NEWSLETTER:  18th June 2014

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

I am sure that everyone who attended the school cross country on Monday will agree we had our best one yet, due to a number of factors. The weather smiled upon us, the children having had the extra training performed extremely well, and the implementation of the Spirit Shield increased the motivation to participate on the day. Congratulations to Mrs Alderman and her band of helpers who were down at Hyde park in the cold and rain for training, and also helping out on the day. We now look forward to the inter school cross country which will be the next step in this journey.

Some news out of Year 1 and 2 is their new blogs. Blog posting has been something that has been embraced as part of our 21st Century Learning and it is an easy way for staff to communicate with parents on what is happening each week in the classroom. Mrs Wyre and Mrs Perlini have been designing their own blogs and they are now live to be viewed.

The web addresses are the following:

You can subscribe to these blogs so that whenever there is a new post you get an email telling you one has been posted. We are also currently upgrading our website which we hope will go live some time early next term.

Our Years 4, 5 and 6 travelled to Fremantle to visit the Dockers home and see how an AFL footballer spends their time.

Yesterday was the perfect day for our Faction Cross country Carnival. Nearly every child from Years 3 to 6 was able to participate in the event and receive points for their team.

Final Places were:
1st place  Taylor (Gold)
2nd place  Lee (Red)
3rd place  Henley (green)
4th place  Hewitt (blue)

PLACEGETTERS

Year 3  Year 4  Year 5  Year 6
GIRLS  GIRLS  GIRLS  GIRLS
Shane  Lauren  Amelia  Indiana
Alexandra  Eloise  Shanelle  Gabriella
Isabella  Sofia  Hannah  Emma
Imogen  Mia  Molly  Alice
Alanna  Jemma  Jasmine  Taylor

BOYS  BOYS  BOYS  BOYS
Alistair  Jordi  Ben  Hugh
Matthew  Xavier  Xavier  Harry
Aiden  Stephin  Eric  Michael
Clayton  Myles  Ethan  Raymond
Luke  Kiran  Lance  Ilyan

A SPIRIT SHIELD was awarded for the first time this year and the inaugural winner was LEE with 117 points.

Well done to all the children and parents who have made the effort to train before school. Health and fitness should be a priority in our life.

Thank you so much to all the parents who helped time and hand out the place discs, act as marshals around the course and also thanks to those who came along and cheered for the children.

A note has been sent home to all the children who were successful in making the Interschool team.

Mrs Stephanie Alderman (Physical Education Teacher)

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

Jun  18 School Board Meeting - 6.30pm Staffroom
20 P&F Meeting - 7.30pm School Library
20 P&F Disco water and juice box donations due.
LifeLink Fundraiser - Crazy Colour Day (No Uniform) Gold Coin Donation
26 Interschool Cross Country
27 Sacred Heart Feast Day - Whole of School Mass 9am
adidas School Fun-Run - Forest Park - 1.30pm
P&F School Disco 4-8pm (Set times for year groups)

Jul  2  NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
4 Last day of term
Ceremony for Miss Vanessa Delle Donne 10am School Hall

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Parish Priest: Father Peter Bianchini
64 Mary Street, Highgate
Phone: (08) 9328 3433  Fax: (08) 9227 0137
E-mail: highgate@perthcatholic.org.au

Parish Mass Times
Saturday —  8:00am, Vigil Mass 6:00pm
Sunday —  9:00am, Italian Mass 10:15am
Monday to Friday —  7:00am (except 8am public holidays)
Saturday —  5:00pm - 5:30pm Reconciliation

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

VISION: At Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School we promote a sense of belonging and generosity which reflects the teachings of Jesus. We strive towards independence and mastery in an atmosphere of faith hope and love.

