Dear Parents

The reports for all children will be posted home this Friday and should reach homes early next week. I have included a letter with each report outlining the purpose of the report and the grading scales used by all teachers.

Staff Changes
It is with a heavy heart that we farewell two very important staff members at the end of next week. Deb Hoffman will be moving back home to Newcastle following her husband’s retirement from the Air Force. I thank Deb for her work in the ELC and in the primary school over the last 4 years. Deb has been a great help to our school and a tireless worker. Both Deb and Peter will be missed.

Katy Smith has taken leave for the rest of this year to spend time with her family in Lismore following the loss of her father. Katy has been with us for 18 months and she is an inspirational teacher. We will all miss Katy very much and wish her every success in the coming years.

Interviews for Katy’s position will take place next week and this will enable an appropriate handover from Katy to the new teacher.

Parish Trivia Night
Get your thinking caps on as the Trivia Night for the parish will happen on August 17 at the Good Shepherd hall. Get a table together to uphold the traditions of MTS as we try to take out this night.

Cyber Safety Night
The crowd of about 40 parents enjoyed the presentation on Tuesday evening as we listened to Jane from the AFP and James from Microsoft. They spoke about how we can keep safe while enjoying the benefits of the digital world. Their presentation was informative and well placed. My thanks to Craig Hart for his work in organising the evening.
School Uniform and Property Labelling

A reminder that Mother Teresa School does not have a lost property bin/room. Please ensure that all personal property is clearly labelled with your child’s first and surname. Every effort is made to return property to the children. This is made much easier if ALL items are clearly labelled.

Many jumpers/jackets/hats etc accidentally go home with the wrong owner. Could you please check that your child has brought home his/her own jumper/hat/lunch box etc.

Mrs Betts currently has a pair of child’s glasses that have been found. They are a blue/green metal frame and so far we have been unable to track the owner.

Happy birthday to everyone who is celebrating their birthday this week including Maddie Betts, Owen Kelly, Ashley Saunders, Emma Gaskin, Zali Hoare and Jamie Cadiz.

Preschool
Bianca Rancevic (Yellow Seahorses)
William Stubbs (Blue Whales)
Luka Seckar (Purple Starfish)
Bryanna Vaderzil (Green Turtles)

Kinder
Emma Millsom (Aqua)
Prudence Harlock (Sapphire)
Jack Fraser (Teal)
Grace Barber (Turquoise)

Year One:
Madison Gudgeon (Amber)
Natalie Sture (Ochre)
Jacob Keogh (Orange)
Sean Morris (Tangerine)

Year Two
Isabelle Muller (Emerald)
Charlotte Hebda (Jade)
Lindsay Tran (Lime)

Year Three
Taryn Addinell (Lilac)
Olivia Norman (Violet)

Year Four/Five
Jake Thorpe (Crimson)
Krystal Whyte (Magenta)
WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS:

The Journey

The value we are focussing on for the this week is:

Courage

- Do the right thing, even if others are not.
- Bravely deal with your daily challenges.
- Do not give into negative peer pressure.
- Face your fears and work to overcome them.
- Admit your mistakes and learn from them.
- Tell the truth regardless of the consequences.
- Be willing to try new things, even if you might fail.

FIRST EUCHELIST & RECONCILIATION

Commitment & Enrolment Mass

Enrolments will only be accepted through the parish at Mass.

6.00pm Saturday 29 June or
9.30am Sunday 30 June or 5.30pm

Held at Holy Spirit Parish Church, Burdekin Ave, Amaroo

As part of your child’s commitment they will bring their enrolment form forward during the Mass. Enrolment forms were made available at the Information Sessions. Please staple a copy of your child’s baptism certificate to the enrolment form.

Could all payment envelopes please be sent to the classroom teacher at Mother Teresa School. Thankyou!

The Church has been described as people called together in order to share Jesus' love. There is no better way for this to occur than through sharing the Eucharist. Each year a new group of young people do exactly this for the first time when they receive their First Holy Communion.

Like Baptism, the reception of the Eucharist brings us into a closer association with God. Each time we receive the Eucharist we become continually formed to the likeness of Christ. Nourished with Christ we become Christ for others. We become Eucharistic people whose lives are centred on and flow from Christ.

