Loving God,

Our lives through your eyes are special.
Where we doubt ourselves, You encourage us.
Where we find fault, You see only our potential.
Where there is an end, You see a new beginning.
Help us to be the person you intend us to be, in our relationship with you.
Keep on beckoning us to understand how your heart works.
For it is through our understanding of you, Lord,
That our students will come to know you better.
Amen

On Tuesday we celebrated 70 years of the Children’s Book Council of Australia with a ‘Dress-up as your Favourite Book Character’ parade. It was wonderful to see the variety of costumes and to see the excitement from all the students. Following on from the parade, we had some shared reading sessions where parents and grandparents read stories from their childhood to students. Thanks to all the parents for supporting this event by creating such wonderful costumes and to Ms Maslin, Mrs Fitton and Mrs Dusci for coordinating the event. To see photos from the dress up day please go to our school website http://www.ololdard.wa.edu.au/pdf/events/event_06.pdf.

Please keep the Year 3 students in your prayers as they continue their preparation to receive Reconciliation for the first time next Thursday.

Congratulations
Last weekend, Lucy Brookes and Dayna Madaffari competed in a Regional Gymnastics competition in Albany. Both girls achieved excellent results in all elements of the competition. Lucy was awarded 1st overall in Level 3 and Dayna 3rd overall in Level 4. Both girls will now compete in the State Championships in October. We wish them well.
Excursions
On Wednesday the Year 1 & 2 classes will visit the Dardanup Heritage Park. This visit ties in closely to their History unit focusing on living in the olden days without electricity! We look forward to hearing all about it next week.

Fun Run
Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Fun Run will be postponed until next Friday, 4th September. Students from Years 1 – 6 will participate in a Fun Run that celebrates National Physical Education Week. The students have been preparing for this event during their PE lessons this term and are looking forward to the run. Each student will run, jog or walk for 15 minutes and will receive a certificate on completion of the event.

- Years 1&2 – 9.00am
- Years 3&4 – 11.00am
- Years 5&6 – 1.30pm

God’s blessing to you all

Luke Godwin
Acting Principal

Parents & Friends News
The next P&F Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th September at 7.30pm. During this meeting, there will be a presentation about the Making Jesus Real (MJR) program.

A note was sent home earlier this week outlining some events the P&F are working on. It is important to note the considerable contributions the P&F provide for all students at Our Lady of Lourdes. The P&F rely on the generosity of all families, whether in time commitments or donations for certain events. Thanks to all families who have volunteered assistance for the events coming up. If you haven’t replied, and can assist for any of the following please let the school office know ASAP.

Bull & Barrel Festival
More helpers are needed to assist with the parking and Dunking Booth.

Disco
The Disco is only 1 week away and the P&F are looking to borrow any coloured lights, bubble machines, smoke machines, mirror ball etc. If you can lend any items for the disco, please take them to the front office on or before Thursday, 3rd October.

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Merit Certificates:
Pre-Primary: Jordan Duane, Bodhi Thompson, Darci Peace
Year One: Tally Neill
Year Two: Toby King, John Lockhart
Year Three: Florinda Mass-Parton, Campbell Taylor
Year Four: Kassidy Lewis, Charlotte Telini-Mazza
Year Five: Albie Barden, Rose Torrisi
Year Six: Noelle Abbs, Dayna Madaffari
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.
- Please ensure you are using Australian money only for orders.

Tomorrow – Friday 28th August
Leaders: Julie & Helen
Helpers: Chrissy Scott & Ali Van Djik

Next Week – Friday 4th September
Recess: $2.00 Blueberry Muffins
Lunch $3.50 Hamburger
Extra: $1.00 Juice

Leaders: Denise
Helpers: Linda Davern & Hayley Bowen

If you are able to assist in the canteen please contact one of the Leaders or the front office.

Last Week of Earn & Learn!!!!!!

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.

Altar Servers This Week
29th August Sat 6pm Dardanup
S Congdon & Volunteer
30th August Sun 9am Dardanup
J Pelusey & L Carter
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 3rd September - Year 3 First Reconciliation, 9.30am

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

St Bartholomew - Monday 24th August
St Bartholomew is listed among the twelve apostles who were friends of Jesus.

St Monica - Thursday 27th August
St Monica prayed her son would change his ways and follow Christ.

St Augustine - Friday 28th August
St Augustine had a change of heart and turned back to God.

Did you know... St Monica is the mother of another saint, St Augustine. She spent 17 years praying for her son as Augustine spent his youth getting himself into all sorts of trouble. St Monica’s patience and persistence paid off when Augustine repented. He was baptised by St Ambrose in 386 and Monica died at peace a year later.

Making Jesus Real

Use the Big “T” Word - Thanks

(10 times a day)

The word “thanks” is a small word that seems to be forgotten in so many cases. We all like to be thanked for the small things we do for others.

Students: When was the last time I thanked mum or dad for cooking my meals? When did I last thank mum or dad for driving me to school, sport, dancing?

The small things in life are probably more important than the big things. How do you feel when people praise you, smile at you?

Reflections on Confirmation

Some thoughts from the year 6’s

The experience was great; you got to feel a great and powerful connection with God.

I felt as if I was taking the next big step in my life and nothing could change that.

I felt like I could please God and I felt really special because I can grow more like Jesus and would be able to grow stronger.

I remember Father Tony saying loudly that love was important and God would always love us no matter what.

I felt happy for spending time my Confirmation with my friends and family.

It was an enjoyable experience that we were well prepared for so we knew what gifts we were receiving.

The only everlasting love you can find is with God.

Reflections on the Gospel Reading for Sunday

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us.

