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"God's goodness seems to speak in everything."

Saint Mary of the Cross

Week 9, Term 3

Friday 21st September 2018

Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

Welcome to our final newsletter for Term 3! This term has been a very busy one and no doubt everyone is looking forward to catching their breath during the holidays. We encourage the students to keep working hard in their learning all the way to the end of term before enjoying a break in preparation for the eight week 'sprint' next term.

The importance of **gratitude** has been a consistent theme for us all throughout the year – through assemblies, classes and our Saint of the Day. It is so important to realise what we have and be thankful for it. One of the ways the students show their gratefulness is by thanking their teachers for the lesson as they head out the door – this has been wonderful to witness and a real credit to your children. A constant focus has also been on us building a culture of **kindness and courtesy** amongst the students as this is where our faith comes into action. I spent time soaking up some Vitamin D and watching the secondary boys play soccer on Wednesday afternoon and it made my day. The way they worked in with one another and supported each other regardless of which team they were on was excellent – well done boys, you're helping to build a great culture.

Our **annual fete** is fast approaching, so it is time to put preparations into top gear! Please read the updated note attached to newsletter to see what you can do to help us be ready for another successful day. If you are able to volunteer please fill out the attachment and return to school.

On the **28th September from 9pm**, Holy Spirit Parish is holding a sleep out to raise money for our local St Vincent de Paul Society. You will need to bring a pillow and sleeping bag. A hot breakfast will be served in the morning as a thank you. For any further information please contact Liz Macdonald on 60251078 or 0423064823.

Next **Tuesday 25th September** from 8:30am the **SRC** are putting on another wonderful **breakfast** for the school. All are welcome to join in. \$1 for bacon and eggs and 50c for a cup of OJ. If you are able to donate some eggs please bring them into school on Monday.

A big Congratulations to Hannah Moriarty, Lucy von Marburg and Samuel Whitehead for finishing Yr.12 with us at SMMC. We continue to pray for them and wish them all the best for their HSC Exams next term. There will be a special final Assembly next Friday to bid them farewell – all welcome.

Well done to all our Yr.11 students who sat their end of year exams this week – you survived! They now start to prepare themselves for starting Yr.12 next term.

As part of the **150th Celebrations of Jindera**, a Street Parade has been organised on **Saturday 29th of September**. Our school will be taking part in this event so please save the date. The parade will start at the front of our school at 10:30am (gather at 9:30am). More details to come early next week!

As mentioned in a previous newsletter we are looking for someone to fill role of **Uniform Coordinator** as Anastasia Byrnes will be stepping down at the end of the year. If you have the capacity to take on this role, please let me know. For further information please contact Anastasia directly on 0402 596 634. Please note next term is summer uniform. There is also a new secondary boys' hat on its way that is a more cost effective option, so stay tuned. Please contact Anastasia for any summer uniform needs ASAP.

On Monday the 1st of October, our school will be holding a **BBQ fundraiser** at Bunnings in Albury. If you are able to help out on the day please fill in the attached sheet with the time you'll be able to assist. Please take note that this event is on a **Monday**.

Our Term 3 **Parent Evening** will be held this coming **Tuesday 25th September at 7:30pm**. We are privileged to have recently ordained priest Fr Marco Killingsworth with us to talk about his "*Path to Priesthood*". These evenings are a key aspect of our school and I look forward to seeing families there.

Congratulations to Emily Green and Bethany Wright, who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday the 9th September.

Congratulations to Mrs Caroline Barber and family on the birth of Georgia Kate Mary on 13th September. All are going well.

I look forward to seeing you at the **School Concert tonight beginning at 7pm sharp** in the school hall.



It has been a busy week on the school building site. The new science lab and a classroom are in. The remaining 3 classrooms and admin building will be installed during the holidays. Our school will look very different next term – it is very exciting.

Next **Friday 28th September** is our final day of the term. Students return to school on **Monday 15th October**. Thanks to everyone for a terrific term. Enjoy the well-earned break.

