Our Confirmation Reflection

Each moment of your life, may you feel the Lord’s embrace.
May you sense His guiding presence in each challenge that you face.

May His peace and light be with you, and may you realise how deeply loved and precious you are within His eyes.

Dear Parents, Students and Members of the Community,

What a wonderful celebration of Confirmation we had last weekend. Twenty-five students were confirmed in their Catholic Faith and received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We hope and pray these young people stay close to Christ and His Church. There are many people to thank for such lovely celebrations; firstly, Father Tony and Father Joseph for leading the Masses for us. To the numerous parishioners who contributed to the masses through prayers, readings, music, altar serving and organising the cakes, coffee and tea. To the staff that showed support during the masses by arranging flowers, taking photos, distributing pins, sashes and booklets. Thanks to Miss Dillon and Ms Maslin for their organisation and preparation of the students. Finally congratulations to the young people who were confirmed, let the Gifts of the Holy Spirit fill your lives and guide you into the future.

This morning we had our first Making Jesus Real (MJR) Assembly. The student leaders did an amazing job of running the assembly and all students participated actively throughout. The presentation of the MJR Star Award, the class ‘Spirit of Jesus’ award and the Gotcha Awards were a highlight of the assembly – congratulations to the recipients of these awards. It was wonderful to see the recorded student responses to ‘I saw the Spirit of Jesus when...’ on the Smart board as a part of this assembly. Thanks to Mr Skehan for his leadership of MJR and developing the assembly format. MJR Assemblies will be held twice a term, with our next one being on Thursday, 24th September. As this is the date for our Open Day, the assembly will be followed by musical items and then classrooms will be open for visitors. I encourage everyone to attend.
Congratulations
Late last week I was informed via email that one of our staff members had been nominated for an ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award. It is my pleasure to announce to the school community that the nomination for this award is for Mrs Joanne Leach. Jo has dedicated many years of service, delivering a high level of education to many children and is a well-deserved recipient of the nomination.

Book Week
Next week is Book week. This year we are celebrating 70 years of the Children’s Book Council of Australia and to mark the occasion we are inviting any parents or grandparents to be involved in a “Share my favourite book from my childhood” session. Please contact Ms Maslin if you would like to be involved. This session will be held on Tuesday 25th August after the annual Book week dress-up parade. Hopefully all students are ready with costumes of their favourite book characters.

Excursions
After recess on Tuesday, the Pre-Primary class will walk to Dardanup Primary to join them in a Bunnings workshop. It is wonderful to see the students from both schools working together, encouraging friendship and relationships within the community.

On Wednesday, the Year 5 & 6 classes will compete in the Eagles and Dockers Cup. A football competition played against local primary schools. The event will take place at Hay Park – we wish the teams well.

Fun Run
Next Friday, students from Years 1 – 6 will participate in a ‘Fun Run’ celebrating National Physical Education Day. Students will run, jog or walk around the oval for 15 minutes and be presented with a Certificate at the completion of their run. We would like as many students as possible to participate in this event and ask that they wear their sports uniform. If your child can not participate in the event, please send a note.

Classes will run at the following times:
- 9.00am – Years 1 & 2
- 10.50am – Years 3 & 4
- 1.30pm – Years 5 & 6

Assistant Principals Conference
Miss Dillon and Ms Maslin will be attending the annual Assistant Principals’ Conference in Perth next Thursday and Friday. These conferences are very important in providing professional development in the area of leadership and school improvement for our school.

God’s blessing to you all

Luke Godwin
Acting Principal

Parents & Friends News

Bull & Barrel Festival
Plans are progressing well for our school involvement in the festival. The Bull and Barrel is a significant fundraiser for our school and requires the help of many. Thanks to those who responded to last weeks note requesting assistance for the festival, if you have not returned your form, but can assist on the day, please let the school know ASAP.

Expressions of Commitment to Host Families For Japanese High School Students
16th-19th Feb 2016
We are looking for families to host Japanese students in early February, 2016. The students come to experience Australian rural life and culture. This is a great experience for your young children and families to interact with another culture and to Make Jesus Real by offering our hospitality, kindness and generosity to others from different, diverse backgrounds to ours.
**Disco**

The school disco is only 2 weeks away – don’t forget to return notes.

More information will be sent home next week regarding the above mentioned initiatives. Please show your support to the P&F by assisting where you can.

**Merit Certificates:**

Pre-Primary: Cassidy Rose, Ashlee Rowe, Xavier Balinski
Year One: Jasmine Elliot
Year Two: Sebastion Stowe
Year Three: Billie Barnden
Year Four: Hannah Barbetti, Wil Johns
Year Five: Jake Allpike, Elijah Birrell
Year Six: Akaysha Quadrio, Jack Boyes, Mitch Roberts

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Congratulations to our first MJR winners that were announced at this mornings assembly. You can read more about **Mitch, Mason, Pippa** and **Seb** and why they won these awards on our school website http://www.ololdard.wa.edu.au

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**Canteen News**

- Orders need to be placed by 8.45am Thursday morning.
- Bags are available from the school office or canteen - $2.00 for 20.
- For recess and lunch items available every Friday, please see canteen menu or school website.

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**Tomorrow – Friday 21st August**

Leaders: Clare & Denise
Helpers: Rachel Addison & Sarah Sabitino

**Next Week – Friday 28th August**

Leaders: Julie & Helen
Helpers: Chrissy Scott & Ali Van Djik

If you are able to assist in the canteen please contact one of the Leaders or the front office.
DOUBLE EARN AND LEARN POINTS THIS WEEKEND!!!

Have you been shopping at Woolworths?

