WHAT IS EUCHARIST?

The story in Luke’s Gospel 9: 11-17 tells us that the actions of Jesus taking, blessing, breaking and distributing food to the crowd who came to hear his words, have become the Eucharistic action of today where bread is blessed, broken and distributed to the faithful in Holy Communion. Jesus chose bread as the sign of His Presence because bread is the most relevant symbol of hope in this world in which almost half the population suffers from a shortage of food. Here in Australia it is hard for us to understand the extent of the poverty and destitution in which a large part of the global population lives.

The mission of the Apostles was foreshadowed when Jesus told His apostles … “Give them something to eat, yourselves!” The words of Jesus at the Last Supper … “This is My Body, given up for you” … “This is My Blood that will be shed for you” … echo down through the ages and we hear them repeated today in every Eucharist that we attend. These awesome words are followed by a plea that we sometimes miss – “Do this in memory of Me!” Here let us pause and ask ourselves if we take this plea seriously. We are being asked to take the place of Jesus here on this earth and carry out his mission for our world today. So let us take every opportunity that presents itself to further God’s Kingdom.

We may not be called to do great things, but remember it is in small ways that we can incarnate God’s love. A smile, a handshake or a word of welcome and encouragement to a stranger in our midst can help to bring about the Kingdom of God on this earth. No matter how small our actions they all help to further His Kingdom.

What specific action will I take today and during this week that could help to further God's Kingdom in our corner of the globe?

Reflections from Sr Mary Berry

Lord Jesus Christ,
In the Sacrament of the Eucharist,
You left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us.

Thank You for giving our children the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for the first time. May your Eucharist presence keep them ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and neighbour, and fruitful in virtue, that they may continue to receive You throughout life.

Amen.
Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

We are gathering momentum as we have but four weeks left until the end of term and what a lot we have achieved.

The children have had an extended long weekend whereas the Staff was involved on Thursday and Friday with Professional Development. Thursday was devoted to Religious Education and was presented by Sister Christine Clarke from the Faith and Development Team at the Catholic Education Office. We were immersed in the books of the bible and spent time with the Gospels dissecting who they were written for and the cultures and practices of the time. Friday was a day dedicated to Educational Coaching lead by Morton Abdulmalik, from Focal Point Coaching Excellence. This was a very enlightening day and many skills were learned to assist us in our Teaching and Learning practices. I hope over the course of the long weekend each of you were able to enjoy some family time.

Last Tuesday the children in Kindy and Pre-Primary took part in a play based incursion that required them to creatively use junk to build structures and play cooperatively with their friends. Judging by the excitement of the children it was a fun filled day with lots of incidental learning taking place.

That same day we had an Aboriginal Team lead the Year’s 2, 4 and 6 in traditional dance, art and storytelling. The children were easily identified by their distinctive totem markings painted on their faces which acknowledged the spiritual significance of the Aboriginal culture.

This week on Wednesday was a Science incursion presented by the Water Corporation. Our presenter Tanya explained to the children the importance of water conservation to Year’s 1 to Year 6. They were informed that if rainfall follows the current pattern, our dams will be empty from 2020 onwards and dam water will no longer be an option for WA. They discussed ways of saving water within the home. Children were reminded of the slogan "No more than four" to remind them to have showers of no longer than four minutes. Children in Year 5 and 6 were given shower timers to help with this. She asked all children to remind their families that all sprinklers should be turned off until September 1st or face a fine!

Please note although it is Pirate Day for most schools on Friday the 10th June we have scheduled Pirate Day for next week Friday 17th June due to the Year 4 students being at First Communion rehearsal and the Year 6’s at an Inter School Sports Carnival at Kingsway all day.

This weekend you are invited to join the children who will be celebrating their First Eucharist at one of three masses at Saint Andrew’s Church, Saturday evening 6pm, Sunday 9am and 5.30pm. The children have been preparing for this for a number of weeks and are looking forward to joining with the parish in their celebration.

Can I ask that all parents check their children’s clothing for the correct name on the items and return jerseys and jackets etc., to their rightful owner.

I think we can be very proud of ourselves!

All God’s blessings,

Fiona Christie.
SCHOOL FEES
Dear Parents, reminder statements will be sent out early next week. Please attend to them ASAP. School fees can be paid via direct debit, Bpay, cheque or cash. No eftpos facilities are available at the school. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please make an appointment to see Mrs Christie. Appointments can be made via myself by contacting me on 9562 9500 or email bastian.geneve@cathednet.wa.edu.au. 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.
Kind regards,
Mrs Geneve Bastian, Finance Officer

SPORT NEWS
Before and After School Sport Year 3-6
Next week (week 8) is the final week of Before and After school sport for term 2. Please note, Soccer and Tennis will continue and finish in week 9 to make up for missing a lesson due to weather and pupil free day.