Children have learned the importance of following rules. Like the Pharisees in today’s Gospel, they often bring to our attention the infractions of others. Even parents sometimes get caught off guard by their children’s observations: ‘Why don’t you have to go to bed at 8:00?’ or ‘But I saw you eat a cupcake before breakfast once.’ Our rules for our children are not arbitrary. We establish and enforce family rules with the intention of helping our children grow to be healthy and mature adults. We foster this maturity when we also initiate conversations with our children about the purposes behind family rules and teach them the essential values that rules help us observe.

As you gather as a family, list some of your most important family rules. Together, try to write a single, positive statement that captures the essential value behind your family rules. In today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus criticize the Pharisees for making their rules about ritual purity equal to the commandments of God. When we remember the essential element behind our rules, we see that our rules help us be the good people that Jesus wants us to be.

Next week the year 3 students will be celebrating the sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers. Thank you to Sonia Stenhouse for organising morning tea.

Miss. Natalie Dillon
APRE
KINDY

We celebrated Book Week dressing up as our favourite character. Caitlin's mum shared a story with us.

PRE-PRIMARY

This week has been really busy in Pre-Primary. We enjoyed an excursion over to Dardanup Primary to see our friends and participated in a Bunnings workshop with them.

On Tuesday it was dress up day for Book Week. Everyone joined in the fun and we loved having stories read to us from parents and teachers. We are also planning on taking our Community Walk this Friday as our plans got rained upon last week. Fingers crossed for fine weather!

YEAR 2

We had so much fun dressing up for the Book Week parade on Tuesday. We especially enjoyed having our special mums come in to our class and read their favourite childhood books to us.

YEAR 3

We had lots of fun dressing up for Book Week. Mrs Dykstra read Snow White and Rose Red, one of her favourite childhood books.

YEAR 4

We are heading underwater in year 4! We have created underwater scuba diving pictures with our adventures under the sea attached. We are also in the middle of creating information brochures for people interested in skin diving - they should be ready soon. In health, we are creating safety booklets for tourists wanting to swim at our beaches.

YEAR 5 & 6

The year 5 and 6 students had a great day out playing in the Eagles and Dockers Cup football competition. The boys got off to a flying start with a victory over South Bunbury Primary. However they found it a bit tougher going against St Josephs who were the overall winners on the day. The team finished off strongly with a big win over Coinda Primary to finish off a successful competition. The girls played two games on the day and showed huge improvement as the carnival went on. Although going down in both games, the girls had a great time and learnt a lot more about the game.

A huge thanks to Michelle Harris for sharing her expertise and coaching the girls. Thank you to Mrs Heelan for also helping out during the day. It was great to see so many parents come down and support the teams, in particular a thanks to Russell Horlin who assisted with the boys team, Jasmine White for being the official team photographer and Cherie Musitano for offering to wash the jumpers. We look forward to next year!!!
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**


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

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**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

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**WAIFS**

The monthly session of Women Active in Faith will be on Monday 31st August 9.30am-12.30pm at the Prayer House.

A great chance to relax with other women in a positive, friendly, fun environment. Please bring along an un-needed dinner plate for our mystery craft activity, and a treasured item (eg jewellery, book, photo) for our fireside chat. A plate of morning tea to share and gold coin donation is appreciated. Stay all morning or just for a cuppa - the kettle is always on and the door is always open! All women are welcome.

More info please call Gail 0409 404 666
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.
Major Fundraiser

Expressions of Commitment to Host Families
For Japanese High School Students in 2016

Early in term 1 2016 we will again have Japanese students visit our community for 3 nights. We are looking for families to host the students - usually billeted in pairs. 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.

Over the past few years, this program has become one of our major fundraisers, jointly benefiting the P&F and the Dardanup Parish community. Supporting this initiative means you will contribute significant financial support to the school and parish community as well as have a wonderful cultural experience.

When:
- 16th - 19th Feb 2016

Who:
- We are seeking OLOL and parish families to host Japanese Students (aged 16-17) from Waseda Shibuya High School. This is a great cultural exposure and opportunity to meet people from different age and cultural backgrounds
- Japanese students will be both male and female students with varied English proficiency – host families can nominate preferred gender
- Most students will be billeted in pairs with families

Why:
- Giving the students an experience of rural living and farming life in our region and to be a supportive member of our school/parish community
- Great opportunity for your children to share their family’s lives with others from a different culture, and to learn about the lives of others

Further Information:

Mel Birrell 0423 986 519

Pam Harris: 0437 156 210 or dromana@gateway.net.au

Please contact Mel or Pam with expressions of commitment to host student(s) by Friday 27th August.
ON THE DAY PLEASE CONTACT SONA STENHOUSE
POSSIBLE TO HELP OUT. ALL WE NEED IS 2 HOURS OF YOUR TIME
FUNDRAISERS FOR OUR SCHOOL. WE NEED AS MANY PEOPLE AS
BUILT A BARREL PARKING - THIS IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST

CALLING ALL FAMILIES WITH EYC STUDENTS!

OLOL P&F NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DISCO!!
LOVE them for our
laying around we would
decorations you have
streamers or
Any spare balloons,
WANTED!!

OLIVIA PIZZA ORDER FORMS ARE TO BE RETURNED BY 9AM WEDNESDAY
CAN GET YOUR TICKET WHICH IS NEEDED FOR ENTRY. SO YOU
ALL PAYMENTS REQUIRED BEFORE FRIDAY 4th.

WE WILL NEED PARENT HELP FROM 3:00-8:00
TIMES K-2, 3:00-6:00

UR DISCO IS FRIDAY 4th SEPTEMBER
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