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"To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others."

Saint Pope John Paul II

Week 3, Term 2

Thursday 11th May, 2017

Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

Welcome to Week 3! We have had another busy, productive week at SMMC. Thank you to the students who have calmly gone about sitting the NAPLAN Tests across this week and to the staff for facilitating these.

Mowing Help

Clare Ryan and Annita Bell have kindly taken on the coordination of a maintenance roster for our school. The main jobs will be hand mowing and whipper snipping, but jobs such as pruning roses will also come up across the year. Thank you to those families who have put their hand up to be on the roster. If you are able to add your name to the list please get in touch with Clare or Annita. Alternatively you can send me an email and I will pass on your details to them. At this stage each family (or maybe two) will be rostered on for a month at a time.

BISSA Cross Country

On Monday some of our secondary students represented SMMC at the Cross Country event in Narrandera with a few of them finishing in the top ten which is a really good effort. Thank you to Mr Couture for his organisation of this event, to the parents who helped to transport the students there and back and to the students who competed.

SRC Breakfast Club

Next Wednesday 17th May the SRC will be holding their first Breakfast Club for the term. This will begin at 8:30am and finish up in time for assembly at 9:15am. All are welcome.

P&F Cake Stall

The Cake Stall in Jindera last Saturday raised an impressive \$664 - \$548 from cakes and \$116 in raffle tickets. A huge thank you to everyone who baked something for the stall and to those who helped to man the stall during the morning.



P&F Meeting

Don't forget to come along to our **Parents and Friends Meeting tonight at 7:30pm** if you can.

Sporting Schools Funding

We were fortunate enough to secure \$3000 of funding from the Sporting Schools Program. The Primary Students will be undertaking a 4 week gymnastics program, which begins next week with Flyaway Gymnastics running the program in our hall. I hope the primary students enjoy learning new skills.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

This Saturday we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady appearing to the shepherd children at Fatima. On Saturday, 13th, the Holy Father will canonise the two youngest children of Fatima, Francisco and Jacinta. They will become the youngest non-martyrs to be so honoured having gone to heaven at 11 and 10 years of age. They were 7 and 6 when Our Lady appeared. We will hold a short ceremony tomorrow at 3pm in the hall, crowning our lady and praying the Litany to our Lady to mark this great feast.

RAS Primary Cross Country

All the best to our Primary Students who will compete in the Cross Country at Jindera Golf Course tomorrow. The event begins at 10:30am if you would like to get along and spectate. Thank you to Miss McCormack for her coordination of this event.

Raffle Tickets

Last chance to get your Mother's Day Raffle tickets in. We will be drawing the raffle after lunch tomorrow (Friday) on the basketball court. I think I've got the winning ticket! The wood raffle will continue for another 2 weeks, so please keep selling those! Thanks to everyone for their efforts.

Athletics Carnival

This coming Monday we will hold our annual Athletics Carnival at Alexandra Park, 229 North St, Albury. Students need to be there by 9:00am, so we can get underway promptly and ensure we get through the program. Students must come straight to Alexandra Park and not to school. Please bring plenty of water and snacks to sustain you throughout the day!

God Bless

Luke Burton (Principal)

Dates for your diary...

- Tuesday lunchtimes – Chess Club with Mr Couture and Mr Galvin
- Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes– Library Open for all students
- Wednesday lunchtimes – Martial Arts training in the Hall with Mr Williams
- **Term 2 – Wednesday 26th April – Friday 23rd June**
- **TONIGHT - Thursday May 11th – P&F Meeting 7.30pm**
- Friday May 12th – RAS Primary Cross Country
- Friday 12th May – P&F Mother's Day Raffle Drawn at end of lunchtime
- Monday 15th May – SMMC Athletics Carnival at Alexandra Park, Albury
- Wednesday 17th May – SRC Breakfast Club 8:30 – 9:15
- Wednesdays 17th, 24th, 31st May and 7th June – Flyaway Gymnastics Program for K-6
- Saturday 20th May – SMMC P&F BBQ at Bunnings 9am – 4pm – help is needed!
- Tuesday 23rd May – ICAS Digital Technologies
- Wednesday 24th May – Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day – 12pm Mass then procession
- Friday 26th May – P&F Wood Raffle Drawn
- Tuesday 30th May – ICAS Science
- Monday 12th June – Labour Day Holiday
- Tuesday 13th June – ICAS Writing
- Wednesday 14th June – ICAS Spelling
- Wednesday 21st June – SRC Breakfast Club 8:30 – 9:15am
- Wednesday 21st June – Primary Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Term 3 – Tuesday 18th July – Friday 22nd September**
- Saturday 12th August – Saint Mary MacKillop Gala Dinner
- **Term 4 – Tuesday 10th October – Thursday 7th December**
- Saturday 21st October – SMMC Annual Fete
- Saturday 4th November 6pm– Yr.12 Graduation Dinner, Banksia Room @ Commercial Club
- Friday 10th – Sunday 12th November – Mothers and Daughters Camp at Howman's Gap

Curriculum Corner – Mrs Therese Mott-Pekolj



The year 9/10 Computing Class had to prepare a presentation to the class on a computer programming language and the main creator of the language as they are studying programming and learning how to write computer programmes. The pictures are of Max Clarke, Tim Mott and Claire McCrohan giving their presentations.





LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

What can saintly parents teach us?

There have been many saintly parents over the centuries. Most are very ordinary people who persevered through the individual trials and obstacles of their lives. One thing they all seem to have in common is their goal. Saintly parents have a vision of where they are going and where they would like their children to go - Heaven.

Zelie and Louis Martin are the parents of Saint Therese of Lisieux. Saint Therese had tremendous gratitude for the saintly home she grew up in. She had a deep love for her parents declaring them "more worthy of Heaven than of Earth." Her foundation for sainthood came from her devout home life. "Our Lord allowed me to grow up in holy soil enriched with the odour of purity, and preceded by eight lilies of shining whiteness". No wonder there is a cause for the canonisation of Zelie and Louis Martin.

St Thomas More is another example of a saintly parent. His wife died after only six years of marriage leaving him four young children. He took great care in their education. He is known to have had a truly Catholic household. He sought perfection in all aspects of his life; husband, father, lawyer and statesman. The price of perfection eventually costing his life on earth but the reward of eternal life in Heaven with God.

A modern day martyr is St Maximilian Kolbe. He was martyred at Auschwitz during the Second World War. He was a Polish priest who gave his life for another man- a father of a family. His mother, Mrs Marianna Kolbe, was a saintly woman. She aspired to the religious life, but God had other plans. She married and had five children, only three surviving early childhood. Mr and Mrs Kolbe worked hard to educate their three sons. Two of their sons became priests and the other worked in the underground during World War Two. After her husband's death she worked as a tertiary domestic cleaner in the Felician Convent in Krakow. She attended up to five Masses a day. Mrs Marianna Kolbe would tell her friends, "All life is beautiful and to live well is so important, for life is of God."

Mary Ann Budnick in her book, "Raise Happy Children..Raise them Saints!" claims there are four S's to saintly parenting:

1. Striving to deepen one's prayer life as an individual and as a family;
2. Struggling to grow in virtue which involves the cultivation of good habits;
3. Suffering with acceptance; and
4. Sacrificing oneself for family members and strangers.

VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY –HUMILITY

"The beginning of humility is the beginning of blessedness and the consummation of humility is the perfection of all joy." Thomas Merton