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“Recite your Rosary with faith, with humility, with confidence, and with perseverance.”

Saint Louis de Montfort

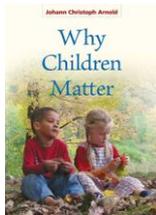
Week 4, Term 2

Thursday 19th May, 2016

Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

In this month of May, we turn our hearts and minds to Mary, our heavenly mother. It is a great opportunity to rekindle the devotion to Our Lady through praying the Rosary as a family.

During last holidays I read a book called *Why Children Matter* by Johann Christoph Arnold. It was a wonderful read with many little pearls of wisdom, so if you're looking for a good book see if you can source a copy. By the same author is a book called *Their Name is Today*. It really highlights the importance of helping children to be children, especially with the pressures of today's world. I have numerous copies available in my office if anyone would like one for a \$5 donation which will go to the publishing company. Well worth a read to refocus on what is most important for our children.



Parents and Friends Meeting / Fete Subcommittee

At last Thursday's Parents and Friends Meeting, we had a small but energetic group. P&F Funds were committed to the following areas: Big Books for Junior Literacy; Cupboards for storage in the Staffroom; Shelving for the Yr1/2 Classroom; Hand Tools for Technology and Applied Studies (TAS) and Hobbies. We also discussed ideas for our upcoming fete in October. We will be holding a Fete Subcommittee Meeting next **Wednesday 25th May at 2:30pm**. Many hands make light work, so please get along if you are able to. If you can't be there, but can help out, please let us know and we can get in touch. Our next Parents and Friends Meeting will be on **Thursday 4th August at 7pm**, so please put in your diary and get along. The more support we have the better. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our Lady Help of Christians

Next Tuesday 24th May we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. We will celebrate **Mass at 12:00pm** and then have a procession afterwards. Primary school girls are asked to dress in white dresses for the procession. Altar Boys please bring your cassocks and surplices. The SRC are running a lunchtime BBQ, with a sausage in bread for \$1. Students can also purchase 2 cookies for \$1 and a Hot Chocolate for \$1. Thanks to Miss Godwin and the SRC for their efforts.

ICAS

ICAS Assessments commenced on Tuesday with 7 students sitting the Digital Technologies Exam. Please see the 'Dates for your diary' section for the other exam dates. All the best to the students with these exams. Give it your best.

BIPSA Cross Country

I had the pleasure of escorting our primary school representatives to the Border Independent Primary School Association (BIPSA) Cross Country last Friday at the Jindera Golf Course. The weather held out and it was a great event. All the students are to be commended on their positive participation and determination in giving their race a red hot go. A special mention to Samuel Perry who came 2nd in a very close finish. Thanks to all the students who represented our school.

Staffing News

With Miss Godwin finishing up on 17th June, we will welcome Ms Narda Reid to SMMC for the last week of this term and for all of Term 3. Next term in Week 4 we will welcome Miss Victoria Costello, who will do her final teaching placement and internship with us. At the completion of Term 3, Victoria will receive her teaching qualification and will be on staff with us for Term 4. Victoria is currently studying at Notre Dame University in Sydney and will be a great asset to our staff.

This week we chose one of the overarching school rules 'Respect our Environment' to focus on. The school rule 'Take Care of All Property' falls in under this. If students were seen to be upholding this rule, their name was secretly written on a raffle ticket and placed in a box. We will draw this out each Thursday morning at Assembly and the winner will get hot chips on the Friday. Congratulations to Brigid Horsfall who is this week's winner! You have to share with the Principal!

Mrs Barber finishes up today and will be having her baby very soon. We wish Caroline and her family every blessing during this exciting time.

We keep in our prayers all those children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. May the Holy Spirit strengthen them and guide them always.

God Bless

Luke Burton (Principal)

Dates for your diary...

