Harrison Herald Newsletter

Dear Parents

Tomorrow we will take the children by bus to Good Shepherd Amaroo, for the 4 schools day celebration. Each year we come together to celebrate our identity as the 4 schools in the Holy Spirit Parish. We encourage all children to bring a gold coin to support the efforts of Catholic Missions in their work assisting families with very little to eat and poor living conditions. The liturgy will begin around 10.00am and will be followed by games and activities. The children will return to school after eating their lunch.

Disco Thanks
Thanks to Kelly and her team for organising the disco held last Friday. Despite the later than planned start I believe the children all had a great time. Thanks also to all the staff who attended to help supervise the children and cook and serve the BBQ. Thanks to those who assisted with the clean-up; it was completed in amazing time.

Netball Carnival
There is a meeting of the steering committee for the netball carnival to be held in the staffroom tonight at 6.30pm. Remember that in 2014 we will be responsible for organising and running the carnival so we shall need the help and support of all families at MTS.

New Black Top
It was wonderful to see the new black top surface completed last Friday as it certainly got a workout during the disco for parking. Our thanks to Dane and Karin Pumpa from ACT Civil for their work in completing this project.

Our next task will be to mark out the new surface ready for the children to use for games.

Tennis Australia Grant
We have secured a grant from Tennis Australia for equipment to run a tennis coaching program next year. My Pye sent home details of how to register your child with Tennis Australia to receive free gifts and to assist the school.

Kinder 2014 Meeting
On Wednesday November 20 at 7.00pm we will have an information night for families coming to MTS in 2014. There will be a showcase of information at stations around the hall. There will be drinks served and an opportunity to ask lots of questions. We hope to finish no later than 8.30pm.
Happy birthday to everyone who is celebrating their birthday this week including: William Gordon-Cooke, Chloe Rothe, Talisha Sture, Carolyn Sisley, Zachary Parkes, Janaya Abbott and Yianni Contis.

Are you a Defence Family posting out at the end of the year?

As the end of the year approaches, it is getting to that time when postings may be coming up. It would be appreciated if you could let our DSTA know if your family is leaving the Canberra area. Where possible Mrs Stubbs will try to put you in contact with the DSTA and or REDLO at your new location.

Please email her at sarah.stubbs@cg.catholic.edu.au
WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS:
The Journey

The value we are focussing on for the next two weeks is: Responsibility

At Mother Teresa School that means:
- Accepting consequences
- Fixing mistakes
- Staying on task
- Being a risk-taker
- Following rules

FOCUS ASSEMBLY
Thank you to Ms Sadler, Mrs Bird the Yellow Seahorses, and the Red Jellyfish for presenting a wonderful focus assembly about responsibility. They showed a beautiful version of the ‘Creation Story’. We saw a video of the students and heard how we need to be responsible at Mother Teresa School. The children also sang a very catchy song about responsibility. Thank you to all those families who came along to support their children.

4 SCHOOLS DAY
Parish School Community Day

Last year Mother Teresa hosted a most successful combined three schools community day. The ‘We are the Face of God’ day raised much needed funds for Catholic Mission. The students from Mother Teresa, Holy Spirit and Good Shepherd gathered for a liturgy, some fun games and a shared lunch.

This year we have decided to focus the day on raising money again for Catholic Mission. The theme of the day will be...

Reach Out! Give Life!

This year the event will be held at Good Shepherd, Amaroo and we welcome John Paul College who will celebrate along with us. Students and staff from Mother Teresa School will travel to Good Shepherd by bus at 9.30 am on Friday 8th November. There will be a liturgy at 10.15am; followed by fun activities led by students from John Paul College and a shared family picnic at 12pm. Parents and families are welcome to come along on the day. The children will wear their school sports uniform. We are asking that everyone donates $2 on the day to go to Catholic Mission. Please make sure your child returns the permission note that was sent home on Tuesday. We look forward to a great Parish Schools Community Day and thank you in advance for your support.

