Harrison Herald Newsletter

Dear Parents

The children are enjoying the new sand pit and I am sure you are seeing evidence in their shoes each afternoon. The children in Wimmera House enjoyed their treat day yesterday as they celebrated their win for the term.

On Friday the children from JPC will be doing a fundraiser for sufferers of cystic fibrosis. If the children bring in 20 cents they can get a heart shaped face painting on their cheek. It is good to support the Year 7 children in their social outreach.

Welcome back

On Monday we welcome Carly Snowden back to school following her long awaited honeymoon. Clare Addinell will also return to the ELC following her trip back to the UK to spend time with her extended family.

Netball Carnival

We have had a couple of volunteers step forward to assist on the committee for our one and only fund raiser for 2014 – the Catholic Schools Netball Carnival. We now need the names of people who will help to head up a subcommittee to organise an aspect of the carnival, be it food, sponsorship, entertainment, logistics, raffle, entries etc. Please let us know if you can help on the subcommittee.

Parish Trivia Night

Please book in for the parish trivia night on August 17 and do our school proud by taking out first place (not very competitive are we??) on the night. Please phone the parish office for table bookings on 6242 9622.

Athletic Carnival

Next Tuesday a number of our children will be representing our school at the PSSA athletics carnival to be held at the AIS. I will meet the children at the track and supervise them for the first half of the carnival before Mr Pye takes over.

Healthy Bones Breakfast

We shall host a breakfast for the whole school on the morning of Wednesday, August 21. The breakfast is to promote the idea of children consuming a healthy breakfast to begin the school day. This is a free event and all families are encouraged to come along between 7.00 and 8.30am.
Happy birthday to everyone who is celebrating their birthday this week including: Tyla Hope, Luka Seckar, Katie Millson, Samuel Barac, Leanne Evans, Alexandra Harris-Meaney, Romina Gamma, Maja Seckar, Lucian Comacchio and Jake Boundy.

Playgroup / Parents
Morning Tea
Held @ Mother Teresa School
Term 3 – 1st August, 15th August, 29th August, 12th Sept, 26th Sept
Every Second Thursday
In The ELC Playground
EVERYONE WELCOME!
9-11AM
For further information contact Esther Warton
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GOLD COIN DONATION

SCHOOL AWARDS

Preschool
Eryn Gray (Yellow Seahorses)
Lily Wickham (Blue Whales)
Mackenzie Dugdale (Purple Starfish)
Nikola Celebija (Red Jellyfish)

Kinder
Billie Huang (Aqua)
Ciara Langan (Sapphire)
Ethan Huang (Teal)
Joshua Wickham (Turquoise)

Year One:
Ruth Anil (Amber)
Elvin Rajiah (Ochre)
Oliver Markezic (Orange)
Vaughan Johns (Tangerine)

Year Two
Year 2 Classes on an Excursion (Emerald)
(Jade)
(Lime)

Year Three
Laura Trussler (Lilac)
Isabella Hodge (Violet)

Year Four/Five
Jacob Saunders (Crimson)
Jordan Sarri (Magenta)
WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS:

The Journey

The value we are focussing on this week is:

Reconciliation

At Mother Teresa we will journey and follow in God’s way by living our life in a true and authentic way by:

- Taking responsibility for our actions
- Considering others’ points of view
- Pausing, reflecting
- Saying sorry
- Rebuilding damaged relationships

YEAR 3 PRECIOUS MEMORIES MASS

Holy Spirit Church
Saturday 3rd August @ 6pm
Sunday 4th August @ 9:30am & 5:30pm

All families are welcome and encouraged to come along and celebrate Mass together with the Parish.

sacraments

Please pray for our Year 3 students who are currently preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Focus Assembly

Kinder Aqua will be presenting their Focus Assembly @ 2pm on Wednesday 7th August. All family and friends are welcome to come along and lend their support.

St Mary of the cross mckillop

The 8th August is the feast day of Saint Mary MacKillop who, in 2010, became Australia’s first saint. Mary was born in Melbourne, Victoria in 1842. Her parents were both from Scotland. When Mary was 18 she went to work as a teacher in Penola, a small town in South Australia, where she met Father Julian Tenison Woods. Both Mary and Father Julian wanted to do something for children whose parents could not afford to send them to school. Together, in 1866, they began the first St Joseph’s School in an old stable. Two of Mary’s younger sisters also taught in the school. Many young women joined Mary in her work for the poor, and so began the Sisters of St Joseph. The Sisters opened schools in many isolated places where they educated the poor and served them in many other ways. Their unselfish work won the respect of many people.

Some priests and other people were not happy with the way Mother Mary the work and life of the Sisters and tried to interfere. This caused Mother Mary great suffering but her life was lived with great faith in God. She always showed courage and strength to stand up for what she believed was right and fair. One of her mottos was ‘Never see a need without doing something about it.’ Her simple life was lived in a way that provides inspiration for ordinary people world today. Mary MacKillop died in Sydney on August 8 in 1909.

Peace and Best Wishes.
Anne Leet (Religious Education Co-ordinator)
What a wonderful and busy week everyone has had. Take a look at what they have been up to:

The Green Turtles have started the term with a blast! We have been reading lots of space stories and finding out lots of interesting things about space. We can’t wait to start making rockets, spaceships, planets and maybe even some aliens. The children have also been keen to practise their writing and Mrs Blyth is amazed at how clever they are.

The Blue Whales explored some more aspects of Aboriginal culture. Everyone listened to Aboriginal music and had fun using the tapping sticks. Mrs Howell read two Aboriginal stories and some children made flags. We went for a walk to the other side of the oval and collected sticks. This was one of our favourite activities of the day. The children have started their weaving frames using the sticks.

