Dear Parents,

Yesterday was our School Feast Day, the ‘Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes’. The feast commemorates the first of 18 appearances of the Blessed Virgin Mary to a 14 year old peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous. Families might like to research with their children the appearances of Our Lady and her messages to St Bernadette.

Our prayer this week asks for the same strength and faith that Bernadette exhibited during her tribulations and ill health, to allow us to overcome difficulties and challenges.

Grant us, O merciful God, protection in our weakness, that we, who keep the Memorial of the Immaculate Mother of God, may, with the help of her intercession, rise up from our challenges. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen

We will be celebrating the Feast Day on next Friday 20th February at 9.00am. Students from years one to six will be gathering for the Mass. Parents and community members are invited to join us. We have much to be thankful for in our especially blessed school and community.

P&F and Parish Sundowner
As mentioned last week, we have welcomed several new families to our school. Advance notice that we are planning a Welcome Sundowner on Friday 13th March from 4.30 to 6.30pm. The P&F will provide some snacks and families can bring refreshments. Everyone is invited to drop in for a while, either on their way home from work, or out to other commitments, or join us for the entire function. More information will follow closer to the event.

P&F Grape Pick Fundrasing Event
This Saturday 14th February.
We could still use some more volunteers for this enjoyable community event. Please text Dana Taylor on 0419 957 763 if you can help.

Victor will be organized from 6.00am for the early risers who may wish to donate some time before other commitments. Please wear substantial footwear, come prepared for some time in the sun and wear long pants and a long sleeved shirt for safety. (We even have a cooler day arranged if the forecast is accurate!)

For those who haven’t attended before, the easiest way is to drive up Ferguson Road to Gnomesville, turn left and follow the signs.

This is an excellent fundraiser accessing funds from outside of our community. The event is a great community builder, so please consider helping if you can.

Early Childhood Literacy Evening
Earlier this week a flyer was sent home advertising an Information Night for parents (and prospective parents) of students in Kindy to year one. The evening is being offered on Wednesday 11th March from 7.00pm. If the flyer didn’t reach home, please contact the office. The evening will be advertised in
the Dardanup Times with the flyer also displayed in the shop and post office.

Parents are encouraged to invite friends and community members who might be interested in hearing about our plans across early childhood classrooms. We do need some idea of numbers so please contact the office on 97281054 or email dillon.natalie@cathednet.wa.edu.au. Thanks must go to Miss Dillon for coordinating this opportunity and to our teachers for the teamwork, planning and extra work involved in preparing this presentation. We are committed to doing the very best we can to support all students in their learning.

**School Fees**
School fee accounts will accompany this newsletter. These can be paid on a regular basis eg: fortnightly or monthly, per term or in total as per the annual statement.

*A 5% discount applies to tuition fees only, if the total amount is paid by 27th March 2015.*

Fees can be paid by BPay, cheque, money order, direct debit or cash. Unfortunately, we do not have Eftpos facilities.

I am conscious that term one fees are considerable as it includes amenities, levies, camp and swimming fees. These items may be paid off over a longer period.

If you have made any payments in February, they will not show in the account.

School fee discounts are available via the Catholic Education system for those families on a Health Care Card or Pension Card.

**Ash Wednesday**
*Wednesday 18th February*

We will be commencing the church season of Lent with a School Mass at 9.00am next Wednesday for students from year 3 to 6. The pre-primary to year 2 students will participate in a paraliturgy and receive the ashes at 11.00am in the school hall.

**Parent Meetings**
The class parent meetings are underway with the following meetings happening next week:

- **Monday** 3.15pm Pre-Primary
- **Tuesday** 3.15pm Year 5
- **Wednesday** 2.50pm Year 4
- **3.15pm** Year 3

**Shrove Tuesday – Next Week**
Please see elsewhere in this newsletter further information for Shrove Tuesday.

This is an initiative involving our Catholic Community Portfolio student leaders with guidance and support from Miss Dillon and some parent helpers. Thanks must go to all involved.

*God’s blessing to you all*
*Des Wilkie*

**Virtue of the week**

*Honesty*

**What is Honesty?**

Being honest is being open, trustworthy and truthful. When people are honest, they can be relied on not to lie, cheat or steal. Honesty is telling the truth. It is admitting mistakes even when you know someone might be angry or disappointed. Being honest means that you don’t pretend to be something you are not. With honesty, you can trust things to be as they appear.

**How Do You Practice It?**

When you are honest, you don’t try to fool yourself or others. You say what you mean and mean what you say. You only make promises you can keep. Be trustworthy in all your dealings, refusing to lie or cheat. Admit your mistakes and fix them. Be honest with yourself and you will be honest with others. You don’t need to make things up to look good – you’re already good – honest!

**Merit Certificates**

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**School Email Address**
When sending correspondence via email to the school please ensure you are using our up-to-date address:

dardanup.admin@cathednet.wa.edu.au
Canteen

The canteen menu for ALL of first term was sent out earlier this week. If you have misplaced your copy, please see the office staff for another.

