Harrison Herald Newsletter

Dear Parents

If there was any event that reminds me of our motto in action it was the working bee held last Saturday. This was the only working bee I have ever attended that the work was all completed 45 minutes before the end time. All weeding was completed by 10.15pm and we were not scheduled to finish until 11.00am. I wish to thank all the parents, grandparents, staff and children for helping with the working bee. Much was achieved in a short time and the school is looking fantastic. Matt from Meticulous Gardens will complete the makeover with mulching this weekend.

Staffing News

Many of you will be aware that our Assistant Principal, Cherie Kelly, left us for 3 terms last year to undertake some important work with the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers in the ACT. Cherie has been widely recognised for her work with ACT TQI and has been offered a once in a life time opportunity to work with a National Institution to roll out teacher certification across Australia. Sadly this will mean we will lose Cherie for the next three terms. We have advertised for an Acting Assistant Principal to start at MTS in Term 2. While we shall miss Cherie, she has been presented with an opportunity too good to miss.

Ride2 School day

Friday is ride2 school day and we will meet in the Moonlight Ave Park and Mullion Park at 8.15 on Friday for our trip to school. Parents are most welcome to join us for the ride.

Palm Sunday

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and Kinders and their families are invited to attend the parish Mass on Sunday at 9.30 at Holy Spirit Church. We are looking forward to a great roll up.

Wild, Wild, West Party

It is only two weeks until our community function on Saturday April 6. Preparations are in full swing and it should be a terrific night! Information and ticket details are included in the newsletter.

Holy Week Times

- Tuesday 26 March: 7:00pm Second Rite Reconciliation (Holy Spirit)
- Thursday 28 March: 7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper (Holy Spirit)
- Good Friday: 11:00am Stations of the Cross (Holy Spirit)
- Friday 29 March: 11:00am Stations of the Cross (Holy Spirit)
- 3:00pm Passion Liturgy (Holy Spirit)

Please bring flowers to lay at the foot of the Cross

Easter Mass Times

- Saturday 30 March: 7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass
- Easter Sunday: Mass (Holy Spirit)
- Sunday 31 March: 8:00am Mass (St Francis Xavier, Hall)
- 8:30am Mass (Holy Spirit)
- 9:30am Mass (Holy Spirit)
- 5:30pm Mass (Holy Spirit)

... Just For Fun

(or Another DAD Joke)

How do you make a sculpture of an elephant?

Get a big lump of rock and chip away all the bits that DON’T look like an elephant.
Happy birthday to everyone celebrating their birthday this week including Angus Nelson, Sophi Rodda, Charlotte Jimmieson, Talia Moustakas, Michael Paragali, James Watt, Joey Skein, Riley Keogh, Amelia Shelley, Emily Shelley, Jasmine Kyaw, Ruby Fakhouri and Ayan Malik. Have a great day.

Each child has received an envelope today which contains a card with their individual log in details and a letter with additional information about LIFE. If you are experiencing any difficulties please let your class teacher know.

Can you help sort and distribute Hot Cross Buns next Monday, 25 March. Assistance is needed from 1:00pm to collect the buns from Bakers Delight, sort and deliver to the classrooms. If you can help out please contact Kelly Ciampa on 0431 489 884. Thankyou.

Preschool
Shinay Buckley (Yellow Seahorses)
Oliver Stepanek (Blue Whales)
Samuel Vrkic (Purple Starfish)
Keira Larkham (Green Turtles)
Kinder
Hayden Greenwood (Aqua)
Isabella Schram (Sapphire)
Isabella Glavinic (Teal)
Mikaylah Rawson-Donnelly (Turquoise)
Year One:
Joshua Dawes (Amber)
Alex Rose (Ochre)
Amelia Marangoni (Orange)
Jackson Ramage (Tangerine)
Year Two
Jessica Fairless (Emerald)
Matteo Vardanega (Jade)
Owen Craft (Lime)
Year Three
Brianna Mears-Smith (Lilac)
Riley O’Grady (Violet)
Year Four/Five
Claire Brooker (Crimson)
Samuel Freire (Magenta)
WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS: The Journey

**Fairness**

Is the value we are focussing on for the next two weeks.

Thank you to Mrs Maher and 2 Jade for a fabulous focus assembly. The song they sang had a terrific message that was -

At Mother Teresa we show fairness when:

- Every person gets the same opportunity
- take turns and follow all the rules.
- Showing fairness is the honest thing to do.
- Being fair is showing justice and equality.

Today which also happens to be ‘Harmony Day’ we had some students from Mother Teresa School sharing and caring with those who are less fortunate.

Bianca Jukovic, Bianca and Sienna Di Iulio, Ava Au, Jacob Korab & Lucas Johnson attended the ‘Care & Share’ food assistance program at Barnardo’s.

‘Well done & great job kids!’

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Thank you to all those families who have contributed in so many ways to our Lenten fundraising this term. It goes to show the generosity and deep empathy our students and families show towards those who are less fortunate.

Please encourage your child to bring in their Project Compassion boxes as they fill them. Preferably by next Thursday!

