Lenten Prayer

Lord, teach me how to stand still.
To switch off, to lean on a gate;
To sit and look at your beautiful world.
Teach me how to leave the phone off,
To slacken speed,
To lie in the sun without feeling that I
should be doing something.
Teach me, Lord, to stop, to stop fussing,
To stop working at it,
To stop keeping on bravely,
To stop doing it for myself …
Teach me Lord, to stop, to look, to listen.
To be still in my mind when I stop
To see beauty when I look.
To hear you when I listen.
Amen. 

David Kosoff

Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

As we journey through Lent in preparation for Holy Week let us try to come closer to Jesus through our actions and our words. The children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are doing this during their preparation as they are learning about the importance of forgiveness. As we all make mistakes throughout our lives it is very comforting to know that God is a loving God and that he is always willing to forgive us and grant us his unconditional love.

The Reconciliation Workshop and Parent Workshop were both well attended and the children will continue to prepare to receive the Sacrament during class lessons. All participants in the programme will receive the Gift of Reconciliation on Saturday 12 March. Please continue to keep the children in your prayers during their time of preparation. Thanks to Miss La Verghetta, Miss Gugiatii and Mrs Christie for preparing and conducting the workshops and for preparing the children so well during class.

All Catholic Primary Schools in the northern corridor are currently conducting Kindergarten interviews for the 2017 school year. We will commence our interviews next week and will conclude them on Thursday 7 April. All children born between 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 are eligible to attend Kindergarten in 2017. If you haven’t already enrolled your child please do so as soon as possible so as to ensure their placement for next year. If you have family or friends looking for a Kindy place for 2017 please encourage them to apply as soon as possible as positions are filling quickly.
The P&F have been very busy organising various events for the school. The Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings was a great success. Thanks to everyone who organised and helped out on the day. In the next newsletter I’ll be putting in an extract from a letter I received from one of the organisers and helpers, I think the letter sums up just how special our school community is. The next event organised by the P&F is the Cake Stall tomorrow. Children will be only able to buy a maximum of two cakes so please don’t send in more than a couple of dollars with your child/children.

All families are invited to the Year 3 Mass tomorrow morning and to the Year 4 Assembly on Friday 11 March. We would love to see you at either the mass or the assembly or both.

At the School Board and the P&F meetings I informed both bodies that I will be taking Long Service Leave in second term. Our Director, Mr Tim McDonald, has appointed Mrs Fiona Christie as the Short Term Principal during my period of leave. An appointment I was delighted with as Mrs Christie has a great feel for the school and the community and will continue to ensure the children are well looked after.

On Friday 18 March a number of children in Years 5 & 6 will be presenting a dramatic interpretation of the Stations of the Cross at the St. Andrew’s Church commencing at 7.00pm. I encourage all families to attend the dramatization as it is another way that we can come together to pray during the period of Lent.

I hope you have an enjoyable long weekend with family and friends.

Take care and God bless,

James

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**Stations of the Cross presentation by Year 5/6 children**

**Friday 18th March, 7.00pm at St Andrew’s Church, Clarkson**

A warm invitation is extended to all our families to join us for 40 minutes ...

It has been a Catholic tradition through the centuries to meditate on the Way of the Cross, so that it becomes our way of life, too. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, made the first way of the cross. Let us walk Jesus’ last steps with his mother, Mary...feeling her “sword of sorrow,” confusion, helplessness and her ever present faith. Mary stood by her Son throughout His passion and, in her faith, experienced the joy of His resurrection. With Mary’s help, may we deepen our faith and allow Jesus to rise once more in our lives.

Parents, we hope you will take this opportunity to join your children in a beautiful preparation for Easter.

God bless our families, the heart of our school,

Kathryn Dolbel (Drama Teacher)
SCHOOL FEES

2016 school fee statements were sent out to all families via the eldest child. School fees can be paid by direct debit, Bpay, cheque or cash. No eftpos facilities are available at the school. Direct debit forms are available at the office for those families who are interested in paying by direct debit. Families on Health Care Cards please ensure that you have provided your updated copy to the school office in order to receive the discount towards tuition fee only. If you wish to create a payment plan please come and see me. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please make an appointment to see Mr Danaher. Appointments can be made via Mrs Brunton in the office or by contacting me at bastian.geneve@cathednet.wa.edu.au

