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Parents’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty
Maker of heaven and earth,
And Jesus, His only Son,
Begotten from all eternity
Who, through the power of the Spirit,
Was born of a virgin and came to be with us,
A Jesus who loved and cherished children.
I believe that this same Lord Jesus
is present among us, proclaiming the Good
News - to His children and to us;
That He has died, He is risen, and has come again.
Amen

Dear Parents,

As we enter Lent I am sharing the first part of the Parents’ Creed, which will be shared prior to each P&F Meeting. The last line of the prayer encapsulates the significance of the Easter celebrations. During Lent we all draw closer to God, strive to be better people and prepare ourselves for the death and resurrection of Jesus commemorated at Easter.

Ash Wednesday
Students from years 3 to 6 joined with the community for the Ash Wednesday Mass. In his homily Fr Joseph explained the significance of the ashes for the children. May we all exhibit the humility that Fr Joseph mentioned as our goal during Lent as we strive to follow Jesus.

Our junior grades also received the Ashes in a Paraliturgy in the school hall. My thanks to Miss Dillon, and her helpers, for the important work in making Ash Wednesday, and Lent, meaningful for the younger students.

Thanks must also go to our year six students for their leadership in the Mass, and for wonderful leadership in all areas within the school.

Appreciation of Spirit of Volunteering
With the support and involvement of our P&F we were hoping to avoid periods of considerable call on parents and spread support across the year. This hasn’t been possible with our very busy start to the year.

I have been thrilled and really impressed with the number of volunteers we have had for the grape pick, Japanese students and the preparation of the pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. If we consider this alongside the considerable volunteer hours already happening in the Canteen and Uniform Shop, then it is apparent that our community is exceptionally supportive of the students and the school.

Our P&F meeting last Thursday morning was also well attended with a number of new families present, which is much appreciated. Our next P&F meeting will be an evening meeting (7.30pm) on Tuesday 24th March. We alternate morning and
evening meetings to include parents who may not be able to attend evening meetings.

**Shrove Tuesday**
Thanks must go to our Catholic Community Portfolio leaders for organizing the pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. We had a group of parents who volunteered to prepare and cook the pancakes to be enjoyed by the children (and staff) at recess time. The pancake tradition began as a way to use up rich foods like eggs, milk and sugar before commencing the forty days of Lent. We had a very generous response to the day raising $276 for Caritas. Thanks to all for your generosity.

**Faction Sports with Dardanup Primary**
This year the training and carnivals will be hosted by Dardanup Primary since we have had some problems with the watering of our oval after the installation of drainage just prior to Christmas. For the benefit of our new families I share the following information

- Students from years 1 to 6 will join with the students of DPS in four factions.
- New students will find out their factions later this week.
- Our students will participate in training and selection trials in the mornings (9.00 to 10.15am) of;
  - Tuesday 3rd March
  - Thursday 5th March
  - Monday 9th March
  - Wednesday 11th March
  - Friday 13th March.

The fun run, jumps and throws will be held on Wednesday 18th March, with the carnival happening on Friday 20th March.

Students may wear faction coloured polo’s on these days, but this is not compulsory. They will need faction shirts for the carnivals.

More information will follow closer to the events. We look forward to a continuation of the strong tradition of a great day of participation and competition involving all students in Dardanup with huge support from the communities of both schools.

**Sacraments in 2015**
In an effort to give plenty of prior notice for families in Year 3 (Reconciliation), Year 4 (First Eucharist) and Year 6 (Confirmation), I am sharing the important dates;

- Reconciliation Commitment Mass and Parent Meeting - **Sunday 2nd August**
- Sacrament of Reconciliation **Wednesday 9th September**
- First Eucharist Commitment Mass and Parent meeting - **Sunday 3rd May**
- First Eucharist – **Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th June**
- Confirmation Commitment Mass – **Sunday 21st June**
- Confirmation – **Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th August**

**Italian Funding Petition**
Earlier this year I mentioned that the WA Government funding for Italian Lessons has been reduced in 2015, and will cease in 2016. Our School will not be able to fund Italian classes without this support, so this year could be the last year of Italian classes.

