Compassion

What is Compassion?
Compassion is having kind feelings toward someone who is hurt or troubled. It is caring deeply and wanting to help, even if you don’t know them. It is being kind and forgiving to someone who has hurt you.

How do you Practice Compassion?
Compassion begins by noticing when someone seems sad or troubled. Put yourself in their place and ask how you would feel if it were happening to you. Think about how you can help. Take time to listen, and then say kind this like ‘what are you sad about?’ and ‘How can I help?’ Be forgiving when others make mistakes. Be a friend when someone needs a friend.

A Prayer of Remembrance
Almighty and eternal God,
From whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
Either by death or life:
Hear our prayers and thanksgivings
For all when we remember this day;
Fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
And bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Dear Parents, Students and Members of the Community,

Yesterday I was informed that as of January 2016, Fr Joseph will be moving on to join the Lake Grace Parish. I would like to thank Fr Joseph for his leadership in helping the staff and students develop their faith and his support of school activities; and wish him well as he embarks on a new challenge. Next year we will welcome Fr Wayne Bendotti to the Dardanup/Boyanup Parish. Fr Wayne has resided in the Prayer House for some time recently and has been involved in our school and parish previously.

Our school ceremony for Remembrance Day was a very moving and meaningful event which was directed most effectively by our Year Six students. Congratulations and thanks to all our students for their thoughtful and prayerful participation in the service. Thanks must go to Miss Dillon and Ms Maslin for creating the service and supporting the student leaders.

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Last Friday the students participated in the interschool sports carnival. It was a great day of sporting spirit, teamwork and competition. Congratulations to OLOL Blue on winning the handicap shield and well done to all our students who were champions or runner up. I was
particularly impressed by the high level of encouragement and congratulations when I spent some time assisting the judges at the finish line of the running races – well done to all competitors.

Thanks must go to Mr Skehan for his work as coordinator of our teams and to all staff for their work in preparing and supporting the students. Thanks also to all the parents who helped on the day.

**Swimming Lessons**
We have had a smooth start to our swimming lessons this week. The behaviour of the children on the buses and during the lessons has been exceptional. Please remember that swimming lessons continue for another week. The times of the lessons are listed below:

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The teachers will supervise the eating of lunch and various changes to play times to cater for the lessons. **Please ensure that your children continue to wear their sports uniform to school on those days. They will need to have a towel, bathers and dry underwear to change into after swimming sessions. Students may wear thongs or sandals to and from the pool.**

**School Board and Parents & Friends Association AGM**
Everyone is invited to attend the Annual School Community Meeting on November 24th. Please return the slip that was sent home in week three, indicating your attendance at the meeting and nomination if applicable by Monday, 16th November.

**Booklists**
Class booklists for 2016 were sent home last week. There are three options for ordering books for next year:

- **Option 1** – visit westschoolsupplies.com.au – and follow the instructions on the form
- **Option 2** – Complete the Payment Information Box and return to school by 11th December; or
- **Option 3** – Complete the Payment Information Box and return directly West School Supplies to the address provided on the Booklist

**Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease**
Please be aware that there have been some cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth disease reported in the wider community. Symptoms include fever, blisters in the mouth and on the hands and feet.

**Change of Date – School Thanksgiving Mass**
On the Term Planner, the date set for the whole school Thanksgiving Mass was Thursday 26th November. This mass will now be celebrated on Thursday, 3rd December at 9.00am.

*God’s blessing to you all*

*Luke Godwin*

*Acting Principal*

**Parish News - Important Dates to Remember:**

- **Feast of Christ the King on Sunday 22nd November.** Mass in Dardanup at 9am followed by procession of the Blessed Sacrament. And this will be followed by Morning Tea cum Parish AGM in the School Hall. Please note there is NO MASS on Saturday 21/11/15. (*No Morning Tea on the 15th November.*)

- **Parish feast on Sunday 6th December.** Mass in Dardanup at 9am followed by procession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. And this will be followed by Special Morning Tea. Please note there is NO MASS on Saturday 05/12/15. All are most welcome. Bring along your family and friends.
Protective Behaviours – Milligan House  
On December 4th, Milligan House is running a Protective Behaviours program designed and aimed at enhancing the capacity of parents and community members to prevent and respond to child safety issues including bullying. The course aims to help participants give their children the skills and tools to keep themselves safe from abuse. You can register for the 1.5 hour session on the link below:  

Well done to the following students whom received MJR Star awards at today's assembly.  

K/PP          Chace Cole  
Years 1&2     Addison Barnes  
Years 3&4     Isabella Damiani  
Years 5&6     Daniel Godwin  

Merit Certificates  
Congratulations to all students who received Merit Certificates at this morning's assembly.  

Pre-Primary          Anouke Harris, Flynn Fazey, Black Ecclestone  
Year One             Michaela Williamson, Ashli Stenhouse  
Year Two             Sofia Hynes, Jordyn Castafaro  
Year Three           Olivia Prowse, Amy Lockhart  
Year Four            Elliot Italiano, Henry King, Cooper Reynolds  
Year Five            Jasmine Pelusey, Will Armstrong  
Year Six             Ella Hutton, Byron Musitano, Layton Vardaro

SCHOOL FEES  
Remind that school fees are due TOMORROW, the 13th November.  
If you are having difficulty in paying your fees, please contact the office.

CANTENE NEWS  
There is also no Canteen weeks 5 & 6 due to swimming lessons.  

Altar Servers this Week  

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Religious Education News

Our Mission is to provide a high quality education that will inspire an ongoing love of God which embraces the values of:

Integrity, Respect, Compassion, Justice and Courage.

