Dear Parents

With such a busy term drawing to a close it’s time for our students and staff to unwind, relax and spend quality time with family and friends over the holiday period.

There has been much to celebrate in Term 3 including First Eucharist, Walkathon, 3 Way Conversations and more recently our Indonesian Day. These events have exemplified the community spirit that we cherish at Mother Teresa School.

Indonesian Day
On Wednesday our school celebrated Indonesian Day. This included a mesmerising dance performance in the morning, followed by some traditional Indonesian art and food tasting.

A huge thanks to Ibu Connolly for organising all of the activities and the assembly in the afternoon. The students had great fun learning about a different culture and consolidated all of the learning that has occurred in Indonesian lessons throughout the year.

Staff News
Congratulations to Mrs Jodie Tanchevski who is expecting a baby in March 2014. We are all very pleased for her and husband Jon and wish them both well during this exciting time.

Greg wishes to thank the community for their support during his time at Mother Teresa and believes that the experience he has gained at our school will equip him well for the future.

Traffic Issues
A reminder that it is illegal to turn right from our school car park onto Wimmera St from 8:30am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 3:30pm. This allows traffic to flow more freely during these peak times.

Mocktails and Footy Fever
This Friday the Year 4/5 hospitality group will be serving fruit mocktails for 50c in the canteen at lunch. The money raised will go towards the Catholic Mission.

Also on this day students are invited to wear clothes that represent ‘footy fever’. This could be your favourite team’s jersey (red and white looks good!) or simply some different colours. No money is required for this it is just for fun at the end of the term.

Mother Teresa Golf Day
The Mother Teresa Golf Day will be held on Friday 11th October at Gungahlin Lakes. Please send an email to craig.hart@cg.catholic.edu.au if you are interested in playing. There is a flyer attached.

Swimming Lessons
Kindergarten to Year 3 will be participating in swimming lessons from Week 2 to Week 9 next term. A letter will be sent home in Week 1.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and restful break.
Happy Birthday to everyone who is celebrating their birthday this week including: Stefan Cicchini, Alicia Beeton, Isla Parker, Kyla Duvenhage, Benjamin Miller, Angelina Ciampa, Isabella Hodge, Charlotte Hebda, Jack French, Aidan Williams, Joseph Ryan, Amelia Marangoni, Richard Ji, Vincent Fabjanowski, Isabella Hope, Anika Von Bischoffshausen, Cooper William, Kiiana McDonell, Byron Graham, Michael McAviney, Emily Olive, Sean Morris, Ruby Causer, Hannah Blackwell and Anika Bettiol.

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WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS:
The Whole school focus theme for this year is ‘The Journey’ and the Bible reference that supports our theme is:

‘I am the way. The truth and the life: no man comes to the Father but by me.’

John 14:6

At Mother Teresa we will journey and follow in God’s way by living our life in a true and authentic way. The value we have been focussing on for this week is: **Courtesy**

### All I ever really needed to know I learned in Kindergarten

Most of what I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in Kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the university mountain, but there in the playground at school. These are the things I learned:

- Share everything. Play fair. Don’t hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don’t take things that aren't yours.
- Say you’re sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat.
- Flush. Fresh biscuits and cold milk are good for you.
- Live a balanced life - learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work some every day some. Take a nap every afternoon.

Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup: the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and guinea pigs and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup - they all die. So do we. And then remember the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living.

Take any one of those items and extrapolate it into sophisticated adult terms and apply it to your family life or your work or government or your world and it holds true and clear and firm. Think what a better world it would be if we all - the whole world - had biscuits and milk at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and then lay down with our blankies for a nap. Or if all governments had as a basic policy to always put things back where they found them and to clean up their own mess.

And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out in the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

Peace and best wishes

*Anne Leet (Religious Education Co-ordinator)*

Have a happy and restful holiday!
Well this term is really ending on a high note. On Wednesday the whole school had an Indonesian Day. In the Primary school the Language Other Than English (LOTE) is Indonesian, so every year the whole school has a day when we can celebrate their learning of both the culture and language of Indonesia. This is also an ideal time for the Preschool children to get a little insight into what they may start learning next year. To begin the day the whole school were invited to watch some traditional Indonesian dancers. We watched traditional Balinese and Javanese dancers, which had very different and distinct styles. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were very animated during their reflections afterwards. During the remainder of the day the children also discussed traditional games that Indonesian children play. We discovered that some of them like to play a version of marbles, which they call Kelereng or Gundu. They also love kite flying or Layang Layang. Their kites have many different designs depending where in Indonesia they live. The Preschool children were encouraged to design and make their own kites which they had a wonderful time flying.

Now what else has been happening in the classrooms this week?
The Yellow Seahorses enjoyed their footy day with Kinder Teal at Harrison oval. The children had fun kicking the balls around and having relays but best of all they enjoyed the icy poles. They have been having making days, like Mister Maker, and have been using clay, wire, African beads and feathers to make sculptures. The children have also been exploring volume and have had group times outside using water to explore this concept.
In the Blue Whales the children have been choosing their activities so there have been some quite diverse things going on both inside and outside the classroom! They have explored balloon/air powered vehicles. The children had great fun using the balloon pump to inflate the balloons and letting them go! Some of the children made fairy houses using junk materials, and they found a cricket and some snails and made a house for them too after watching them climb down the wall. Georgia made a robot helmet after visiting Questacon. She showed the children and let them have a turn. The children also chose to go on a nature walk, they asked to have their fruit break at the ‘baby forest’, a swim in the little river and a play at the playground. They compromised on the swimming and planned to paddle instead, however they ran out of time so this the children are looking forward to this next time!

