Harrison Herald Newsletter

Dear Parents

The excellent attendance at last evening’s meeting was very pleasing to see. At Mother Teresa we value parents as partners in this endeavour we call education. If you were unable to attend the meeting last night then each class teacher has prepared a detailed hand out of the information covered in their presentation.

Parish Assembly

The Holy Spirit faith community will have a Parish Assembly on Sunday March 6th. Please consider attending this meeting that shall begin after the 9:30am Mass. Further details will be published in the newsletter closer to the date.

Car Parking

Thank you for your patience regarding parking at Mother Teresa. I wish to make a couple of reminders:
- The kiss and go line in the morning is a no parking zone. This lane is for parents who do not get out of their vehicles but drop their children off or collect them from the car line.
- Please do not park on the footpath near the exit. Parked cars obstruct vision of drivers leaving the car park.
- We are negotiating with the ACT Government for a temporary crossing on Wimmera Street. We are hoping to prepare a temporary car park behind the bin room asap.

Swimming Carnival and Family Picnic

The K – Year 3 Swimming Carnival will be held at Dickson Pool on Friday March 4. There will be an opportunity for families to order a sausage, drink and icy pole for lunch at the carnival. Notes will be sent home next week.

On Friday evening at 6pm we shall hold a welcome picnic in the school grounds. Bring along a rug and some dinner and meet some new members of the school community.

Opening School Mass

Last Sunday at the 9.30am Mass, the staff from our three parish schools gathered with parish community to celebrate the start of the school year. It was great to see so many Mother Teresa students, families and staff attend this celebration.
The Australian Curriculum at Mother Teresa School

Over the last few years there has been an enormous amount of work done to produce ‘The Australian Curriculum’. Teaching professionals from all states and jurisdictions have come together to contribute to and analyse this curriculum. ‘The Australian Curriculum’ sets out learning for Australian children from Foundation (Kindergarten) to Year 10. The first phase of this document was released in December 2010 and includes English, Mathematics, Science and History. Further subject areas continue to be developed and will be added over the next two years. One of the most exciting aspects of this new national curriculum is that it is an ‘online’ curriculum. This allows it to be constantly updated and to be a user friendly tool that both guides and informs teacher’s work. During 2011 Canberra primary schools will focus on the implementation of English and Science. In 2012 the focus will be on Mathematics and History; with professional conversation and understandings being developed in all subject areas as they are released. The K-3 teachers of Mother Teresa will be trialling English and Science from ‘The Australian Curriculum’ this year and have also elected to trial Mathematics where appropriate to their units of work. Please take a look at ‘The Australian Curriculum’ through its user friendly website www.australiancurriculum.edu.au.

Parish Assembly
Sunday March 6th
After 9:30am Mass to 3:30pm

The aim of the assembly is to gather your thoughts, ideas, gifts and enthusiasm - to empower each person in the Parish to be involved in building our community.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. So if you are:
- involved in the Parish in any way
- have children or are a teacher at one of the schools in the Parish
- are new to the Parish

you are invited. Your contribution is valuable!

To register your interest, forms will be available in the foyer of the church in the coming weeks.

Playgroup/Parents Morning Tea

Parents Morning Tea/Playgroup during Term 1 will be held on:
- 3 March
- 17 March
- 31 March
- 14 April

from 9.00am in the Courtyard area at Mother Teresa. If you would like further information please contact Kristie Leehmuis on 0418 294170 or by email at krispy22269@live.com.au. Everyone welcome.

Birthdays

Madeleine Sadleir, Angus Paton, Allira Sarris, Jessica Cousins, Ryleigh Barton, Natalie Sture and Jake Thorpe

Awards

Kinder: Marcus Dwyer, Isabella Ciampa, Jack Evans, Sophia Carton, Emily Patmore and William Greenberger
Year One: Emily O’Mahoney, Riley O’Grady, Tayla Marando, Kaden Murray
Year Two: Nicholas Verco and Willem Hudson Tielens
Year Three: Jake Thorpe and Madeline Dooley
WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS:
The whole school focus aims to provide additional opportunities for students to be inspired by God’s love and learn about the example Jesus showed us. Our focus this year is:

This term our focus is:

Help Us Grow in responsibility to ourselves

FOCUS ASSEMBLY
Year 1 Orange will be presenting their prayer focus assembly @ 9:05am on Wednesday 23rd February. All families and friends are welcome!

Dear Parents
Welcome to the start of another school year which we hope will be a rewarding year for everyone in our school community. Please Note: All persons mentioned in the following story are not meant, in any way, to refer to actual people; well, there might be some glimpses of real people.

“When Mrs Carling arrived for her daughter’s parent-teacher meeting, the teacher appeared to be a little flustered, especially when she started to tell Mrs Carling that her little girl didn’t always pay attention in class and, at times, was a little flighty. ‘For example, sometimes she’ll do the wrong page in her workbook,’ explained the teacher, ‘and I’ve even found her sitting at the wrong desk.’