Last week we raised $654.00 a grand total so far of over $2087.25 for Project Compassion!

Fabulous effort everyone!

**KINDER FAMILY MASS**

All families, especially our Kinder families are invited to attend the first Family Mass for this year. The students will participate in the entrance procession **Mass will be celebrated at Holy Spirit Church this Sunday 24thMarch @ 9:30am**. There will be a morning tea held after the 9:30 Sunday Mass. Please bring a plate to share. We look forward to seeing you all there!

**PALM SUNDAY**

It’s difficult to believe that Palm Sunday is only a matter of days away. This Sunday, Holy Week begins with the celebration of Palm Sunday when we recall Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem to the praise of a crowd that placed palm branches in his path (a custom of the time used to welcome visiting kings). The joyous opening of the Palm Sunday celebration, though, is short lived, as we realise through the reading of the Gospel that Jesus’ passion and death are close at hand.

Your children will be learning much about these events next week, so it might be a worthwhile idea to have a chat to them. You may be surprised at how much they know and sometimes, with the little ones in particular, the amazing spin they put on these momentous events.

At Mother Teresa school our Holy Week celebrations will be held on **Thursday 28th March**. I’m sure parents, grandparents and special friends would love to join in. After we return there will be the celebration of the triumphant Resurrection on Tuesday 2nd April. Again all are welcome!

**A REFLECTION**

A priest was sitting at his desk by the window composing a sermon on Providence when he heard something that sounded like an explosion. Soon he saw people running to and fro in a panic and discovered that a dam had burst, the river was in spate and the people were being evacuated.

The priest saw the water begin to rise in the street below. He had some difficulty suppressing his own rising sense of panic but he said to himself, “Here I am preparing a sermon about Providence and I am being given an occasion to practice what I preach. I shall not flee with the rest. I shall stay right here and trust in the providence of God to save me.

By the time the water reached his window a boat full of people came by. “Jump in, Father,” they shouted. “Ah no, my children,” said Father confidently. “I trust in the providence of God to save me.”

Father did climb to the roof, however, and when the water got up there another boatload of people went by, urging Father to join them. Again he refused. This time he climbed to the top of the belfry. When the water came up to his knees an officer in a motorboat was sent to rescue him. “No thank you officer, said Father, with a calm smile. “I trust in God, you see. God will never let me down.”

When Father drowned and went to heaven the first thing he did was to complain to God. “I trusted you! Why did you do nothing to save me?”

“Well,” said God. “I did send three boats, you know.”

Anthony de Mello

Peace and Best Wishes
Anne Leet *(Religious Education Co-ordinator)*
HOLY WEEK LITURGY
Thursday 28th March & Tuesday 2nd April

This year the students at Mother Teresa will be presenting their interpretation of various aspects of the Holy Week Celebrations which will be enacted by the children. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to come along and view the various liturgies. Everyone is required to come dressed in clothes appropriate for their liturgy. Parents please ensure your child has the appropriate costume or ‘Jesus’ clothes to wear. Students will not be required to ‘dress-up’ on the Tuesday to present the Resurrection Liturgy.

Who: - Kinder /ELC
What: - Palm Sunday
When: - 9:10
Where: - Hall

Who: - Year 3
What: - Washing Feet & Last Supper
When: - 10:15 before lunch
Where: - Hall

Who: - Year 2
What: - The Garden & The Arrest
When: - 12:15
Where: - Hall

Who: - Year 4/5
What: - Crucifixion
When: - 12:50
Where: - Hall

Tuesday 2nd April

Who: - Year 1
What: - Resurrection
When: - 10:30
Where: - Hall
Below are some suggestions for what your child can wear as clothes worn by the people in Jesus’ time.

- Simply wearing a tea-towel over the head with a cord around the forehead and tied at the back.
- The old fashion styled dressing gown with a cord around the tummy.
- Old sheet draped and tied so that it does not come undone.
- Two towels pinned at the top then a cord around the tummy.

Please remember to keep it simple and plain. No name brand clothing, because that wasn’t around in Jesus’ time. Footwear must be worn. Sandals or shoes no thongs.

We look forward to an enjoyable and fun day and hope everyone will support the theme of the day.

Peace and best wishes
Anne Leet
Well Week 7 has nearly finished, and it’s been another busy one. All the classes have started to talk about Easter and have been reading the Easter story. The children have been practising for our Holy Week Liturgies which are being held on Thursday 28th March, and brainstorming the best way to make their palm leaves. There have been some fantastic suggestions and I’m really looking forward to seeing some of the finished articles. So what else has been happening in the classrooms?

The Green Turtles now have their very own green turtle! The children have finally taken delivery of their own pet turtle. There has been much excitement in the class as they have been preparing their turtle tank. Finally their turtle arrived and it is so cute. They haven’t decided on a name yet so if you have any ideas we’d love to hear from you. They will now be busy taking care of their new pet and making sure it is happy in it’s new home.

In the Purple Starfish their cubby house project has turned into a project about the 3 Little Pigs. They have made masks and the 3 houses for the pigs. The children performed the story and Mrs Newth videoed the performance, which the children REALLY enjoyed watching afterwards. They also discussed the value of fair play and learnt a song about fairness.