After exploring a dinosaur app last week the Purple Starfish showed a great interest in finding out more. They shared all they know about dinosaurs and some questions they had. They found out how fossils are made and made some themselves. Pretending to be palaeontologists they excavated their fossils. Finally they watched a dinosaur egg hatch, taking many observations over the three days. The children had such fun making a hypothesis and then checking if they were correct.
This week the Red Jellyfish have worked on finishing their Linley Dodd book Characters and have been enjoying the stories of Hairy Maclary and Slinky Malinky on the IWB. The little dogs and cats look adorable. The children have been exploring the woodwork table and also painting spring time things on the painting perspex outside. Practice has started and the children have been learning actions and words to a song about responsibility for their joint assembly with the Yellow Seahorses class next term. With all the talk about responsible behaviours, Mrs Bird has noticed that the children are taking this on board and “following through” as the song reminds them to. Well done, Red Jellyfish!

And finally in the Green Turtles really enjoyed making their kites for Indonesian Day and loved trying them out on the slope near John Paul College. They are also looking forward to hosting their friends from Kinder Aqua for a play in the refurbished playground.
This term has been very hectic and the children have had the opportunity to take part in many different activities and learning experiences. However a lot of these would not have been possible without the help and support for our parents and carers. Thank you for the wonderful support that the staff at the ELC receive from all our families.

We wish you all a wonderful, safe and restful vacation and are looking to continuing your child’s educational journey next term.

Clare Addinell and the ELC team.
SS3 trip to Vietnam

We would like to extend a big ‘thank you’ to staff and families of the Mother Teresa community for generously donating money to assist us in supporting the SS3 orphanage in Hanoi. We raised $1370 and were able to purchase the items we need to take for our trip. We will be leaving on Friday and are excited about building relationships with the children, elderly and staff that we will meet. On our return we would love to share our adventures and photos with you.

Many Blessings,

Liana and Hazel
Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you again for your continued support in sharing the message of each social skills we have been learning in class. The staff have seen improvement in the social interactions of the students. Next Term we look at our final two social skills “Being a good loser” and “Being a good winner”. Below is a list of the social skills we have covered this year.

Term 1
Social Skill- Sharing (It’s Fair to Share)
Social Skill- Playing fairly (Fair Players get to play more games)

Term 2
Social Skill- Respect (Expect Respect)
Social Skill- Dealing with fights and arguments (At MTS we talk it out together)

Term 3
Social Skill- Negotiating (Play it straight Negotiate)
Social Skill- Including others (More than one makes heaps of fun)

Holiday challenge- Quiz your child/children and ask them the following questions
• Name all of the social skills you have learnt this year?
• Can you name the slogan for each one?
• What is your favourite social skill and why?

Email any responses to brendon.pye@cg.catholic.edu.au

Below is some websites with tips and games to enhance social skill development.

http://www.more4kids.info/1854/teaching-kids-social-skills/


http://www.wikihow.com/Build-Your-Young-Child's-Social-Skills

http://www.parentingscience.com/social-skills-activities.html

Have a great holiday!!!!

Many Thanks
Brendon Pye
Here is the next Maths Cheeky Challenge... Go for it Mathematicians!!

Your Challenge:
Your next mathematical challenge is to draw a 2D shape picture onto grid paper and to calculate the area of your picture.

Cheeky Challenge:
Using different 2D shapes, create different pictures of different size areas on the same piece of grid paper.

PROCEDURE:
1. Draw your picture and colour it in. (Grid paper is located on next page.)
2. Count the number of squares your picture covered so you can identify its area.
3. Bring in or email your pictures so they can be published and/or displayed.

HERE IS AN EXAMPLE:

PARENTS — This challenge helps your children to:
- Estimate and calculate area.
- Practise number skills e.g., addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions.
- Think creatively.

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!!

Sophie Rodda
Christina Mormonis
Vidun Singhabbahu
Family Fun Night
Gungahlin McDonald’s is DONATING 20% OF ALLOCATED FRONT COUNTER SALES between 5pm & 8pm on 21 October to Holy Spirit Parish

... SO COME AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!!!

WHEN: Monday 21 October 2013 between 5pm and 8pm
WHERE: Gungahlin McDonald’s
Mother Teresa School is proud to present...

The Annual CEO Golf Day

**When:** Friday October 11 (Last Friday of the holidays)

**Where:** Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club

**Cost:** $50 per player includes 18 holes a barbecue lunch ($30 for Gungahlin Lakes Members)

Hire clubs and carts are available at your own expense.

**Format:** 4 man Ambrose teams. A shotgun start, beginning at 9am. All players are welcome with many prizes up for grabs on the day.

**RSVP:** To craig.hart@cg.catholic.edu.au by Friday 27th September with the names of the members in your team. (For any individuals or pairs we can create groups for you)

**Looking forward to a great day of golf!**