In the Yellow Seahorses we have been preparing all the activities for our dress up day. We spent some time cooking lots and lots of muffins, and preparing some games. We have also decorated our shoes so they sparkle and danced to some music. There has been a number of correspondence happening between the children and the fairies. We have asked them lots of questions which they have responded to. It is great to see the children writing so small and making their own envelopes. The fairies have asked us to make them some clothes, we will be exploring sewing and how to make fairy clothes. The children are still keen to ride the go kart around our outside area. They take it in turns and try new tricks.

The Red Jellyfish have been making more toys for their toy store. They had a vote on which colour to paint the door and what to call the toy store. The children painted the toy store door with a rainbow of colours, added a sign, door knocker, and a bell to alert the shopkeeper that someone had walked into the store. The children had a look at some of the animal groups on the Animal Planet website. We discovered that worms have their own group as they are different to all the other animals on our planet. We looked at which mammals are Mammals, Amphibians and Arachnids too. The children will soon be going on an excursion to the National Zoo and Aquarium to explore animal habitats.

This week in the purple starfish we have made our pirate ship and have enjoyed playing with it. We read a funny pirate story which the treasure was socks! This lead us to wonder what we would place in our own treasure chest...loads of chocolate seemed to be the main treasure. We are planning to make some treasure maps next week, so if you have any old maps could you bring them in to share please. They could be theme park maps, road maps or country maps. Our princess area is also developing, we sorted real and story book princess and have begun making a castle.

Thank you for your continued support,
Janene Sadler and the ELC Team
Week 5, Term 3 (19th-23rd of Aug) is Book Week all across Australia! A time when we Celebrate the wonderful shortlisted books, and of course dress up. This year’s theme is ‘Read Across the Universe’. We would love the children to dress up and would also like to give you plenty of notice. Be creative and come dressed as your favourite space related character or simply come dressed as a character from a book. Enjoy planning your costume.

We have lots of things planned during this week including craft activities, parades, 2 special performances, and a book fair! More detailed information will come soon……..
This week we have continued learning about “Negotiating”. The staff and children have been discussing ways and things we can negotiate at school. They include: deciding on what game or activity to play at lunchtime and recess, negotiating decisions in sporting games at lunchtime and recess and negotiating a whole class reward for our social skills coins.

Our slogan is:

**PLAY IT STRAIGHT, NEGOTIATE!**

**Do’s**

- Decide what we need (What would you like… I would like…).
- Think about what the other person might want too.
- Pick a good time to talk.
- Make your request, pointing out how the other person will get something that they want too.
- Compromise: getting partly what you want is better than not getting anything.
- Use kind words and a friendly tone of voice.
- If the other person won’t agree to what you want, accept that. You won’t always get what you want.
- Keep your side of the bargain.

**Don’ts**

- Don’t ask at an inconvenient time (e.g. when the other person is busy or talking to someone else).
- Don’t use grizzly, whingeing, or demanding voice.
- Don’t threaten, sulk, insult or get angry if you don’t get what you want.
- Don’t take it out on others (eg. don’t yell, don’t put your hands on your hips and don’t pull faces)

**Weekly Challenge:**
Interview your child and negotiate the following scenario with them: Your child asks you if they can have a play at a friends house after school. They also need to do their afternoon jobs: Clean their room and do their homework. Negotiate this scenario with your child and email me your response. brendon.pye@cg.catholic.edu.au

Response from last weeks challenge: As a family make individual selections on a meal for the weekend. Take turns to share you selection. As a family negotiate and agree on a solution.
- The Pye Household had 3 different selections for Saturday night dinner. Chloe Pye wanted mother’s milk, Mrs Pye wanted a pasta meal and Mr Pye wanted Chinese (Mee Sing Lyneham– the best Chinese in Canberra). As family we negotiated that Chloe would have mother’s milk, Mr and Mrs Pye would have a pasta meal and Mr Pye got to choose the drink to have at dinner. We also decided that next weekend we would have Chinese and Mrs Pye would get to choose the drink to have at dinner.

**Click on the link below for negotiating tips/ideas for parents:**
http://www.sheknows.com/parenting/articles/832755/teaching-your-kids-different-types-of-deal-making

Many Thanks
Brendon Pye
MATHS – CHEEKY CHALLENGE

NUMBER SHAPES

Here is the next Maths Cheeky Challenge... Go for it Mathematicians!!

Your Challenge:

♦ Your next mathematical challenge is to create some fantastic number shapes. These are shapes that have a number in the middle and the numbers in the corners, that when added together, will equal the middle number.
♦ The numbers in the corners can be different numbers as long as they add up to the middle number.

Cheeky Challenge:

♦ Instead of putting different numbers in the corners try to find one number that can be added multiple times.

PROCEDURE:

1. Draw a shape.

2. Write a number in the centre.

3. Write one number in each of the corners (either the same number or different numbers).

4. Check that the numbers in the corners add up to the number in the centre.

OTHER EXAMPLES

5 + 5 + 5 + 5 = 20

PARENTS:

This challenge focuses on:

♦ problem solving
♦ operations + - x ÷
♦ trial and error
♦ number patterns
♦ place value

Mr Lowe and I would love to see and share your hard work!!!
We will publish your Maths Cheeky Challenge answers in next week’s newsletter!!

Remember to keep sending in those challenge solutions.
Email Miss Jeffries: brooke.jeffries@cg.catholic.edu.au
Congratulations and thank you to those children who have completed the Cheeky Challenge. Check out their masterful ideas!!
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