Kind regards, Mrs Geneve Bastian, Finance Officer

SPORTS NEWS

2016 Faction Captains

Last week students in year 6 nominated themselves to be our 2016 faction captains. Each nominee had to present a speech to students in their faction from years 4-6 outlining what they could bring to the faction not only in a sporting ability but as a leader. This included wearing school uniform correctly and with pride, organisation skills, leadership skills, encouragement and enthusiasm. Once all speeches were finished each child then voted on who they thought would be the best captain and vice-captain for their faction. Congratulations to all our 2016 faction leaders:

**Blue Captains**
- Taj McCartney
- Tayah-Madean Forster

**Blue Vice-Captains**
- Reece Bantleman
- Jessica Willis

**Gold Captains**
- Xavier Ramirez Martin
- Zelia Lim

**Vice-Captains**
- Harrison Kenworthy
- Robyn Windeatt

**Red Captains**
- Jack Buston
- Lexie Treasure

**Vice-Captains**
- Piper-Rose Goodman
- Ollie Baines

**Green Captains**
- Kyan Newton-Moss
- Maeve O’Reilly

**Vice-Captains**
- Shane Lavery
- Madison Jones

Each leader will be presented with their badge at the assembly next week Friday March 11.

Regards,

Amanda Croxall, Sports Teacher
LIBRARY NEWS

It’s hello from the Library and we are already in week five of the first term. Year four were ready to hit the floor and borrow, borrow, this week. They had Library bags in hand and all books returned so they were able to choose from our extensive collection including many new titles. We have some very special sport books just in this week and they are both fiction and non-fiction books featuring ball games. No, not soccer, although we have many titles centred around this sport. Yes it’s the game played in heaven, or so it is said, Rugby Union. We do have a few fans and we hope to encourage many more. All new material should be on the shelves by the end of this week. Library bags can still be purchased from here in the Library or at the office for $5.00 per bag, a true bargain. The Library is open at lunch time Tuesday – Friday inclusive and we are very pleased to report that it is a most busy and wonderful atmosphere during this time. Stop in any time and take in the signs.

Regards,
Anne Versteegan and Marie Gray (Library Ladies)

P&F NEWS

Cake Stall
A cake stall will be held tomorrow (Friday 4 March). All children from Preprimary to Year 6 have the opportunity to purchase cakes on the day, for the price of 50 each. Families with children in Pre Primary, Year 1 and Year 2 are asked to donate a plate of cakes, muffins etc. If you have more than one child in any of the above classes, you need only supply one plate of cakes from your family. Cakes are to be delivered to school and left in the year 1/2 wet area. Please remember we are a nut free school!!!!

Easter Raffle
Going home today with the eldest child is a book of 10 raffle tickets to sell to family and friends for $1.00 each ticket. The P&F have also added 2 complimentary tickets, as a thank you. Sold tickets must be returned to the school with the name and phone number of the purchaser on the stub of each ticket and placed with the money in an envelope and deposited into the P&F box located in the office. If you would like more tickets, simply drop a note into the P&F box, with details of your child’s name and class and how many more tickets you require and we will send them home for you.

A request for all DONATIONS to be be handed in by FRIDAY 18th MARCH. All RAFFLE TICKETS AND MONEY must be returned to school no later than MONDAY 21st MARCH. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 23rd March.

Fish & Chips Shared Lunch – Wednesday 23 March
The P&F are organising a Fish and Chips shared lunch on Wednesday 23 March. A note is going home today to the eldest child. Fish and chips will be available for all students, parents and staff to order. The cost of the fish and chips is $6.50 per order, which will consist of 1x piece of snapper and 1 serve of chips.

The P&F are requesting assistance for volunteers to help with the distribution of the lunch orders on the day. Please return the order form, together with your money in a sealed envelope, to your child’s class teacher BY NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 17th MARCH 2016. PLEASE note we are unable to accept any orders after this date.
UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop hours are:

- Tuesday afternoons 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- Friday mornings 8.00am – 8.30am

- If you cannot make these times, please come to the office and fill out an order form along with payment and the order will be filled on the next opening day. Orders will not be filled outside of these hours.
- We can only accept cash or cheque – the school does not have facilities at all for Eftpos/credit card payments.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
Our school photograph days this year are Wednesday 6 April and 7 April 2016 (Week 10). Photo envelopes will be going out to every child in the school early in Week 8. Please keep a check on your child’s bag. More information will follow in the next school newsletter.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
Congratulations to the following students who have recently celebrated a birthday or who will be celebrating their birthday over the next two weeks:
John O’Reilly, Emily Linardi, Grace Linardi, Estella Rozario, Tom Cartwright, Jessica Leahy, Roisin Keogh, Kayla Friend, Ciara Price, Tariana Davis, Dinand Smit, Jordan D’Angelo, Joshua Williams, Nahom Gunsia, Cody O’Mahony, Roseline Ajang, Harry Dymock, Saoirse Gallagher, Benjamin O’Hare, Emily Leahy, Alana Kenworthy, Monica Martines-DaSilva.
We wish you all a fantastic day!