We have a petition seeking funding support on the reception desk in the school office. If you are at school to deliver or pick up your child/ren could you please sign the petition. We need to send the petition in by **Tuesday 3rd March**.

**Making Jesus Real**
As mentioned at the AGM last year, our School Board is funding the ‘Making Jesus Real’ approach in our school. This initiative was designed by Peter Mitchell, an employee of the Tasmanian Catholic Education system. The Making Jesus Real program is centred around the belief that we are the image of Jesus to all. We are His representatives and our actions should reflect His values. Jesus also made the comment that we are part of his family and that the ways we treat others should be reflective of the way we would treat Jesus.

As part of our new strategic plan the School Board is funding Mr Skehan and Mrs Godwin to attend training in Hobart, together with a day of school visits, to see the program in operation. The program will commence in our school in years 4 and 5, and gradually be integrated across the school.

Peter Mitchell will be retiring at the end of this year. He is making his final visit to WA in June to support the many Catholic Schools following the program. He will visit our school on the PD Day scheduled for Wednesday 17th June to work with our staff.

**Early Childhood Literacy Evening**
Last 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.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day**
As mentioned last week, we are celebrating our school feast day tomorrow with a school Mass for students from years 1 to 6. Parents and community members are most welcome to join us.

**School Fees**
It has come to our attention that the BPay slogan on the fees statement covered some of the reference number should you wish to pay via BPay. The reference number will start with 18230----- with 5 numbers after it. The Biller Code is 79954. If you have any problems please contact the office on 97281054. 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.

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

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### Virtue of the week

**Generosity**

What is Honesty?
Generosity is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to, not with the idea of receiving a reward or a gift in return. Generosity is being aware that there is plenty for everyone. It is seeing a chance to give what you have and then giving just for the joy of giving. It is one of the best ways to show love and friendship.

How do you Practice Generosity?
When you are generous, you think of ways to share what you have. You think about what people need and do things to give them happiness. You share your time, your ideas, your things or your money. When you give away something that is really special to you, that is a very generous way to show love. It feels good to give freely, just for the sake of giving.

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**Merit Certificates**

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**Canteen**

Reminder to all Canteen helpers to please wear closed in shoes when volunteering. Also please do not wear singlets or tank tops. Thank you.

**Helpers Tomorrow**
Friday 20th February
Leaders: Denise & Louise
Helpers: Geraldine Stowe & Heidi Armstrong

**Helpers Next Week**
Friday 27th February
Leaders: Helen & Jasmine
Helpers: Candice Eccleston & Candice Humble

**Menu Next Week:**

- Recess: Blueberry Muffin
- Lunch: Fried Rice
- Extra: Juice

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**Community News**

**Boyanup Junior Hockey Club**
Registration Day 14th March
@ Hockey Stadium
Registration also available direct from Steve Green on 0408 923 905
(forms will also be in school office next week)
The season starts Saturdays in early May.
Grades J3/4, J5/6 & J7/8 train on Tuesday.
Grades J1/2 (Grade 1 & 2) train for 30mins before their game on Saturdays.
All players welcome.

**Ferguson Music Trail**
Wine-tasting while listening to Mozart
Sunday 29th March
11am @ Ferguson Farmstay
12pm @ Ferguson Falls
1pm @ Hackersley Winery
2pm @ St Aidan’s
We celebrated a wonderful beginning to Lent this week, with Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday.

Years 3-6 celebrated with an Ash Wednesday Mass in the morning. Thanks to our year 6 students for their wonderful leadership and reading at mass. Also, thank you to Father Joseph for celebrating this mass with us. The pre-primary, year 1 and year 2 classes celebrated with a paraliturgy after recess. We were able to discuss the reason for the ashes and also reflect on something nice we were going to do for others during the season of Lent.