CATHOLIC MISSION
Jesus said: “I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full (John 10:10b).

Catholic Mission’s work for children is making a difference in 160 countries around the globe. The projects are many and varied including subsidies for schools in poor communities, healthcare and nutrition projects, and the care of disabled and/or orphaned children. Thank you to all those families who will be contributing to the Mission’s Children.

REMEmBRANCE DAY
Next Monday 11th November @ 10:40 we will combine with John Paul College and be presenting a special Remembrance Day Liturgy. Everyone welcome to attend!

ELC FAMILY MASS
ELC families are invited to attend a family Mass on the weekend of Sunday 24th November @ 9:30am. Mass will be celebrated at Holy Spirit Church. You are invited to stay a while after Mass and meet some of the other families. Please claim the date in your diaries.

Peace and Best Wishes.
Anne Leet (Religious Education Co-ordinator)
What a fantastic assembly the Yellow Seahorses and Red Jellyfish presented yesterday. It is great to see all the wonderful discussions that took place and how well the children coped with the experience.

On Tuesday the whole school celebrated Melbourne Cup Day, there were some lovely activities happening in the classrooms. The children decided what they wanted to do from drawing and collaging horses, making fascinators or clay horses and obviously the hobbie horse races on the oval. At the end of the day we all enjoyed watching the race with the rest of the school in the hall and some of the children had chosen a horse that they wanted to cheer for.

Now what has been happening in the classrooms:
The Red Jellyfish have been looking at hot air balloons. They got to look at some pictures and feel swatches of material that Miss Farrell kindly brought in to show us. They conducted 2 experiments to see if we could make our own hot air balloon fly. The first with a plastic bag, straws and candles which they filled with hot air but did not rise. The second involved using a hair drier for hot air which was effective but the balloon kept coming down. The children had wonderful ideas about how to improve the design and make the balloon float. Also, the children had been rehearsing with the Yellow Seahorses for their assembly on “Responsibility” which was a great success. Thank you to all the families who were able to attend for their child to perform on our Wednesday off, it is very much appreciated.

The Yellow Seahorses have been busy practicing for their assembly on “Responsibility”. They had many practices with the Red Jellyfish and on the day they did a wonderful job, we’re very proud of them. The children have also been painting with crayons and a colour wash, they enjoyed seeing the effects of mixing different colours.

The Blue Whales had a fabulous excursion to the Dentist on Friday, they were able to ‘ride’ in the dentist chair, practice using the suction machine sucking up pink water, and they also tried on the super cool glasses that children visiting get to wear! This week they have started making their friendship necklaces, and have also started to design their special tiles.

The Green Turtles are continuing to have fun learning about dinosaurs. They have made delicious dinosaur biscuits, stamping dinosaur footprints into the dough before they were cooked. They have made their own dinosaurs with pipe cleaners and dinosaur skeletons using different pasta shapes as bones.

Finally, the Purple Starfish have been painting some of their nature collections and looking after the veggies that are growing beautifully in the veggie patch. They are trying to think of yummy recipes for broad beans, so if anyone has any ideas please speak with the class staff.

Thank you for your continued support,
Clare Addinell and the ELC team.
Weekly Challenge—Click on this website: http://kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/emotion/good_sport.htm
Send me an email with 3 interesting things you learnt or 3 things you liked from the website.
brendon.pye@cg.catholic.edu.au

“Lose or win, do it with a grin” or
“Winning is more fun but losing happens to everyone”

Being a good winner

Do’s
- Keep your smiles and excitement low-key.
- Comment on what the other players did well (but don’t overdo it).
- Keep trying hard even if you are a long way ahead.
- Thank the other players for a good game.
- Be a fun player that encourages other players.
- Be a gracious winner.
- Be aware of other people’s feelings.
- Be a good team player.
- Help pack up and put equipment away.