‘I don’t understand any of that,’ replied Mrs Carling defensively. ‘Where could she have got that from?’

The teacher went on to assure Mrs Carling that her daughter was still doing fine at school and was a courteous and likeable little girl. ‘By the way, Mrs Carling, our appointment was for tomorrow’.

Author unknown.

God, our Father, bless us, so that Your Spirit within us will give us a common bond as together we take responsibility for the well-being of Your gift of creation to us. We ask for strength and determination to create more space in our lives for You, so that by the example of our lives, our children will be inspired to follow Your ways.

Peace and best wishes
Anne Leet (REC)
Indonesian at Mother Teresa 2011

At Mother Teresa we are very excited to be able to introduce LOTE – Indonesian into our Primary curriculum this year. Personally I am thrilled to be teaching Indonesian. During Indonesian lessons the children will develop knowledge, skills and confidence in the basics of the Indonesian language as well as an awareness of the Indonesian culture. Teaching and learning activities will be stimulating and will provide opportunities for the children to develop, consolidate and extend their knowledge and skills from one year to the next.
Learning the language and the culture will be made simple, interesting and fun so that the children will enjoy their Indonesian lessons as well as more effectively remember and apply what they have learnt. Hopefully as your child/ren’s skills develop they will be able to share with you what they are learning at school and as a family you can celebrate their achievements and you may even enjoy attempting to converse in Indonesian.

GUNGAHLIN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB (SOCCER) REGISTRATION

This year you can register online or in person on registrations days. It is preferred that as many players as possible attempt to register online to reduce the impact on the club. To avoid confusion and disappointment, the club has decided that players will not be allocated to their team until their registration fee has been paid in full. The Gungahlin United Football Club website is http://gungahlinunitedfc.org.au

To register in person please come to the registration day on **Sunday 20 February, 10am to 2pm** at Burgmann Anglican School Gym, The Valley Avenue Gungahlin, ACT. GUFC committee members will assist you to register online and you can pay online or by cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS in person.


If you have problems please call the support line on (02) 8020 4199 or attend one of the registration days.
This week in the ELC the children have been continuing to settle well, displaying lots of confidence in their new routines. There are friendships forming within the individual classes and throughout the ELC as the classes play together outside.
The children’s interests and ideas are starting to emerge in their questioning and play, we are also getting to know their characters and personalities, which is great fun! If there are any ideas and interests that your children discuss at home it would be wonderful to hear them, we can then incorporate these into our programmes.
Thank you for your continued support,

The ELC Staff
CONNECT TO THE JOY OF PARENTING

1 - 2- 3 Magic and Emotion Coaching
This course will give you insights and skills needed to

Build a positive relationship with your children
Learn how to manage children’s difficult behaviour
Discover what works and how to have more harmony in your family
Support your children to manage their own behaviour
Be less stressed and have more fun with your family and enjoy your children as they grow and develop into cooperative, considerate and confident children.

This course is offered 3 hours per week over a 3 week period.

Date: Wednesday 16 March 2011
Time: 6 - 9 pm
Venue: 57 Hicks Street (corner Nuyts and Hicks Streets)
        RED HILL
Fee: $50 Fee includes course materials and morning tea.
     Concessions available.
Contact: Gayle 61626159

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
On behalf of your Community Council I would like to welcome back all ‘old’ parents and to offer a very warm welcome to all new parents of Mother Teresa School (MT).

Your Community Council (CC) is made up in the following structure.

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Also making up the CC is Mick Lowe (Principal), Claire Addinell (Teacher's Rep), Cherie Kelly (ex-Officio) and Fr Mark (Parish Rep).

Our first task for 2011 is to form the sub committees. All contact details for CC members is accessible in the CC section of the MT website (found under Parents) along with a short description of the roles of each CC member. I invite you to peruse this info to assist you in deciding if there is any sub committee that you may wish to get involved with. If you require more information please contact me or the relevant chair of the sub committee of interest. Details of meetings to form sub committees are below. All are welcome at any of these meetings if you wish to either join the sub committee or to find out more information.

**Building/Facilities** 7:30pm Wed 2 March 2011  Raiders Club  
(RSVP Antonio.Fabrizio@act.gov.au)

**Fund Raising** 4:00pm Sunday 20 Feb 2011  Café Connect  
(RSVP trudy.thorpe@defence.gov.au)

**Grants Submissions** 7:00pm Thurs 3 March 2011  Café Connect  
(RSVP brett.bettiol@defence.gov.au)

**Parent Liaison** 7:30pm Tuesday 22 Feb 2011  Raiders Club (Coffee Lounge)  
(RSVP kllsteinman@bigpond.com)

It is not how much we do,  
but how much love we put in the doing.  
It is not how much we give,  
but how much love we put in the giving

**Do small things with great love**

Mike Whyte  
Chairman  
Mother Teresa School Community Council  
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