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Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam
“For the Greater Glory of God”

SCHOOL NEWS

CROSS COUNTY TRAINING
Training – Hyde Park at 7.45am SHARP
(Mon, Wed & Fri until Interschool Carnival to be held on 26th June)
MON 23/6/14 TRAINING TO BE HELD AT LIGHT ST OVAL, DIANELLA
( TO PRACTISE ON THE COURSE)
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Yesterday was the perfect day for our Faction Cross country Carnival. Nearly every child from Years 3 to 6 was able to participate in the event and receive points for their team.

A Special Ceremony for Miss Vanessa Delle Donne
On Friday, 4th July, there will be a special ceremony in the school hall, to remember our lovely Vanessa Delle Donne, and to bless a special memorial plaque created in her memory, and honour. Vanessa's family have been invited to attend, and the ceremony will be led by Father Peter. The ceremony will begin at 10.00am. You are all very warmly invited to attend.

Mrs Anna Sheehy (Assistant Principal)
**SACRED HEART FEAST DAY 2014**

On Friday, 27th June, Sacred Heart will celebrate our special feast day, with a number of lovely events. A Whole School Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am, in the Sacred Heart Church. Father Peter and the Year Six Pastoral Care Group will be leading us in this Mass, and everyone is welcome to attend. After Morning Tea, there will be a Staff/Yr 6 Students Netball Game, in the school hall. Mrs Alderman may even be providing some warm up singing entertainment! We will then have an early lunch, before we all walk down to Forrest Park for the Adidas Walkathon. And of course, everyone will then enjoy our wonderful Sacred Heart School Disco, in the evening.

Sacred Heart Feast Day promises to be a fun filled, memorable day for all.

**What Is The Feast of the Sacred Heart?**

The Feast of the Sacred Heart celebrates the love of Christ for all humankind. The Feast falls 19 days after Pentecost Sunday. Since the date of Pentecost Sunday depends on the date of Easter, which changes every year, the Feast of the Sacred Heart falls on a different date each year as well. In celebrating Jesus’ love for all humankind, we are given opportunities to think about the ways in which people can share this love with each other, in our families, and in our local and global community.

Mrs Anna Sheehy (Assistant Principal)

**CRAZY COLOURS DAY**

On Friday, 20th June, Sacred Heart will participate in a Crazy Colours Day, an idea of the Year 6 Pastoral Care Council. We are raising money for Lifelink! A local organisation fully endorsed and supported by Archbishop Costelloe, that helps the less fortunate members of our local community. Amazing work has been done and positive changes to people's lives have come about thanks to the efforts of the people raising money and supporting Lifelink, and that includes Sacred Heart Highgate. This Friday, we would love the children to come to school wearing Crazy Colours, different to what is normally worn. However, we would still like the children to wear their sneakers, in the event of sport. Please bring a gold coin donation as well, so we can support this very worthy cause. We look forward to seeing everyone in their Crazy Colours, for Lifelink!

Mrs Anna Sheehy (Assistant Principal)

**LIFELINK** - Envelopes have come home today with your children, for donations are greatly appreciated. If you would like to send in items for a cause, you can drop them off at the school office by Friday, 20th June. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Mrs Anna Sheehy (Assistant Principal)

**COMMUNITY**

**2015 SCHOLARSHIPS - Aranmore Catholic College**

Aranmore Catholic College, located in the heart of Leederville and easily accessible by public transport, is offering several Academic, Netball and Rugby Scholarships for students entering high school in 2015. For further information and to apply, please visit the College website: wwwaranmore-wa.edu.au. Applications for Academic Scholarships close Friday 4 July 2014. Applications for Netball and Rugby Scholarships close Friday 1 August 2014.

**RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA**

Rock and Water Program - Saturday 28th June 9-12noon

West Leederville Primary School

The program offers a framework of exercises and ideas to assist boys and girls to become aware of the purpose and motivation in their life. Topics include: intuition, body language, mental strength, empathic feeling, positive feeling, positive thinking and positive visualising.