Don’ts
- Don’t boast about how well you are doing or how well you played.
- Don’t comment on how far behind the other team is.
- Don’t show off.
- Don’t say that the other team or the other players were easy to beat.
- Don’t point out what others did badly.
- Don’t act happy about other players’ bad luck eg. Don’t clap if they miss their shot, don’t laugh if they drop the ball.

Do’s
- Accept that you lost or are losing, and put on a “good face”.
- Congratulate the winner, smile and shake hands.
- Say you enjoyed the game and would like to play again another time.
- Comment on what the winning team or winning player did well.
- Help pack up and put equipment away.
- Remember all of the times you have won before.
- Say to yourself “someone has to lose this time, maybe next time I’ll win”
- Take timeout out if you are feeling frustrated
- Remember to be a good team player.

Don’ts
- If you are not doing well, don’t give up or stop trying.
- Don’t use a whining or grumpy tone if your team is not playing well.
- Don’t suggest that the winning team cheated.
- Don’t stamp off in a bad mood if you lose.
- Don’t make silly choices and ruin the game if your team is not winning.
- Don’t blame your team mates if you lose

You don’t always have to win

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Last weeks results—Let’s celebrate the good sports at Mother Teresa. Interview your child/children and ask them to nominate a class mate or a student in their year level who always plays sport for fun, does not get upset when they lose and is a good winner.

Tom Ryan- The person I nominate who always plays sport for fun, does not get upset when they lose and is a good winner is Brodi McCullough.

Vincent Fabrizio- I would like to nominate Max for being a good sport. He is in my class which is 3 Lilac.

Tess Muldoon- I would like to nominate Kailey Bush. She never gets upset if she loses and plays for fun.

Frank Sajler- I think Lucian Copacchio is a good sport. He always smiles, win-lose or draw.
Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to share the news that Mother Teresa School has been accepted to be a national partnership school for Tennis Australia (Hot Shots Program). The MLC Tennis Hot Shots in Schools program provides primary school students with their first experience of tennis. Regardless of age, gender or skill level, tennis is a sport that can be enjoyed by all. Tennis helps develop students’ fundamental motor skills and is fun for both the teacher and students.

The focus of this program is to create partnerships that will ensure a pathway for all children at Mother Teresa School to experience tennis as part of the curriculum and then continue their involvement directly through their local MLCTHS coach and/or community club venue. This pathway is vital so children and parents can see how they can get involved in tennis at the local community level after a quality first experience at their school.

Tennis Australia has provided us with over $6000 worth of tennis equipment to get the program started at our school. During this term the students will have opportunities to play tennis at lunchtime on our new blacktop court area. In 2014 we will begin teaching the program as part of our Physical Education program.

The first step in supporting this school initiative is to register your child online. Every child that registers receives a free “Hot Shots” t-shirt and other free gifts. Mother Teresa School also receives a $2 rebate for every child that signs up.

**How to register:** type web address- hotshots.tennis.com.au/claim

**Step 1:** type 2914 in venue postcode and click search

**Step 2:** Click the select button on the Mother Teresa PS icon

**Step 3:** Fill in your child’s details and click continue. After this page you will be asked to click on a t-shirt colour and size. There is also a section down the bottom where a parent/guardian will need to type their name.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to the fun and excitement, this tennis program will offer.

Brendon Pye and Craig Hart
Your Challenge:
Your next mathematical challenge is to investigate capacity. You will need an adult for this challenge because ... you are going to explore the capacity of different household containers by doing some cooking!!!

Together with an adult discuss the capacity of various containers as you bake some cookies or a cake or something that you decide to make or bake.

Key Language to use:
Full, empty, more less, larger, smaller, holds enough, will not hold enough...

PROCEDURE:
1. Talk with mum or dad (or an adult) about capacity and cooking.
2. Investigate and choose a recipe.
3. Cook or make your food item.
4. Take a picture of your cooking masterpiece and write a few sentences about your experience.
5. Enjoy!!!

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS:

PARENTS — This challenge helps your children to:
• Use maths skills in real life situations.
• Understand volume and capacity.
• Understand language such as full, empty, holds more, holds less.

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