God Bless, Luke Burton (Principal)

2018 Dates for your diary...

Term 3 – Tuesday 24th July – Friday 28th September (10 Weeks)

- Monday 24th September – Yr.11/12 Retreat at Immaculate Heart Parish.
- Tuesday 25th September – SRC Breakfast from **8:30am**. All welcome!
- Tuesday 25th September – Yr.7/8 Geography Excursion to Jindera Wetlands
- **Tuesday 25th September – PARENT EVENING with Fr Marco Killingsworth**
- Thursday 27th September – Yr.12 Breakfast
- Thursday 27th September – Yr.11 Legal Studies Excursion
- Friday 28th September – Whole School Assembly.
- Friday 28th September – Holy Spirit 2018 Annual Sleep out, 9pm
- Saturday 29th September – Jindera 150th Street Parade. Departs from SMMC at **10:30am**.
- Monday 1st October – P&F Bunnings BBQ

Term 4 – Monday 15th October – Thursday 6th December (8 Weeks)

- Saturday 27th October – SMMC Annual Fete
- Thursday 1st November – All Saints Day - student dress up.
- Friday 2nd November – All Souls Day
- Saturday 10th November 6pm - Yr.12 Graduation
- November 12th – 16th – Exam Week for Yr.7-10
- Monday 19th – Friday 23rd November – Primary Swimming Intensive at Jindera Pool
- Thursday 22nd November 7pm – P&F AGM
- Friday 30th November – Cardinal Newman Bookshop visit to SMMC
- Saturday 1st December – P&F Bunnings BBQ
- 2019 Kinder Orientation Days – Fridays 16th, 23rd, 30th November. 9:15 – 12:00.

Curriculum Corner – Mrs Vera Galvin



Year 9/10 Food Technology Elective

Food Technology students have made a wide variety of sweet and savoury dishes throughout the year and have made wonderful progress in developing their food preparation skills.



LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

This feast was instituted by Saint Pius X in 1912. It follows on from the previous day which is the feast of the Triumph of the Cross. These two feasts are closely related as Mary and the Cross are closely united. She who is co-redemptrix with her own suffering, at the foot of the cross, shows us also to unite our sorrows with those of Christ crucified. She who stood at the foot of the cross, as one offering her own suffering and that of her son. As Saint Ambrose says, "I read that she stood, but I did not read that she wept". What mother watching her son so cruelly crucified would not have wept?

This is a time to meditate on the seven dolours or sorrows of Our Lady. There are abundant graces that are bestowed upon a soul for this devotion.

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the Divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my Divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother.
7. I have obtained this Grace from my Divine Son that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolours, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.

The First Sorrow of Mary is the prophecy of Simeon that a sword will also pierce the heart of Mary. Contemplate Mary with her precious babe in her arms being reminded that he must suffer and die and that she also will suffer with him.

The Second Sorrow of Mary is the flight into Egypt. Think of Mary being woken in the night and told to quickly pack what she can, that they must run away from everything they have known to live in a strange land, as Herod seeks to kill her Jesus.

The Third Sorrow of Mary is the loss of Jesus for three days before he is found in the Temple. Imagine the heartache of Mary knowing that she, who has been entrusted with the care of the Saviour of the world has lost him. What mother would not have been in anguish?

The Fourth Sorrow of Mary is the way to Calvary. Think of this mother following her son whom she loves covered in blood, a criminal carrying his cross on the road to be crucified. What heart wrenching pain she felt.

The Fifth Sorrow of Mary is her presence at the foot of the cross. She gives her veil to protect the modesty of her son. Truly her heart is also pierced with the sword of suffering as Christ's is. She who is the perfect model of co-redemptrix is given to us as our Mother at the foot of the cross. She also teaches us how to offer our sufferings.

The Sixth Sorrow of Mary is the descent from the cross. The lifeless body of Jesus is laid into her arms. She the mother who cradled her baby son now holds him. He is cold, silent and covered with so much blood. She kisses his wounds as a mother kisses the wounds of a young child.

The Seventh Sorrow of Mary is the burial of Jesus. Contemplate Mary as the stone is rolled in front of the sepulchre containing Jesus. No longer to gaze on him, no longer able to care for him. Her motherly heart is broken.

Meditate today on these the Seven Sorrows of Mary, console her sorrow and share in the cross of Christ.