of children have had their lives transformed.

One of these is Raymundo, who joined the circus as a nine year old. Through his role as a clown he began to see new possibilities for his life. He has gone on to study at high school and university and is now back with the circus teaching skills to other children.

Through Project Compassion we participate in the desire of Jesus to bring about a more humane and peaceful world for people like Raymundo to live in.

Important Sacramental News
In the Archdiocese of Perth and throughout Western Australia, generally:
Children in Yr 3 make their First Reconciliation.
Children in Yr 4 receive their First Holy Communion.
Children in their final year of primary school receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

To enable forward planning, the Sacramental dates for 2013 are as follows:

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Important Term One Dates
Year 1R Prayer Service
Thursday, 28 February at 9.00am

Year 6 Reconciliation
Thursday, 7 March at 9.00am

Sacramental Commitment Masses
Sat – Sun, 9-10 March – Various Times

Year 4/5R Reconciliation
Thursday, 14 March at 9.00am

Year 4 Reconciliation
Thursday, 21 March at 9.00am

Stations of the Cross at school
Thursday, 28 March at 9.30am

Year 6 Camp Mass at Bicton
Friday, 12 April 11.00am

Good Shepherd Feast Day Mass (Church)
Friday, 19 April 9.30am

More information regarding the above dates will be issued in later newsletters.

Priest Availability
A reminder to all families that Father Andrew will continue to make himself available for parents on Thursday mornings after the liturgy (approx. 9.45 a.m. to 10.30 a.m). Parents are welcome to come along and talk about prospective baptisms or anything else that our priests could assist you with.

Birthdays
Congratulations to the following students who have celebrated their birthday leading up to this week:
Kingston Hammant, Travis Wildsmith, Monica Sharples, Eliza Bamford, Sam Perkins, Ben Foley, Jessica Stinten, Tom Stinten, Orlando Anquetil and Jessica Addison-Edgar.
Year 6 Camp Meeting
All parents of Year 6 students will need to attend a camp meeting tonight Wednesday, 27 February starting at 5pm. The meeting will be held in Ward House.

PATHS Program – Help Needed
Parent helpers are required to prepare the resources for the PATHS Program next Thursday, 7 March at 10.00am in Ward House. If you are able to assist please contact the office.

Condolences
Our condolences go to the O’Brien family on the sad loss of their mum and grandmother Moira. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Mr David Tunchon
(Assistant Principal)

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Dates to remember
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<td>Parent Sacramental Evening 6.30pm at School</td>
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Honour Certificates
Congratulations to the following students who received Honour Certificates last week: Katee Clarke, Mackenzie Scaffidi, Jacob Walker, Alessia Ricupero, Bonnie Nelson, Reem Tizani, Brody Ryan, Dylan Schofield, Rhyan Johnson, Elouise Bogoni, Addison Hopewell and Thomas Kelly.

SCHOOL FEES
School fee accounts were sent home last week and are due by Friday, 8 March. If you have an eligible Health Care Card please bring it in to the office and complete the necessary paperwork. Direct debit forms are available and can be commenced immediately. Payment of your annual fee will attract a 5% discount on the total amount if paid by the 8 March. Any queries regarding your account please make an appointment to see me. Edel Mahady, Bursar.

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Wendy Lazzari, Canteen Manager

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CANTEEN NEWS
Welcome back to Term I. The new changes to the menu this term have been a hit with the students. They have been enjoying the 99% Fruit Slushies in this hot weather and the mums have been baking a variety of muffins for recess. However, I must apologise for the Toasted Ham/Cheese Sandwich being accidently left off the Menu. It is available for $3.30 and will be updated on the winter menu. Thank you to the new mums who have volunteered their very busy time to spend some of it in the Canteen this term.

Wendy Lazzari, Canteen Manager

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KINDY ENROLMENTS 2014
Kindy interviews for 2014 will be held next term. Please make sure that if you have children of Kindergarten age (born July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) that you complete an Application for Enrolment Form a.s.a.p. (including siblings of students already at school and students in the 3 Year Old Program). There are also places available in some of the other year levels from Pre-Primary to Year 6. Please contact the school for an application form. 9495 1622

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NETBALL
Fees: Just a friendly reminder that netball fees are now due. Please see either myself or Rachel Cutri for details.

Players wanted: We are looking for more players to join our Year 3 team. If you have a child in Year 2 who turns 8 by December 31st and would like to play please give me a call on 0409 994 332.

Netball meetings: We will be meeting the 1st Monday of every month in the Science room. Please feel free to join us to discuss any issues or to give us a hand in planning for the year ahead. Any item you wish to be discussed please drop me an email so I can put it on the agenda. My email is lucyglennnm@gmail.com

Lucy McAuliffe, Co-ordinator

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Congratulations
Congratulations to the Gould Family on the safe arrival of Jake, a brother for Emjae Carr.

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Going home with today's Newsletter;
- P & F Newsletter
- Easter Raffle Flyer
GOOD SHEPHERD BUSY BEE
SATURDAY, 16 MARCH 9AM—12PM

SOME OF THE JOBS TO COMPLETE ARE;
· CREATE GARDEN BED OUTSIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD AREA
· SET UP NEW RAISED VEGETABLE GARDENS IN ORCHARD
· TIDY & UPGRADE ANIMAL PENS
· CLEAR & MAINTAIN BUSH PLAY AREA
· GENERAL GARDEN BED MAINTENANCE
· MULCH AND CLEAR XAVIER EMBANKMENT

RSVP, FOR CATERING PURPOSES, BY FRIDAY, 8 MARCH
admin@gsk.wa.edu.au
Telephone - 9495 1622

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH – Kelmscott
Parish Priest: Father Andrew Lotton
Assistant Priest: Fr Marcello Parra Gonzalez
Address: 40 Streich Avenue, Kelmscott
Telephone: 9495 1204
Fax: 9390 7949
Church Services:
Mon-Wed, Fri & Sat: 8.00 a.m.
Thursday: 6.30p.m. Mass
Wednesday: Blessed Sacrament of Adoration 8.30a.m.-10.30p.m.
Masses:
Saturday Vigil: 6.30p.m.
8.00p.m. (Neocathecumenate)
Sunday: 8.00a.m.
10.00a.m.
6.00p.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00-6.00p.m. or by appointment
Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals: By appointment

SUCCULENTS!
We are asking for donations of succulent plants for our Early Childhood garden. If you have any succulents in pots that you would like to donate please leave them in the office.

Lumen Christi Scholarships 2014
We are offering two types of Scholarships to students entering Year 7 in 2014; Academic and Music Scholarships. The deadline for registration is 8 March 2013. Please use the address below for information regarding how to apply for the 2014 Scholarships at Lumen Christi College.

Scholarships for 2014-St Brigid’s College
Examinations will be held at the College on Saturday 16th March, 2013. For further details or a scholarship application package, Please contact Pauline on 9290 4202 or guerinoni.pauline@stbrigids.wa.edu.au

FIFO MEETING
FIRST MEETING FOR THE YEAR AT THE DOME CAFE IN ARMADEALE WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 9.00AM ALL ARE WELCOME SEE YOU THERE.