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*"Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others".* **EVANGELII GAUDIUM (10)**

**Week 8, Term 2**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2016**

Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

It is hard to believe we only have 6 days of the term left. What a jam packed term it has been. The students have been encouraged to continue working hard right up until the end and to look after one another, especially as we can get a bit tired and grumpy at the end of terms (yes Principals included).

'Respect for Other's has been our school rules focus for a number of weeks now. Congratulations to **Gianna Irwin** for being drawn out of our raffle and winning the hot chips last week. This week's winner is **Damien Bell**. Great to see the students working on building such a positive environment at SMMC.

I had a very intense, but worthwhile three days of Professional Learning in Sydney last week at my Principal Induction Course. It is a great opportunity to meet with other Principals and discuss our school settings. It was nice to reflect on all the great work that has been done to get our school to where it is now and what can be done to continue to grow and improve in the future.

### Parent Information Evening

From all reports the parent wine and cheese night and Saturday Workshop was well received. I'm sure those who attended got a lot from it. It is so important we work together and support one another in our vital role as parents. Thank you to Patrick and Maureen for their time and expertise! Thank you to Miss Nuttall for all the extra behind the scenes work she put in to ensure these events ran smoothly.

### Olympic Games Gala Day

Next Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, the Yr.5/6s will head to St Paul's, Walla Walla to attend an Olympic Games Gala Day. We will be leaving SMMC at 9:30am and return by 2:30pm. Please make sure Yr.5/6s have returned their permission notes. If you would like to come along and help out on the day please let me know.

### Fete

Thank you to those parents chasing up prize donations for our Fete. Your efforts are much appreciated. Our next Fete Subcommittee Meeting will be on the first Wednesday back next term, 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2:30pm. See you there.

### ICAS

ICAS Writing and Spelling were conducted this week. Well done to the students who took on this challenge. If they can spell the words on that test, they can spell anything!

### Assembly

Please come along to our School Assembly **TOMORROW** after Mass. Classes have lots of great learning to share and we will give our final farewell to Miss Godwin also. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### Campion College Visitor

Dr Paul Morrissey (President of Campion College Sydney) visited yesterday and spoke to our Yr.9-11 students about Liberal Arts, Campion College and future career choices. He also spoke to staff at our staff meeting, giving us much encouragement for the work we are doing and reminding us to keep the passion for learning at the forefront of what we do!

### Primary School Parent/Teacher Interviews

Primary School Reports will be sent home early next week and then we will hold Interviews. Please see attached sheet regarding interviews and get your note back with time preferences ASAP.

### Paella TOMORROW - \$2

Thank you to Mr Williams for offering to cook up a paella storm tomorrow to help farewell Miss Godwin in style. This feast is available to all students and staff at our school for just \$2 per person. Bring your money along and give directly to Mr Williams at the Paella Stall. Ingredients are listed on the next page so you can assess any dietary concerns. Being a Friday we have gone for seafood and vegetarian options. Bon Appetit!

### Leaders Now

Any girls in year 7 or 8 interested in attending the 'Leader's Now' program please come to our first meeting at the Thurgoona Parish, 7.30pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

### Thank you!

Miss Jessica Godwin finishes up at SMMC tomorrow before heading off on her big adventure. I want to thank Jessica on behalf of the whole school community for what she has brought to this community. She is a most passionate and knowledgeable educator, which is obviously soaked up by her students who hold her in very high regard. Jessica will be missed, but we wish her God's richest blessings for whatever the future may hold. Thank you Jessica.

God Bless

Luke Burton (Principal)

## Dates for your diary...

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June (**TOMORROW!**) – Whole School Assembly after Mass. Miss Godwin's last day.
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Yr.5/6 at St Paul's Walla for Olympic Games Gala Day
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Primary School Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Yr11s at Career's Expo 9:30 – 11:30am
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Term Two finishes**
  
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July – SMMC Working Bee
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Term Three begins for students**
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Fete Subcommittee Meeting 2:30pm
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – BISSA Athletics Carnival at Alexandra Park
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Secondary School Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August – Parents and Friends Meeting 7:00pm
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August – Saint Mary MacKillop Gala Dinner at Commercial Club
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August – Saint Mary Mackillop Feast Day
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August – BIPSA Athletics Carnival at Alexandra Park
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 7:30pm – Parent Evening with Dr Gerard O'Shea
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser for SMMC, 9am – 4pm. Volunteers needed please.
- **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Term Three finishes**
  