- Sunday 22nd May – Lavington Parish Confirmation with Bishop Hanna at Jindera 9:00am
- Tuesday 24th May – Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day. 12pm Mass followed by procession.
- Saturday 28th May – Petrol Heads day out at Winton Raceway. Call Simon Horsfall on 0429 658 356 for further information.
- Sunday 29th May - National Eucharistic Pilgrimage to Canberra. Contact Peter Murray 0427 56 3290.
- Tuesday 31st May – ICAS Science
- **Thursday 9th June – Parent Information Evening with Maureen Coyne. “Leadership in the Family”.**
- **Saturday 11th June 10:00am – 1:00pm – Parenting Case Study, Workshop and Talk on “Leadership in the Family”. 10am – 1pm with morning tea break.**
- Tuesday 14th June – ICAS Writing
- Wednesday 15th June – ICAS Spelling
- Friday 17th June – Whole School Assembly after Mass
- Monday 13th June – Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- Tuesday 21st June – Yr.5/6 at St Paul’s Walla for Olympic Games Gala Day
- **Friday 24th June – Term Two finishes**

- **Tuesday 19th July – Term Three begins for students**
- Thursday 21st July – BISSA Athletics Carnival at Alexandra Park
- Saturday 6th August – Saint Mary MacKillop Gala Dinner at Commercial Club
- Monday 8th August – Saint Mary Mackillop Feast Day
- Thursday 11th August – BIPSA Athletics Carnival at Alexandra Park
- Friday 12th August 7:30pm – Parent Evening with Dr Gerard O’Shea
- Saturday 13th August – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser for SMMC, 9am – 4pm. Volunteers needed please.
- **Friday 23rd September – Term Three finishes**

- **Tuesday 11th October – Term Four begins for students**
- Saturday 22nd October – SMMC Fete
- Friday 11th November – Sunday 13th November - *Father/Son Camp, Harrierville*
- **Friday 9th December – Term Four finishes**

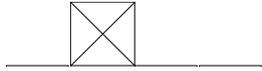
Curriculum Corner - Making Fossils in Secondary Science



Calling all Petrol Heads

On Saturday 28th May, meet after 8am Mass @ IHM Thurgoona to arrange shared driving for a day of fun at Winton Raceway. Entry is \$30 for adults with Kids U16 free, takes ~1 hour to get there. Call Simon Horsfall on 0429 658 356 if interested.

<http://wintonraceway.com.au/event/austin-7-historic-winton/>



LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

The Holy Spirit in our lives

The Easter season drew to a close with the great feast of Pentecost last Sunday, making it an opportune time to reflect upon the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We are so blessed to live in this time of grace, when due to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the first person of the Blessed Trinity, we can receive an outpouring of God's grace and truly have the Holy Spirit dwelling in our souls. What an honour it is to be a temple of the Holy Spirit. The power of the Holy Spirit is amazing if you contemplate that following the first Pentecost the apostles went out converting and baptising 5000 that day. Wow! There is so much we can do for God if we co-operate with the Holy Spirit in our lives. Maybe God isn't calling us to convert 5000 people, but like the apostles, we can be his instruments and do amazing things for him. Saint Jose Maria Escriva says in his book 'The Way' n.473: "Forget that despair produced by the realisation of your weakness. True: financially you are a zero, in social standing another zero, and another in virtues, and another in talent. But to the left of these noughts, stands Christ. And what an incalculable figure we get!" Between you and God nothing is impossible.

Pray at this time of the feast of Pentecost, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will be poured out abundantly upon your family. These gifts to know and do God's will and grow in perfect love of God.

Pray for the gift of understanding so that we may truly know God's law in each and every moment of our life and follow it.

Pray for the gift of knowledge to see the handiwork of God in all of creation.

Pray for the gift of wisdom, a sharing in the wisdom of God to be better able to live among our fellow man with charity.

Pray for the gift of counsel to stay on the path traced out for us by God himself so that through our life we may grow in love of him.

Pray for the gift of piety so that we may turn to God our loving Father as a child turns to his own father full of hope and trust.

Pray for the gift of fortitude so that we may have the necessary strength to endure the trials that lay before us, knowing that God is with us always.

Pray for the gift of "Fear of the Lord", as children who wish not to offend their loving father. God who is so good wants only what is best for us always.

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love."

Virtue for the Month of May- Faith

"There is nothing to do but fulfil His will by continuing at our prayers, our work, our mortifications, our voluntary sacrifices, doing what we do steadily without headlong haste, in the consciousness that God will give us always what is best for us, although it may be, or seem to be, contrary to our desires."

– Isadora Zorano