Have you been collecting the Earn & Learn stickers? Now until 8 SEPTEMBER 2015 please collect the stickers to help OUR school raise funds for equipment. Collection boxes are located at Eaton Fair, Bunbury Forum and Treendale Shopping Centres or you can drop your stickers or completed sticker sheets into the school office.

NEXT TUESDAY IS DRESS UP DAY FOR BOOK WEEK

What will you be dressing up as?

To help celebrate this we will be holding a “Share my favourite book from my childhood” day. This will include staff, parents, grandparents and any other relatives that would be happy to join us on Tuesday 25th August to celebrate our special day.

Thank you
Jenny Maslin - Teacher Librarian

The Shire of Dardanup Library has some very exciting activities happening throughout September. Click on the following link to check them out


DARDANUP’S GOT TALENT

Are you a STAR? Can you sing? Dance? Play a musical Instrument?

If you would like to be Dardanup’s Next Talent, complete the form on the Festival website

http://www.bullandbarrel.net.au

This is open to students who live within the Dardanup Shire or attend schools within the Dardanup Shire.

Selected Artists will perform at the Festival on the Cristal Stage. Cash Prizes to winners!

Entries close 30th September 2015. Phone Linda Skrolys 0437 281 297

Parent Forum - Tuesday 1st September 2015

“Nothing teaches children more than a parent who is willing to learn”

Venue – Bunbury Catholic College – Sports Pavilion

This is a FREE event, however for catering purposes please RSVP to admin@pff.wa.edu.au or Sarah on 9271 5909
Eaton Basketball Association

Registrations are now open for the 2015/2016 Basketball Season for Under 10’s – Under 20’s boys and girls. Get a team of your friends together and go online to www.eaton.basketball.net.au to either find out more information or to register just follow the links.
Thank you to those parents that attended the Reconciliation Parent Meeting yesterday. Thank you also to Father Joseph for attending and presenting. Please see Mrs Dykstra if you were unable to make it, so you can receive any information.

Congratulations to those students who received the MJR Awards at assembly today.

Miss. Natalie Dillon
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Thursday 3rd September - Year 3 First Reconciliation, 9.30am

Thursday 10th September - Year 4/5/6 Faith Formation Session and Mass, 11am

Confirmation

Congratulations to the Confirmation Candidates for the wonderful way they conducted themselves last weekend at their Confirmation.

Thank you to the parents of the Confirmation Candidates in preparing your children to receive the Sacrament.

Thank you to Father Tony and to Father Joseph for not only the Mass, but your help leading up to the day.

Thank you also to Mrs Pam Harris for setting up and cleaning up the cake and cuppa for both Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Making Jesus Real

Stretch the Moment - Reflections

Sometimes when we are struck by an event, scene or encouraging word, we should take a little longer to ponder the moment and “smell the flowers” otherwise, if we are not careful, life rushes past us.

Activity: Can I spend 1-2 minutes a couple of times a week to stretch the moment?

St Pius X - Friday 21st August

Pope Pius the tenth encouraged people to participate actively in the liturgy and invited young children to holy communion.

God of kindness may our participation in the Mass lead us into the holy mystery of your love. Amen
**KINDY** After reading the book ‘Who Sank the Boat’ by Pamela Allen, we became little boat builders and each created a boat from a piece of foil. We thought about what we needed to do to shape the foil to make sure our boat floated. Then we tested our boats in water. We put one marble in at a time to see how many marbles it took to sink each boat. It was fun discovering the properties of a floating boat!

**PRE-PRIMARY** We have been very busy this week. We celebrated being in Pre-Primary for 120 days on Tuesday by having a disco party with our Year 5 buddies. We got to play party games and share party food with our buddies. We raised $40 for Project Compassion.

On Friday we are going on a community walk around Dardanup, we will be visiting the Post Office, General Store and the Hardware Store.

**YEAR 1** We have been learning about Haiku poetry. We have also been busy creating our Father’s Day presents! On the 2nd September we are going to the Dardanup Heritage Park with the year 2's, as part of our history unit. A note went home this week about this so please return asap. Thanks

**YEAR 2** We have been busily writing our reports of an Australian animal. We are also finding out about 3D shapes in maths, and loved making 3D shapes using matchsticks and playdough. We also had fun investigating the difference between sand and soil in science.

**YEAR 3** We had a week of special visitors! Shunpei from Japan came to see us on Monday and we enjoyed listening to him and watching as he showed us some Japanese writing.

Our friend Tia paid us a visit on Tuesday and it was great to catch up with her and share what we have all been doing this year. Our class liturgy with the Year 2s went well today and we thank Fr Joseph for celebrating with us.

**YEAR 4** We have been working really hard in Year 4 and Mrs Godwin is so proud of us. In history, we put ourselves in the place of a convict in the First Fleet and wrote a letter home to our families in England telling them all about the horrible journey. We have been learning about beach safety in health and we are designing brochures to educate tourists about some of the dangers at the beach - who knows, the Bunbury Lifesaving Club may love our work and use them!!

**YEAR 5** We have been busy improving our writing. We have been focussing on persuasive writing and have tackled the topic “Should Zoo’s Be Banned”. We have also begun to research a planet to write a report on, we have just started our notes and our information is coming together well. In maths we are really enjoying our new app "Manga High", this has allowed us to improve our maths skills in a fun and interactive way.

**YEAR 6** Last Friday the we went on retreat with Mrs Barton. We spent the day learning about Confirmation in preparation for the weekend. We all enjoyed Confirmation, and would like to thank everyone involved in helping to organise it for us. This week we have been doing 'Skittle Maths.’ We are graphing in a variety of ways, and we are even mastering the construction of a pie graph. Our poetry wall is nearly complete and it looks awesome!