Thursday 19th November – 9.30am, Year 2/3
Liturgy

Thursday 3rd December – 9am, Whole School
Thanksgiving Mass

Wednesday 9th December – 6pm, Graduation
Liturgy, St Patrick’s Cathedral Bunbury, Whole School

Thursday 10th December – 8.45am, Year 1 Nativity

Who was Thomas Little?

Thomas Little, was a local landowner who sponsored Irish Catholic settlement in the Dardanup area. In 1852, he donated 50 acres of his holding at Dardanup Park for the purpose of building a church and a monastery, also with a request that a resident priest be appointed as soon as possible. He added a further donation of 100,000 bricks and 50 bushels of calcimine (coating for interior walls) with an approximate value of 100 pounds (in 1852, it would take 3 years for the average worker to earn 100 pounds). The sole condition was that two Masses be offered for him annually.

Fr Garrido (appointed to the parish in 1862) was responsible for helping establish the first school in the district. He introduced a system where each Catholic farmer in the district gave a portion of grain per harvest to support the church and the pastor. This also was made possible by the generosity of Thomas Little, for he donated extra land and a small school was built in front to the east side of the church which opened on 15 September 1857 with 25 children.

In later years, Thomas Little lived in impoverished circumstances; his property was sold and he was permitted to live out his last days at Dardanup Park.

Thomas Little died on 5 November 1877.

Thomas Little Hall today.

You are invited to

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

on

Thursday 3rd December

at

9.00am

This is a whole school mass (1-6) where we give thanks for the wonderful year we have had as a school community.

Please join us in this celebration.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

Many things in our lives and in our world are subject to change. Yet all of us find security in relationships and values that endure. Foremost among these are our family relationships. We can confidently accept change if we know that we will continue to be loved by our family and by God. We help impart this sense of trust and confidence in our children with our daily assurances to them that nothing can change our love for them.

As you gather as a family, look through several family photo albums. Observe and talk about things that have changed in your family life over the years. Talk also about the things that have stayed the same. We do not need to fear changes in our family life because we know that the most important aspects of our family life do not change, such as our love for one another. The same is true with God and God’s love for us. Jesus teaches us that things in our world will change and that the world itself will one day end. We don’t need to be fearful because God’s love for us will never end.

How lucky we are to have such a historical building on our school grounds. Mr Thomas Little played such an important role in the life of our school and parish. Thank you to the parish for sharing this information with us.

Miss. Natalie Dillon

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**KINDY** We Did It!! We hope you all enjoyed our assembly performance last Thursday. We thought we were fantastic. We remembered our lines, our actions and the lyrics to our song. We were a bit nervous, but didn't show it at all. Thank you for making our wonderful costumes. We are so happy that you joined us.

**PRE PRIMARY**
This week has commenced with much excitement of swimming lessons. The class have been enjoying the bus ride to the South West Sport Centre, and everyone is enjoying learning new swimming skills. Please remind your child to bring their swimming bag into the classroom and to include a pair of thongs. In Religion we are learning about ourselves in a unit of work named "Special Me". Please remember to bring in a donation for the St Vinnie's Appeal. Our class needs to bring in tinned fruit, tea, coffee and/or cordial. We have commenced our stage rehearsals for our Pre-Primary Graduation, and look forward to sharing our performance later in the term.

**YEAR 1** Just keep swimming, just keep swimming - that has been our motto this week! As exhausting as it is, we have also been working hard in maths, learning all about sharing and division.

**YEAR 2** We had an awesome day at the interschool sports carnival last Friday. We all showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to Nate and Dakotah who were the Year 2 Champions. We've had a great start to swimming lessons this week. We've been having lots of fun, and we have really nice swimming teachers.

**YEAR 3** We have been enjoying our swimming lessons and we have been making Nativity scenes in preparation for Christmas.

**YEAR 4** Swimming lessons have started and we are all enjoying them! We are also busy in class with our Caritas projects and our History booklets which will explain how life in Australia changed after the First Fleet arrived. Mrs Godwin is impressed with our Persuasive writing and we have written to argue where we should go for our end of year excursion - Mrs Godwin is thinking that the Amazon Rainforest is a good idea but she's not sure if the budget will allow it!

**YEAR 5** In year five we have enjoyed our start to swimming lessons! In class we have been busy with our end of year testing and everyone has been giving 100%. In English we have been looking at the life of "Ned Kelly" and we are deciding whether he is a hero or a villain. Our latest task requires us to draw on our skills of persuasion and write a "Wanted Poster" painting the gang in a negative light.

**YEAR 6** Wow! Another busy week! We had a great time at the Interschool Sports last week. Congratulations to Byron for winning Champion Boy, and to Jack M for being runner-up. We have been enjoying swimming lessons and have even managed to squeeze in some new Maths. We are looking at Directed Numbers, ie negative and positive numbers.
The Stirling Art Centre in Bunbury is holding workshops during the 2015/16 Summer School holidays. If you would like to find out more please follow the link below:


**SCHOOL DENTAL FORMS**

If you received today a dental form but do not require the service, please still return the form to the front office.

Thank you.

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**COME & TRY BMX**

**BMX racing for FREE.**

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**Male, female, young or old.**
**From 2 years+**

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**What to bring:**
- Bike, helmet & gloves
- Long pants, long sleeve top, fully covered shoes & socks

**YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RIDE IF YOU DON’T BRING THESE.**

We have a limited supply of spare gloves.

**SATURDAY, 14TH NOV.**

**AT THE:**
Perkins BMX Stadium
Hay Park South (cnr Washington & Rotary Ave, Withers)

**12 noon till 3pm**

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:**

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