Dear Parents and Community Members,

Recently our school was invited as one of eight schools across Australia to participate in a Caritas “Google Hang Out”. Our Portfolio Leaders and Head Boy and Head Girl had a chance to ask and participate in questions about how Caritas has helped the people in Fiji.

This opportunity was a fantastic experience for the students of our school, and an opportunity to share the great work our school does to support Caritas. This support isn’t only in terms of fundraising, but also in educating our students and community on our calling to support those in need.

I was involved with the students in the link up and I was very impressed with the depth of compassion and understanding exhibited by our students. Thanks must go to Mrs Godwin for her leadership of the students, staff and families in all our efforts to help others. This is made possible by the generosity and support of our parents and community. May God continue to guide and bless our efforts to help others.

Religious Education and Sacraments

Weekly Reports

A change to the newsletter format this year will be a report from Miss Dillon each week to keep our community updated on what is happening in RE and Sacramental preparation. This section will also include our prayer or reflection for the week.

Faction Sports with Dardanup Primary

This year the training and carnivals will be hosted by Dardanup Primary.

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.
- All students have been told of their faction colour.
- 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 T shirts’ on these days, but this is not compulsory. They will need faction shirts for the carnivals.

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.

Faction Sports Training

Training will be held at Dardanup Primary this year. Children travelling to school by bus (Years 1-6) will
be dropped at Dardanup Primary School. We will have staff there to meet them. Those students who normally walk to school should walk to Dardanup Primary instead. Children in Kindy and Pre-Primary are NOT involved.

Parents who bring their children to school can drop them at Dardanup Primary direct, but not before 8.35am please.

All children must have a drink bottle, a school hat and come to school with sunscreen applied.

I have had enquiries from students in blue faction about wearing the old sports shirts for training. This will be fine for training, but I would like ALL of our students from blue faction in our new blue polo shirt for both carnivals. Year six students in blue faction may wear their leavers shirts.

**Leavers Shirts**

Our Leavers Shirts were blessed by Fr Joseph this morning and distributed to our excited Year six students at our assembly. The attractive design on our new polo shirts looks fantastic. Congratulations to Anai Gelmi on using her considerable artistic skills to create the design. Thanks must go to Gemma Gelmi and our uniform volunteers for organizing the shirts.

**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**.

We have had a good response so far with many parents signing the petition but we need more, so please drop in and add your signature.

**Development of our School Website**

Our updated website is available at [www.ololdard.wa.edu.au](http://www.ololdard.wa.edu.au). I have recently placed the following items and encourage everyone to access them.

Under “Our School” you will find an updated Principal’s Welcome, Vision and Mission Statements and our Core Values. The significance of our Motto and Crest are explained, and you can download a copy of our 2015 to 2018 Strategic Plan together with a Strategic Plan Booklet. Reports from the Principal, School Board Chairman and P&F President from the 2014 AGM have also been loaded. I recommend these to everyone as a way of learning of the initiatives and improvement plans we have in place for our school.

The newsletter is available each week before the end of school under the “Communication” tab. This is the best way to view the newsletter together with any features included as well as the class pages. Previous newsletters are also readily available.

**Early Childhood Presentation**

Earlier this term 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.

A poster promoting this evening is also available on the website under the “Communication” tab in the parent information drop down heading.

Please encourage anyone who may be considering our school for Kindy in 2016 to come along. This will be the best way to learn about our school and community.

**Catering at Sports Carnival on Friday 26th March**

Our P&F will be organising the morning tea as a fundraiser at the carnival. Dardanup Primary P&C will be providing the lunch. A note was sent home earlier this week seeking some volunteers to work on the morning tea stall in half hour time slots. Please contact the school if you didn’t receive this note.

**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.

God's blessing to you all
Des Wilkie

**Virtue of the week**

**Determination**

**What is Determination?**
Determination is focusing your energy and efforts on a task and then sticking with it until it is finished. Determination is using your will power to do something when it isn’t easy. You are determined to meet your goals. Even when it is really hard, or you are being tested, you still keep going.

**How do you Practice Determination?**
Decide what is important to you. Then use your will power to make it happen. Finish what you start. If obstacles come up, deal with them, and get back on track. If you get discouraged or distracted, remember your goal. Ask yourself ‘what do I need?’ Then start again. It feels good to meet your goals!

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**Merit Certificates**

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**CACTEEN**

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 27th February
Leaders: Helen & Jasmine
Helpers: Candice Ecclestone & Candice Humble

**Helpers Next Week**
Friday 6th March
Leaders: Denise & Louise
Helpers: Zoe Bouteloup, Catherine Tozer

**Menu Next Week:**

**Recess**  Apple Scones / Cheese Scones

**Lunch**  Hot Chicken & Mayo Roll

**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.

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**Community Immunisation Clinics**

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

Please refer to the flyer that is at the front office for further information and dates.
Ferguson Music Trail
Wine-tasting while listening to Mozart
Sunday 29th March
11am @ Ferguson Farm stay
12pm @ Ferguson Falls
1pm @ Hackersley Winery
2pm @ St Aidan’s

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.

Contact Leanne Swanwick on 0419 250 748 for further details.