When loved ones have to leave each other, what usually happens, besides hugs, kisses and tears, is that they exchange something of themselves such as a photo or a friendship ring or a locket of hair. There is a certain symbolism associated with this exchange which says, "When you touch this, you’re touching me and somehow we’re together."

This is what Jesus did when He knew He was going to die and leave His friends. He wanted to leave something precious of Himself so that His friends and the Church - us - could really feel that He's here amongst us. At the Last Supper when Jesus said, «This is My Body ... This is My Blood ... Do this in remembrance of Me", He didn't do it because of His own need to be remembered, He did it because of His friends and our need to remember Him. In His love for us Jesus left a very special way to remember Him, the Eucharist. Clement of Alexandria, who lived in the 3rd Century, beautifully compares the union of ourselves and Jesus in the Eucharist, as two pieces of wax being fused together.

Some parishes have a custom that takes place after the Consecration when the priest asks the First Communicants to proclaim the mystery of faith; they do so in a unique and vital way. The children extend their right hand toward the newly consecrated bread and wine and declare, "This is the Body of Christ". Then they put their right hand onto their chest and repeat, "This is the Body of Christ". Next, they extend both arms towards one another and the congregation in the main section of the Church and say, "We are the Body of Christ" to which the congregation responds in turn by declaring, "We are the Body of Christ".

Through this ritual a distinct message is conveyed about why we gather, who we are and what we are for. We proclaim that Jesus, who is always with us, is present to us in an intensified manner when we gather in His name. The proclamation that, "We are the Body of Christ" reminds us that we are the ones who are to take Christ to the world in which we live our life.

On First Communion Day we see our children take a new step in faith, as they share Communion with us for the first time. We are their first teachers in the ways of faith. No matter who says what, unless our children sense our faith they will not absorb faith. The faith we hand on will be their strength through life. Teachers and priests cannot plant faith in the hearts of our children if we don’t.

If we have not been quite up to the mark in this regard, we might take advantage of a First Communicant in our family, who is commencing a life long adventure of being Christ’s hands and feet and heart and mind, to renew our enthusiasm for doing the same.

"Jesus, when we are united in the Eucharist, inspire me to be bold with my life and to carry to others Your message of love, care and forgiveness.
Amen."

Peace and Best Wishes
Anne Leet REC
Wow, didn’t the Red Jellyfish do well with their assembly! It is always wonderful for the children to share everything they have been doing in the class with the rest of the school. The children did really well with their Superhero project and the movie they made was fantastic! A huge ‘thank you’ to all the parents and friends who supported the children at the assembly.

This week we have had a visit by Nowaste. The educators talked to the children about the importance of recycling as much as we can. They discussed which items should be recycled and which had to go to landfill. The children also helped sort a big bag of 'rubbish'.

Now what has been happening in the classrooms:
The Yellow Seahorses are really looking forward to their bike day on Thursday, after they postponed it due to adverse weather on Tuesday. Their licenses are all finished and ready to be worn and the children have been painting road signs, and planning a route for their cycle track. They have also been focussing on NRL this week after their week of AFL. They have been practising their passing and try scoring, and the children are really looking forward to their footy day next week. If you would prefer that your child does not eat the footy food that will be provided, please speak with the class staff and ensure you pack a lunch for that day.

There was a very unusual smell emanating from the kitchen last Thursday as the Green Turtles were melting beads for the sun catchers. This followed on from the stained glass windows that they made the previous week. The sun catchers look beautiful on the windows and catch the sun as it shines through. The children have also enjoyed making butterflies as part of their caterpillar life cycle project. On Friday the children explored yellow slime and red flubber which they made, it felt very unusual!

This week the Blue Whales have designed and made their own pizzas. The children chose their toppings, made, cooked and then eat their pizzas, and they were delicious. They also had a get together with their buddies, Kinder Sapphire. They watched two movies and had some popcorn. The children all really enjoyed it.

The Purple Starfish have been planning, designing and making a rocket ship for Mrs Bruce to display in the library during book week. Firstly they looked at the designs for different rocket ships, then they discussed how and what materials they should use to make it. Finally, when they had a plan they could all agree on, they set about making it. They came up against a few problems whilst they were making it, so they had to look for solutions to their problems. Finally when it was made, they had to find the right colour to paint it. They tried mixing lots of different colours before they came upon the correct shade of blue. The finished product is now drying, and waiting to be moved up to the library to be displayed.