Tomorrow
Friday 13th February
Leaders: Julie & Jasmine
 Helpers: Cath Billi & Ebony Harris

Next Week
Friday 20th February
Leaders: Denise & Louise
 Helpers: Geraldine Stowe & Heidi Armstrong

Menu:
Recess Jelly & Fruit Cups
Lunch Toasted Sandwiches
Extra Juice

For the season of Lent the canteen will offer a fish or chicken burger.

Meat can be added to the salad bowls for an extra $1 = making the total price $4.50 (Chicken or Ham).

Earphones Needed

This year students are asked to supply headphones for use during lessons involving iPads. For anyone who has difficulty providing headphones, a set of ear-bud headphones can be purchased from the front office for $1.00.

Cricket Fun Day

King of Hearts Family
Sunday 22nd February 2015
Burekup Oval, Russell Road
10am til 3pm
Funds raised will help the ‘King of Hearts Relay For Life Team’
More information please call Nat on 0419 966 745

Community Immunisation Clinics

The community health nurse has advised us when FREE Immunisation clinics will be available in our neighbouring communities.

Please refer to the flyer that is at the office for further information and dates.

Caritas Casino Night Fundraiser

All the fun of blackjack, roulette and poker but no risk of losing real money!!

Friday March 20th
6.30pm Onwards
Bunbury Rowing Club
$60 a ticket includes:
Entry, $2000 fun money (for poker, blackjack & Roulette) & complimentary drink on arrival and food
There will also be a photo booth, lucky dip balloons, Willowbridge wine and a candy buffet.

Grand prize for the player with the most points, door prize and best dressed!
All proceeds will go to Caritas.
www.caritas.org.au
Please contact Hayley Bowen for more info
0407198923 or bowen.hayley@yahoo.com

Bookclub

Book club orders are due back TOMORROW!
Friday 13th February

Bunbury United Soccer Club Inc
Junior Soccer Registrations 2015

Friday 20th & 27th February
At: Bunbury United Club Rooms
Parade Road, Bunbury
Time: 4pm – 7pm
All old and new players welcome
Ages 5-16

Shrove Tuesday - 17th February

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. To raise money for Caritas, we will be holding a pancake recess!
Please bring in a gold coin donation for this fundraiser and you will enjoy a lovely pancake for recess and be raising money for Caritas.

Thank you
Caritas

Shrove Tuesday

Why Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday? It began as a way to use up rich foods like eggs, milk and sugar before the 40 days of Lent and has turned into a worldwide tradition.
**YEAR 6**
On Monday we helped the Year 1s with their throwing and catching skills. It was quite hot, so Mrs Leach sprayed us with the hose. In Maths we have mastered how to identify prime factors using factor trees. We drew some fantastic ‘emotion’ pictures with Mrs Johnston. We are looking forward to our leavers’ shirts arriving soon.

**YEAR 1**
We have been practising our catching and throwing with Ms Maslin. We have also been practising our sounds with Miss Dillon and remembering the actions and song that goes with each sound. We have also been doing lots of work in waking up our brains and learning rhythm and crossing the midline.

**YEAR 2**
The Year 2’s have had fun in science exploring the forces of push and pull when using toys. We are busily solving word problems in maths, and are still practicing writing our perfect sentences in story writing.

**YEAR 3**
The Year Threes have been plotting our body part measurements on column graphs and examining odd and even numbers in Maths. We have been learning our times tables off by heart. We have been trying hard to improve our handwriting by using correct letter size. In Art, we got to illustrate our emotions with Mrs. Johnston. In Science, we have been investigating living and non-living things.

**YEAR 4**
Well, we have been working hard this week. We are learning all about place value in Maths and have played some cool games that help us. In English, we have finished our recounts and we are now moving onto narratives - who knows, there may be a best-selling author among us! In history, we are learning how the Aboriginal people used the land to build houses and find food. In art, we have designed Aussie themed vests, they look great!

**YEAR 5**
This week in year 5 we completed some wonderful art work on emotions with Mrs Johnston! We have been studying 24 hour time in maths, as well as looking at mental addition strategies. We have reached a very exciting part in our MYST writing game and we are waiting on the edge of our seats for next weeks instalment. After viewing the game we wrote the opening for our MYST stories!

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**PRE-PRIMARY**
Wow what a week! Mr Wilkie told us we could play in the new playground and we've had so much fun! The climbing frame is simply the best. We have loved following obstacle courses and carrying out our movement activities in the playground too. We are enjoying learning about new sounds and numbers and are also learning how to use computers and ipads in a safe way.

**KINDY**
We have been busy making friends, learning where everything is and what to do in Kindy. We used our great colouring and cutting skills to make a ‘Bee-utiful’ Bee to display with our Good ‘Bee-haviour’ chart.