The 2015 Dardanup Art Spectacular Exhibition and Art Trail
The 2015 Dardanup Art Spectacular Exhibition and Art Trail will be held on 15th, 16th and 17th May with a prize pool of $4000.

Entry forms and info available from website www.dardanupartspectacular.com.au
Contact us by email on info@dardanupartspectacular.com.au or call 97216087
Entries close on 28th April.

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

Eaton Dardanup Football Club
2015 Soccer Registration Information
This year all registrations are to be complete by player or parent online @ Myfootballclub.com.au

Information days will be held on:
Thursday March 5th – Eaton Rec Centre 4-7pm
Saturday 7th March – Dardanup Sporting ground 9-12noon
Fees are as follows:
5-11 Years - $130
12-15 Years - $140
16-18 Years Seniors $215
19+ Seniors $295
(includes club polo)

Contact Hayley Bowen for more info 0407198923 or bowen.hayley@yahoo.com

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Religious Education News

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 1 March Mark 9:2-10 The Transfiguration

The Transfiguration is quite a unique event in the life of Jesus. One evening Jesus took three disciples up a mountain to pray – probably not the first time Jesus had done this. They thought they knew what they were in for – when suddenly they were knocked to the ground by a blinding light. Jesus was transformed, his face and clothes dazzling like the sun – something of the divinity of Jesus had broken through.

There is a parallel in our own lives. Long hum-drum days can be pierced by a momentary insight of eternity. We realise with a new certainty that we are loved by God, that we have an eternal destiny, and that life is of immense value.

This is true for every human being. Hence arises our duty to show respect for others and to support them in securing the basic needs of life.

Dates to remember

Thursday 5th March - Reconciliation Year 6, 11am
Thursday 12th March - Reconciliation Year 4, 11am
Thursday 19th March - Reconciliation Year 5, 11am
Thursday 26th March - Mass Year 4, 5, 6, 11am
Tuesday 31st March – Chrism Mass, Year 6, Bunbury

Congratulations to everyone that participated in our Feast Day Mass on Friday. It was a wonderful celebration for our school and a great opportunity for all of us to gather to thank God for our wonderful start to the year. Thank you Father Joseph for celebrating.

From our Portfolio Leaders

Catholic Community - Dayna Madaffari & Matt Horsley

Here are some handy hints during Lent:

- Act nicely to your brothers or sisters
- Help do the dishes
- Make your bed
- Clean up after your pets

Head Boy and Head Girl - Daniel Godwin and Ella Hutton

Last Friday we held a student council meeting to come up with ideas for fundraising and how to make improvements around the school, like keeping our school clean.

Social Justice - Noelle Abbs & Byron Musitano

This term we will be holding an Easter Raffle. We will be sending out a note later about what we need. We will need lots of Easter Egg donations!

Sustainability - Erin Heelan & Ben Taylor

Looking after the Vege Garden started on Tuesday with helpers from each class. Each week the helpers change so listen out at Monday assembly for your name. We will be sending out a note asking for parent helpers soon.

Don’t forget it is Clean Up Australia Day on March 2nd.

Sport - Emmaline Barbetti & Jack Monkhouse

We have been helping the year 1’s with catching and throwing.

Sports training starts on Tuesday at Dardanup Primary.

Blue Ribbons are being given out to people who are using their manners when borrowing equipment from the Sports Shed.
**YEAR 1.** Year ones started reading groups this week. We all sit together in our groups, learn new words and read our books and talk about our books with each other. We are all making great improvement in sounds and listening to sounds and writing them down. Ms Maslin has been working with us on skip counting as well as showing great courage when taking us out to learn sports games. She has discovered that some year ones get distracted by shiny leaves in the middle of a game! Have a great long weekend.

**PRE-PRIMARY** This week in PP we have been reading Hattie and the Fox. In Literacy we have made our own farm animal booklet to share with the class. We are also getting very clever with our sound awareness and can blend sounds to guess CVC words. In Mathematics, we are learning about day and night and using number strips to learn about numbers. We were very lucky in PP this week - we had some extra time on the I-pads with Mr Skehan. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

**YEAR 2** The Year 2's have been completing number lines this week, which can sometimes be a bit tricky! We have been enjoying practicing our team games for the sports carnival, and can't wait for the real training to begin next week!

**YEAR 3** We have been learning about place value in Maths, and using I-Pads to do research for our Animal Reports in English. Our Safari Men are nearly finished and will soon be on display.

**YEAR 4** This week we have been working really hard on our Maths. We are getting good at adding up big numbers and we are about to launch into subtracting larger numbers. In English, we are still working on our narrative structure and we will begin writing our masterpiece novels very soon! In History, we are learning about totems and will have a go at designing our own soon.

**YEAR 5** In Geography this week we have been busy learning about the different state and territory flags and emblems of Australia. We have also been investigating reasons why some of the early colonies were set up in different locations around Australia.

**YEAR 6** In class we have been very busy doing Art. We are painting tropical birds, each with their very own style! In Maths we are learning to place fractions on a number line. We received our new leavers' shirts at assembly this morning, and we can't wait to wear them! Akaysha & Emmaline