A big congratulations to Zander Thexeira (Year 6) who will be receiving an Award for Excellence at the 2015 AMEB (WA) Awards Presentation Ceremony to be held on Sunday 13 March 2016. Zander received a High Distinction (A+) in his Fifth Grade practical examination. Well done Zander, we are all proud of you!

ST ANDREW’S PARISH, CLARKSON (Cnr Belleville Gardens & Victorsen Parade)
Parish Priest: Father Robert Carrillo 9407 7512
Assistant Priest: Father Israel
Mass Times: Saturday 6.00pm
            Sunday 7.30am/9.00am/5.30pm

NORTH COASTAL CHILDREN’S COMMUNITY CHOIR
Registration Day & ‘Come and Try’ Day
Where: Sunday 13 March 2016, 2.30pm – 5.30pm
Where: Butler Community Centre, Cnr Connolly Drive & Kingsbridge Blvd Butler

Open to all children from 4 years – 12 years of age. Local performers and a singing contest throughout the day. To enter the singing contest or for a free ticket (limited) please telephone Janet 0408 089 304 or email: northcoastalchildrenschoir@gmail.com
OPEN DAY

Tuesday 5th April 2016 - Guided Tours at 9:00am & 1:30pm.
An excellent opportunity for prospective parents and students
to experience the College during a school day.

Bookings essential - To book contact 9562 2400 or Email: admin@imcc.wa.edu.au.

Outstanding Academic Education
Australian Rules Football & Soccer Academies
Interviews for Year 7 2018 have now commenced.

Visual & Performing Arts Specialist Programs
Broad Spectrum of Extra-curricular Opportunities
VET Study and structured Workplace Learning

2017 YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARIES

Applications are now invited for the following Year 7 2017 Scholarship and Bursaries


St Andrew’s Catholic Parish Bursary
St Andrew’s Catholic Primary School Bursary
Brighton Catholic Primary School Bursary
Aboriginal Bursaries

Further information and Application forms are available from the
College website or by emailing admin@imcc.wa.edu.au

Applications close Friday, 8th April 2016.
Today we're venturing out of the busy, bustling, green jungle, and heading to the biggest desert in the world! Can you think of what animals and mysteries we'll encounter?

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Monday 11 April 2016

**Jewel of the Nile**

There are so many special treasures hidden in the jungle. Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

$53.88

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Tuesday 12 April 2016

**Puzzling Animals**

3D Animal Puzzles - Today we'll be the ones getting puzzled, building and decorating our own iconic animal puzzles.

$68.88

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Wednesday 13 April 2016

**Spots & Stripes Spectacular**

I spy with my little eye... Let's look at all the amazing colours and patterns in the jungle! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

$53.88

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Thursday 14 April 2016

**A-Maze-in Pinball**

Make a Pinball Machine - Tilt, push, and pop the pinball through a miniature zigzagging maze of your own creation!

$63.88

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Friday 15 April 2016

**Toya the Explorer**

Toya has her safari hat on and looks like she's ready for an adventure. Wait up Toya, we're coming too! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits.

$53.88

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Monday 18 April 2016

**Sahara Sands**

Today we're venturing out of the busy, bustling, green jungle, and heading to the biggest desert in the world! Can you think of what animals and mysteries we'll encounter?

$53.88

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Tuesday 19 April 2016

**Lost Treasure**

Make a Mandala - Create a hidden treasure inspired by the beautiful (wild) world around us.

$71.38

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Wednesday 20 April 2016

**Urban Jungle**

At the Movies - *Zootopia*: Join Judy Welcome to the mammal metropolis!

Please arrive by 8:45am

$79.88

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Thursday 21 April 2016

**April Jokes and Fun!**

We're all being cheeky monkeys today. Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

$53.88

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Friday 22 April 2016

**Jungle Rumble**

Make an erupting Volcano - Today we're making the rumble to put in the jungle!

$72.38
Mercedes College celebrates 170 Years of quality education in the Mercy tradition.

To register please go to: www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/openday

OPEN DAY
14 March (Mon)
9.30 – 11.30am