Term 3 nomination forms will be sent out in week 8 and will need to be returned by Wednesday June 29th. Please be aware, some sports require payments to the association or to the school. There are a limited number of places available which will be allocated on a first in first serve basis. Sports for term 3 will be Soccer, NRL, Running Club, Tennis and Badminton. No late forms will be accepted.

Martial Arts (Pre-primary-yr6)
It is great to see so many students enrol and taking part in Martial Arts on Tuesday afternoons. It is not too late if your child is interested. Please see the information below and contact Ryan if you have any further questions or would like to register your child. All children are to wear sports attire and have a water bottle. Parents do not have to be present during the class. Classes will run every week on Tuesdays during each school term.
Kind Regards,
Amanda Croxall
Teacher

BRIGHTON CATHOLIC PS - SMART TAEKWONDO
EXCLUSIVELY FOR BRIGHTON STUDENTS ONLY
Classes for Pre-Primary to Year 6 of BRIGHTON CPS

Venue : School Undercover

Day : Every TUESDAY (2.50 – 3.50pm)

Attire : School Sports Attire / Taekwondo Uniform

Commencement Date : 31/5/2016

Fees : $50 Per month ( 2 FREE TRIAL SESSIONS)

Benefits : Discipline, Health, Confidence, Self Defence, Strive for Academic Excellence, Perseverance, Righteousness & Noble Character Development

Instructors : Professionals, Accredited, Working With Children Card

For further enquiries, please contact Ryan on
M : 0450098118   E : info@smartmatkd.com
W : www.smartmatkd.com
LIBRARY NEWS

Hello to everyone in the Brighton Catholic School community and we hope you are avoiding the Winter bugs and chills as best you can. One of the most popular sections of the Library is information books in the 600’s and that is where cook books can be found. We have a large number to choose from and several new titles that have just hit the shelves. With this extremely cold weather we have been experiencing it is no wonder our thoughts turn to warm chocolate self saucing pudding or a steaming chicken and vegetable pie. All the books have step by step instructions and photos to help the novice and master chefs. These books fly off the shelves every week so you have to be quick.

Just a reminder that Brighton CPS Library bags are still available for purchase through the front office or uniform shop for $5.00. These bags will protect the books from most accidents but the children need to know the importance of caring for the books they loan. We discuss the issue of keeping the books clean so that others can enjoy them and say if they are treated with respect, books can last for many years. We would appreciate it, if these values were re-enforced at home to teach the children a valuable lifelong skill. Thanking you in anticipation and happy reading.

Regards

Library Ladies (Anne Versteegen and Marie Gray)

PIRATE DAY Friday 17th June 2016 – Come dressed as a Pirate

By participating, your child will be partnered with Telethon Adventurers in their fight with childhood cancer by raising funds for vital research into childhood brain cancer. The day will include activities in educating your child on the issue and important values of empathy, leadership and community giving.

We are asking for all children come dressed as a pirate for a gold coin donation. For further information or if you wish to donate yourself please visit www.piratedayfriday.com or give your child more treasure to contribute to their school’s treasure chest (donation box).

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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P&F NEWS

Scholastic Book Club
Scholastic book catalogues for term two have gone out this week to every student in the school. **Please note: orders close Wednesday 15 June 2016.**

Please take note of the following:

- If you are using a credit card to pay for your order please ONLY use the LOOP system for ordering (a note went home explaining the LOOP system). **Payment by credit card is preferred.**
- If paying by cash, please send in the correct amount with your order and place in the P&F box in the office.

**If you have any questions or are having difficulty with the order process, please phone 1800 021 233.**

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop hours are:

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- 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.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
Congratulations to the following students who will be celebrating their birthday over the next two weeks:


We wish you all a fantastic day!

CONGRATULATIONS
A big congratulations goes out to the following families who have recently welcomed a new addition to their family:

Ashworth family (Fletcher in PrePrimary) welcomed a baby girl ‘Mabel’.
Kingsley family (Ella in Kindy) welcomed a baby girl ‘Indiana’.
Machar/Thon family (Goljok in Year 3 & Mamer in Year 1) welcomed a baby girl ‘Kathara’

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
A children’s puppet show will be held at Clarkson Library to support WALL WARRIORS who are raising funds and awareness for children’s cancer charity Camp Quality.

The puppet show will be held at Clarkson Library - Cnr Ebb Way & Ocean Keys Blvd Clarkson from 10am.

REGISTER TO ATTEND BY VISITING https://www.facebook.com/wallwarriors