Miss Natalie Dillon
Assistant Principal of Religious Education

Thank you

A great big thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who cooked pancakes for Shrove Tuesday- Mrs Rodwell, Mrs O’Rourke, Ms Clements, Mrs Heelan, Nonna Madaffari, Mrs Horsley and Mrs Davern.

Without you, this fundraiser would not have been possible.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 18 February

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 ‘Do not put on a gloomy look.’

The ashes of Ash Wednesday carry a sense of urgency. They remind us that we are not permanent residents here on earth, that in fact life is quite short.

This makes Lent a valuable time for examining our direction, refocusing our priorities, and making sure that God is at the centre of our lives. We need this time of Lent each year to open ourselves to being captured anew by the love of God – and to finding ways for the love we have received to flow through us to others.

We raised $276 for Caritas this week with our pancakes.

Catholic Portfolio Leaders

A special mention to Dayna Madaffari and Matthew Horsley, our Catholic Portfolio Leaders in 2015, for their excellent leadership this week.

They collected the donations and counted up the amount, ensured that everyone had a pancake for Shrove Tuesday and also delivered the Project Compassion boxes and helped teachers to change their prayer table for the season of Lent.

Congratulations Dayna and Matthew. Great leadership!
KINDY  We are enjoying finding out about each other. We collected four things at home that are special to us and showed them at school. We learned that some of our new Kindy friends like the same things we do. We are making a Kindy book with pictures we have made of ourselves. When it is finished we will take turns in taking it home to share with our families. This will help us to remember each other's names.

PRE-PRIMARY  Wow we have almost made it to the end of week three. We have been busy reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and completing tasks based around the story. In Religion, we made a numbered cross to help us remember how to do the sign of the cross at prayer time. In Health, we discussed what friendship means and what unfriendly behaviour looks like. The students role played these behaviours with puppets they made. We are loving the new K/P playground also.. Everyone is looking forward to a rest over the weekend (being in Pre-Primary is so exhausting!) Thanks to all the parents who attended the classroom meeting. Have a lovely weekend xx Mrs S, Mrs T and the Pre-primaries

YEAR 1. We celebrated a wonderful paraliturgy yesterday for Ash Wednesday and we learnt all about the reason for the ashes. In Maths we have continued to work on our skip counting. Miss Dillon has been busy testing us all on our literacy knowledge this week. In science we have been exploring our schoolyard for minibeasts.

YEAR 2  The Year 2's have written awesome recounts about a 'Space Adventure'. We followed the correct text structure of a recount and added lots of interesting information! We have been learning about Aussie Heroes. So far we have learnt about Albert Namatjira and Phar Lap. We wonder who it will be next week??

YEAR 3  The year threes have been learning to round off to the nearest ten in Maths. We have been examining animal classifications in science and will be making our safari men this week in Technology and Enterprise.

YEAR 4  This week we have been busy learning about how to create a great setting in a narrative. We used our senses to write a great introduction for a story, set in our very own playground! In history, we are learning how the Aboriginals lived before the arrival of the Europeans, using the land properly to allow it to regenerate (that's one of our new words). We are working hard in Maths and we have been using study ladder to help us revise our times tables because they are VERY important we are told!

YEAR 5  This week we have been busily learning about factors and multiples in Maths. We have also been looking at how to use our five senses to create interesting pieces of writing for our Myst stories. In Health we are looking at bullying and we are using the iPads to create informational posters to put around the school.

YEAR 6  This week we have been busy with our homework and Maths!!!! dun, dunn, dunnnnn! On Shrove Tuesday we ate some yummy pancakes. We also learnt how to do 'lattice multiplication'. On Wednesday we have worked on our Study Ladder. This week has been great! Dayna & Caitlyn
Thank you to our parent helpers - Mrs Rodwell, Mrs O’Rourke, Ms Clements, Mrs Heelan, Mrs Madaffari, Mrs Horsley and Mrs Davern. Champion pancake cooks - who probably never want to see pancakes again!

We are in charge of the best portfolio!

Shrove Tuesday

The best morning tea!

Teachers love Shrove Tuesday!

We raised $263.60 for Caritas! Thank you for your donation.