And finally, as well and practising and performing a wonderful assembly the Red Jellyfish have been asking questions about animals and insects. They discovered that a butterfly is an insect, but that insects are part of the animal kingdom. The children have done some animal clay modelling and have also made some animal collage with animal print paper.

What a busy week the children have had. Thank you for your continued support,

Clare Addinell and the ELC Team
This week the children have continued to learn about Peacefully Resolving Disagreements. In each class the teachers have been talking about the power of I... Statements when peacefully resolving disagreements. I... Statements are very useful when you are bothered by what someone else is doing. They are a way for you to tell the other person without getting into a disagreement. I...Statements state what you are thinking, how you are feeling and why you feel that way.

Here are some I... statement sentences starters that can help solve disagreements peacefully.

- I feel…
- I would appreciate it if…
- I think we need to…
- I expect…
- I thought you said…
- I guess I misunderstood you…
- I would like it very much if…
- I wish…

**Challenge:**
Interview your child/children and ask them to change the following statements into I... statements. Email your child’s/children’s responses to brendon.pye@cg.catholic.edu.au

“you make me so mad” “you are a cheat” “you don’t care about me” “be quiet and do as you are told” “stop bossing me around” “get out of my way” “get out of my room” “stop following me around”

Also have a challenge and see if your child/children can use I... statements when resolving disagreements at home. Practising this at home can further enhance your child's/children's conflict resolution skills.

*At Mother Teresa we ...*
*Talk It Out Together*

I would like to thank Mr Hart and Mrs Maher for doing a great job while I was on paternity leave. Also a big thank you to the school community for your support and kind wishes during my time away. I feel so lucky to be teaching at this amazing school. Kind Regards

Brendon Pye
MATHS – CHEEKY CHALLENGE
EXPLORING SYMMETRY

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

Your challenge:
Use the poly plug frames to record patterns. These patterns could be:

- Number patterns—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30...
- Letter patterns—ABABABABABABA...
- Shape or colour patterns— ★★★★★★ ★★★★★★ ★★★★★★ ★★★★★★...
- One or two or three step problems—(x2 +1) 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 2, 23...

Your next challenge:
Create a pattern where a family member or friend has to guess the pattern/rule and then continue the pattern. For example—4, 8, 12, __, __, 24, 28...

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!!
Email Miss Jeffries: brooke.jeffries@cg.catholic.edu.au
Remember to keep sending in those challenge solutions.

PARENTS:
This challenge focuses on:
- addition facts beyond 10
- addition facts to 10
- counting
- division
- group (or skip) counting
- mathematical conversation
- multiplication
- odd & even numbers

PARENTS:
This challenge focuses on:
- pattern generalisation
- pattern interpretation
- pattern recognition
- problem solving
- recording - written
- subtraction
- writing numerals
Here are your poly plug frames to print. Happy creating and sharing!!!

Go for it Mathematicians!!!
Congratulations and thank you to those children who have completed the Cheeky Challenge for weeks three and four. Check out their masterful ideas!!
Tournament Of Minds Spontaneous Challenge

Either work on your own or with your family to solve the following challenge.

Your challenge:
- List all the places you can think of that you would expect to find keys or list all the different types of keys you can.
- List all the people you can think of who use keys and why.
- Take three minutes to brainstorm and develop your answers.
- Take one minute to share your answers with others.
Mother Teresa Cheerleaders

On Sunday 23 June 2013, 27 students from Kinder to Year 5 competed in a cheerleading competition. The girls competed against other schools and clubs from Canberra and Goulburn. Mother Teresa entered 2 teams, Mini Blue stars and Blue stars. The girls were amazing and dazzled the judges to place 3rd for the Minis (which are first time cheerleaders) and 2nd for Blue stars. All their hard work and extra training really paid off. Both teams showed great spirit and were a reflection of the wonderful community we have here at Mother Teresa School. A big thank you goes out to the parents for all their help and support. A special mention to Mrs Hueston who has become our biggest supporter, listening and watching our training sessions and turning up to the competition for extra support! The girls appreciate it more then she will ever know.
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RSVP BY: Monday 24 June 2013 to Amy Tulloh on 6162 5800
or email amy.tulloh@marymead.org.au
To download the programme go to marymead.org.au/events
A light lunch will be provided and children are more than welcome