**Dads Raising Girls - Thursday 3rd July 6.30pm-9pm**

22 Southport Street, West Leederville

Find out how you can build a rewarding father-daughter relationship. As the primary male role model in a girl’s life, fathers play an important role in the development of their self-concept and self esteem. This affects how they relate to others, particularly to boys and men.

For further information please phone 9489 6322.

**What does the Universe Story teach us about Community?**

Explore the Josephite Spiritual Homeland and discover the different pathways that give expression to the call to Religious Life. An invitation to young women and men ... A time of reflection, sharing, prayer & companionship.

When: 5.00pm to 8.00pm Thursday 10th July 2014

Where: Mary MacKillop Center, 16 York Street, South Perth

RSVP: Alma Cabassi rsj: cabassi@gmail.com, 0419 044 136 or Leonie Mayne rsj: 0437 120 337. Light supper provided.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Parenting Idea
- P&F Fete Committee 2015
- P&F Disco Raffle
Reading your child's report

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

Could this really be my child?... always does her best... lacks concentration... easily distracted... a pleasure to teach... Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar?

Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well, but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids often take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to the school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1. Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child's abilities. A quick check of your child's test report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2. Do you believe that children learn at different rates?

Not all students are the same. Some learn at a faster pace, some at a slower one. A good teacher will identify these differences and help to adapt the learning environment to suit.

3. Are you willing to safeguard your child's self-esteem rather than deflate it?

Self-confidence is the key to learning. It is essential to be as positive and as encouraging as possible. School reports come in different formats. Some are descriptive while some are grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Remember that the format of the report should provide you with an idea of your child's progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child's report:

Focus on strengths. The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional academic subjects.

Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask for more than that, regardless of the grading.

Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a school community. How your child gets on with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being.

Take note of student self-assessment. Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive to take note of their own opinions.

Discuss the report with your son or daughter. Talk about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed, discuss your child's efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, test and reports for a while.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS,

PLEASE COME AND JOIN THE SCHOOL FETE COMMITTEE FOR 2015!

Whatever your passion, skill, talent or schedule – there is a spot for YOU on the School Fete Committee for 2015

Thanks to the fabulous 2012 School Fete, which really set a fantastic precedence, we have some great ideas – along with a few new ones already brewing.

BUT WE NEED YOU!

As the Fete Coordinator for 2015, my aim is to make our meetings as social, successful and flexible as possible. I work full-time and am happy to create a meeting schedule that works for even the busiest of members (lunch meetings, after school meetings and evening meetings, all a possibility).

Each year group will require a minimum of TWO representatives who will head up the TWO stalls / attractions required to be manned and operated by each year group. The role will entail rallying support from other parents/guardians within your group to ensure your stalls are successful, whilst being on the front-end with regards to the committee decision making (e.g. Fete Theme).

I’m in desperate need of some Committee Members as ‘many hands make light work’. If you’re interested, please use my details below and get in touch, I’d love to hear from you!

Kind regards,
Alysha Cass

FIRST MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TERM 3, WEEK 1
DATE/TIME TBA (BASED ON COMMITTEE MEMBER FEEDBACK)

Email: alysha.cass@bigpond.com
Phone: 0430 599 177
Our Frozen Disco Raffle has heaps of AWESOME prizes!! Be in it to win it and to also help raise funds for Lower School outdoor seating...

- Please buy and/or sell the 5 raffle tickets (total $10.00) that are printed on the right.
- Additional tickets are available from the school office foyer and also for sale on the night of the Frozen Disco.
- Your raffle ticket butt (please cut along the dotted line) and money should be placed in an envelope and given to the Classroom Teacher or the school office by 25 June 2014.

The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term 2 at Assembly on Friday 4th July 2014.

PRIZES!!

1st Prize – “Bop Til You Drop” Disco Party of your own
2nd Prize – “Aussie Farmers Direct” food hamper

Other prizes include...
- Tickets to Mighty Jungle Morley
- Xtreme Ice Arena “Do You Want to Build a Snowman?” event