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"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Phil 4:13

Week 5, Term 4

Thursday 10th November

Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

Welcome to Week 5. Yesterday marked the half way point of this term, which is incredible! It's probably just that I'm getting older, but the years just seem to be gathering speed and going way too quickly for my liking. It is important we stop and smell the roses with our families often. The upcoming holidays will be a great opportunity for this to happen.

Congratulations to Josh Morris who is our Hot Chips winner this week! Great to see our School Captain leading the way.

Congratulations to our Yr.7-10 Students for the diligent and mature way they have gone about their exams across this week. It was reported at our Staff Meeting last night just how proud the teachers were of their attitude and application. Well done!

Primary School Swimming

Next week all Primary Students will take part in five Swimming Lessons as part of the PDHPE Program. The program will be run by Gould Swimming at the Jindera Pool. Each group will partake in a 40-minute lesson each day. If you would like to walk to and from the pool with your child's grade, please touch base with the classroom teacher to organise. We would appreciate any outstanding money for this program being forwarded to the office as soon as is possible. If there are any difficulties with payment, please let me know. I'm sure the students will enjoy this opportunity to improve their swimming ability and learn how to be water safe, especially with Summer upon on.

School Fees

Recently we have sent out fee statements to all our families. Thank you for your fee contributions across this year. As an Independent School, fees are essential to us being able to run an effective school, so thank you. Please do not hesitate to get in contact if there is any difficulty in paying fees so we can work out the best way to support you.

2017 Kinder Information Night

Next Tuesday 15th November Miss Maclean and I will be running an information session for parents of our 2017 Kinder students. This session will take place in the Kinder Classroom beginning at 5:30pm. At this stage we have 11 Kinder students beginning school next year which is really exciting.

Kinder Orientation Days

Next Friday is the first of three Kinder Orientation Days for students beginning school in 2017. The orientation time is from 9:15am until 12:00pm. I am sure these children will enjoy getting a taste of what it is like to be at school. Thank you to Miss Maclean for her preparation of these days.

Father/Son Camp

Pack your bags and get a good night's sleep because tomorrow is D-Day. 37 Boys, 17 Dads and some awesome SMMC Staff will set off for Harrierville after praying for a successful camp at 8am Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Thurgoona. River Tubing, Damper Cooking, Sporting Activities and Bike Riding are just some of the fun that will be had. A full (censored) report will be in next week's newsletter.

Moving help needed please!

Mrs Mott and her family have recently purchased a house in Jindera. They need some muscles to help them move on **Saturday 10th December**, so please get in touch if you can help. There will be a BBQ put on to thank the helpers (only once the job is done!)

Seminarians Visit

Last Thursday 3rd November we were graced with the presence of some Vianney College Seminarians and Fr Sean Byrnes who spoke to the students about their vocations. A huge thank you to the Serra Club members who cooked up around 200 sausages as well as bacon and onion to feed the hungry SMMC troops. Much appreciated.



Enjoy the remainder of your week

God Bless,
Luke Burton
Principal

Dates for your diary...

- High School Swimming - Wednesdays 16th, 23rd and 30th November 1:45 – 2:45pm at Jindera Pool
- Friday 11th November – Sunday 13th November - *Father/Son Camp, Harrierville*
- Monday 14th – Friday 18th November – Primary School Swimming Program at Jindera Pool
- Tuesday 15th November 5:30pm - Information Session for 2017 Kinder Parents
- Wednesday 16th November 8:45am – SRC Breakfast Club from 8:45am at SMMC
- Thursday 17th November - P&F AGM 7:30pm
- **TRANSITION DAYS for 2017 Kinders**– Fridays 18th November, 25th November and 2nd December. 9:15 – 12:00
- Tuesday 22nd November – School Council Meeting 7:30pm
- Friday 2nd December – Cardinal Newman Book Fair in the SMMC Library
- Tuesday 6th December 7pm – School Presentation Night at SMMC
- **Thursday 8th December – Term Four finishes for students. 12pm Mass to celebrate the Immaculate Conception and our school year.**

2017 Dates

- Friday 27th January – Staff Development Day
- Monday 30th January – Staff Professional Development day with Dr Gerard O’Shea
- Tuesday 31st January – Students begin
- **Term 1** – Tuesday 31st January – Friday 7th April
- **Term 2** – Wednesday 26th April – Friday 30th June
- **Term 3** – Tuesday 25th July – Friday 22nd September
- **Term 4** – Tuesday 10th October – Thursday 7th December

~ CURRICULUM CORNER ~ Mr Kevin Tingle



Year 7/8 Hobbies

The Year 7/8 boys have completed a range of projects in ‘Hobby Time’ this year, and have gained some valuable practical skills in drawing, painting, pottery, boomerang making and tiling. They are developing their wood working skills this term, making glue gun stands and a project in wood of their own choice.

Thanks to Beaumont Tiles for their kind donation of tiles for the trivets, to Saint Paul’s College for firing our pottery and to Wodonga Joinery for the wood we are using in this term’s projects.



LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

SETTING LIMITS

We all need to set limits. These are for our own actions and the actions of our children. The natural law in our heart teaches us that we must choose good and reject evil. Failure to do this gives rise to consequences; the consequences of our sin. “The natural law which God has written in the heart of man; in other words, it is the light of natural reason by which we discern what is good and what is evil; what is to be done and what is to be left undone; what leads to our last end and what draws us away from it; what is in accordance with the will of God, and what is contrary to it.”

It is important to teach your children about these limits. As a parent, you are the authority figure in their lives. You, by your very being, teach them about the justice of God. We learn about God as a tender loving father who expects the best from us by our loving parents, especially Dad. James Stenson in his book “*Lifeline -The Religious Upbringing of your Children*” says that we usually have a good idea of what our future son in law should be like! It is with this in mind that we need to set limits for our own children of what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour. Standards as to what is expected in their interaction with other members of the family.

As an adult, we are aware of the consequences of our behaviour. If you speed, the policeman doesn't just stop and give you a warning. You are issued with a punishment, a fine! If your children do something wrong, they also need to know there are consequences. Children should be told what is expected of them and have consequences for failing to do their fair share. A great book which has clear guidelines on how to set boundaries is “*Boundaries with Kids*” by Cloud and Townsend. These authors emphasise how important setting these boundaries early in life are. A child should be told to do a job such as clean up their room. If they don't do what they are requested to do they miss out on some privilege, such as dessert or going on an outing. They also suggest setting time limits for certain jobs to be done, with consequences for the job not being done.

Think about what sort of future spouse your child will be one day. The happiness and eternal souls of your grandchildren depend upon it. With this future goal in mind start setting limits on expected behaviour. As stated in “*Boundaries*”, it is time to teach your kids the skills they need for healthy, fulfilling relationships in adult life.

Virtue for the month of November - Reverence

“Two things” says Kant, “fill the soul with an ever-renewed admiration and reverence: the starry heavens above me, and the immutable prescriptions of the moral law within me.”

Catholic Morality – Sin, Virtue, Conscience