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Term Four begins for students**
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – SMMC Fete
- Friday 11th November – Sunday 13th November - *Father/Son Camp, Harrierville*
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Term Four finishes**

## ~ CURRICULUM CORNER ~

*This time of the year is certainly a busy time within schools. I applaud the hard work and dedication of our staff. They certainly give above and beyond to ensure they are doing the best for our students. Teachers are busy conducting and correcting assessment tasks and writing reports at the moment. It is great to see all the wonderful learning happening within our school. I had a great discussion with some Yr.9 girls while on duty the other day and the passion with which they spoke about their WWII topic was very impressive – I learnt a great deal! Thanks to all our students for the effort they put into their learning. You really do make Saint Mary MacKillop College a great place to come to work each day!*

### Paella Ingredients

#### Seafood Paella

prawns  
calamari  
mussels  
onion  
garlic  
capsicum  
green beans  
chickpeas  
tomatoes  
rice  
olive oil  
paprika  
saffron  
vegetable stock

#### Vegetarian Paella

onion  
garlic  
capsicum  
green beans  
broccoli  
mushrooms  
chickpeas  
tomatoes  
cherry tomatoes  
rice  
olive oil  
paprika  
saffron  
vegetable stock

### Lavington Library Family Fun Night

Come along and join in the fun with an evening of Library Olympics including games, competitions and pizza!

**Thursday 14 July, 5:00pm - 6:30pm**  
Cost \$5 per participant.

### SERVICE PROJECT

Secondary Girls are invited to volunteer for a service project in the second week of the holidays July 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kathleen or Natasha for further details. The project will combine social and community activities.



## LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

### Marriage - Your Path to Holiness

Saint Thomas More, the “Man of All Seasons”, said that one could argue that marriage is the most difficult of vocations. I'm sure that we have all had moments when we have found our vocation difficult. Your perseverance in these times is a sign of hope in the world. Even if your spouse has left you through no fault of your own, you can remain faithful to your vocation by remaining chaste and always having a respectful attitude to your spouse.

For those who have made those vows of remaining faithful in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, show heroic virtue by persevering on this path. The example to children of parents living out their promises enables them to go forth and do the same when their time comes. Marriage though, is not about just giving of yourself and staying married to the person you promised, it means laying down your life for that person each day.

*“Today's world... is in need of saints, that is, men of integrity who fulfil the will of God with fidelity, full of the spirit of service and concern for man; of honest men who love the truth, who give themselves in service of the common good, even paying the price of generous renunciation of their own interest.”* John Paul II

Think back to when you first knew your spouse was just right for you and that somehow you couldn't go on in life without them. Romance is not something new. Read about the meeting of Isaac and Rebecca in the Old Testament. Romance is that special gift from God, that delights in another person who reflects in their own unique way the image and likeness of God and of his love. Marriage may begin with romance, but is continued with day to day living out of virtue. Daily acts of self-denial and service of spouse and family.

There are stages in married life. The first stage, according to Dr Anna Maria Araujo de Venegas, is the infantile or egocentric stage. This stage is usually the first one to five years of marriage. This coincides with the many firsts in their marriage life e.g. first house, first baby. The main conflicts come from the relationship such as the wife's jealousy as to the amount of time her husband spends on work pursuits. The wife may be absorbed in having babies and being a mother. This is a time of growth as the dreams of youth give rise to the realities of family life.

In the second stage, the 'adult couple' become concerned about their growing children. It is easy in this stage to just live parallel lives and not really communicate as loving spouses. It is a time to really work on creating unity in the marriage. Spouses need to plan time to go out for dinner or away for a weekend to maintain their unity. Conflicts need to be handled as they arise so that they are not buried in the business of life. This stage needs to see a maturing of love in the marriage. It is easy to take each other for granted and show a lack of tenderness to the other spouse. Beware the mid-life crisis!

Maturity eventually comes. At this time there is no temptation to avoid the reality of life. The mature couple are faithful to their commitments despite difficulties that may have arisen over the years. This sort of couple are able to give the example that society needs. Marriage is a lifelong commitment to stay together with one person, until in death they do part.

### Virtue for the Month of June - Patience

*A virtue connected to the greater virtue of fortitude.*

*“Patience helps us to handle the abundant setbacks, contradictions and sufferings of life. This virtue keeps us cheerful despite annoyances.”* Mary Ann Budnick

*“We are what we repeatedly do, excellence then is not an act but a habit”* -Aristotle