The Red Jellyfish have discussed money from different countries and decided to make their own with clay, paper, watercolours, gold and silver paint and crayons. Some children thought it might be great to use their money to buy something from the shop!

The Yellow Seahorses are continuing with their discussions on Canberra as the children share photos of skyfire and other events and places in Canberra. They have also started another project based on Elmer the patchwork elephant, this is a series of books which the children will unpack and participate in activities based around the books. They need 2l plastic milk containers to do a craft activity on Elmer, if you have any could you please bring them in.

And finally in the Blue Whales, Mia Rezo brought her baby sister Olivia to show us. Mia told the children all about Olivia and showed them her ‘tiny ears’! They are continuing with the baby theme and would like you to send in a baby photo of your child on Monday, could you also include a brief note on something your child did or liked as a baby for example had a dummy, or a favourite toy or blanket.

As well as all the above, the children have now started to practise for the cross country. It should prove to be an interesting race as we appear to have some great little runners in our midst.

Sadly in the Rainbow Fish this week the children had to say goodbye to two of our goldfish. Unfortunately Pirate and Spotty passed away this week. Miss Schroder talked to the children about the passing of the fish, they said a prayer for them and asked God to look after their pets now they are in heaven.

Thank you for your continued support,
Clare Addinell and the ELC Team.
This week we begin teaching our new social skills “Playing Fairly”. In class the children has been learning the slogan for our new social skill:

**Fair players get to play more games**

In each class we will be discussing ways you can play fairly. Some examples-

- Playing by the rules
- Sharing and taking turns
- Understanding that bad luck can happen in games
- Making positive comments to other players in the game

In each class there is a “Playing Fairly” poster displayed and the children will be learning the “Do’s and Don’ts” of “Playing Fairly.”

**Do’s**

- Play by the rules.
- Comment on other players’ good moves.
- Wait your turn.
- Get started and pay attention.
- Have you go reasonably quickly when it’s your turn.
- Allow other players to have a reasonable amount of time for their turn.
- If you have bad luck, just accept it and move on.

**Don’ts**

- Don’t comment on other people’s bad moves or bad luck.
- Don’t play when it’s not your turn.
- Don’t muck around before you start.
- Don’t take too long and hold up the game.
- Don’t put unfair pressure on people to hurry up when it’s their turn.
- Don’t cheat.
- Don’t grizzle or complain if you have bad luck.

The teachers have also been discussing with the children the link between sharing and playing fairly.

**Challenge:** discuss with your child or children how sharing and playing fairly are similar. On a piece of paper, finish this sentence off. **Sharing and playing fairly are similar...** send the piece of paper in with your child and they can share their response in circle time at school.

Keep an eye out for the social skills page on LIFE. It will be under the extra curricula link and will be available very soon.

Once again if you have any suggestions or comments about the new social skills program, send me an email. brendon.pye@cg.catholic.edu.au
MATHS – CHEEKY CHALLENGE
Number of the Day

Well girls and boys, dads and mums...
Are you ready for the next Maths Cheeky Challenge?!
Here it is...

Can you masterfully identify many, many different ways to represent one number? Can you find more ways than someone else in your family?? Who is the Mathematics champion who can come up with the most ways or the most creative ways???

MATERIALS
- Coloured pencils or crayons or similar
- Pieces of paper

PROCEDURE
Choose the number for the day.
Write it in the centre of a piece of paper.
Write down as many different ways to represent the number as you can.
Next have a competition with members of your family to see who can come up with the most representations or the most creative representations.
You and all your family members can write or draw as many different ways to represent the number as possible.
Write down your starting number at the top of your paper strip e.g. 20

Keep going you are well on your way to being Masterful Mathematician!!!

PARENTS
The idea is that your child feels confident to have “a red hot go” and not be too worried about getting it wrong.

This activity also helps your child develop their Green Hat thinking (De Bono’s Thinking Hats) as they are encouraged to be as creative as possible and continually look at the number from different angles, coming up with as many different possibilities and solutions as possible.

Boys and Girls please bring in your Number of the Day Challenges!!!
Mr Lowe and Miss Jeffries would love to display them.
Easter Raffle

Purchase your tickets outside the Hall
Monday, Wednesday & Friday's
between 8:15am ~ 9:00am
commencing the 13th of March
or at the Front Office

Tickets are
$1.00 each or 3 for $2.00

1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes
will be drawn at assembly on
Wednesday the 27th of March

Good Luck!
WANTED

DEAD OR ALIVE

CALLING ALL COWBOYS & COWGIRLS

Mosey on down to the Mother Teresa School for our

WILD, WILD, WEST PARTY!

Saturday the 6th of April, 2013
Saddle up at 6:30pm & Giddy Up till Sunrise!

Give us a Holler if you can join us for:
Great Grub ‘n’ Grog, plus Games ‘n’ Entertainment
All for $65.00 per Head ($50.00 non alcohol)

So dig out those boots ‘n’ dust off your clobber!

Tickets on sale NOW at the front office

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