NEED WASHING?

The little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in ‘Mom let’s run through the rain,’ she said.

‘What?’ Mom asked.

‘Let’s run through the rain!’ She repeated

‘No, honey. We’ll wait until it slows down a bit,’ Mom replied.

This young child waited about another minute and repeated: ‘Mom, let’s run through the rain,’

‘We’ll get soaked if we do,’ Mom said.

‘No, we won’t, Mom. That’s not what you said this morning,’ the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom’s arm.

This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?

‘Don’t you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, ‘If God can get us through this, he can get us through anything!’

The entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn’t hear anything but the rain. We all stood silently. No one came or left in the next few minutes.

Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say. Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child’s life. A time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith.

‘Honey, you are absolutely right. Let’s run through the rain. If GOD let’s us get wet, well maybe we just needed washing,’ Mom said.

Then off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They held their shopping bags over their heads just in case. They got soaked. But they were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars.

And yes, I did. I ran. I got wet. I needed washing.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories....So, don’t forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories everyday. To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.

I HOPE YOU STILL TAKE THE TIME TO RUN THROUGH THE RAIN
Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

During Lent it is a tradition within our Church to participate in the Stations of the Cross, this form of prayer follows the footsteps of Jesus in the last hours of His life. Our Year Five children will be presenting the Stations of the Cross at St. Andrew’s Church on Friday 27 March commencing at 7.00pm. All families are invited to join the Year Five children and be part of the prayer service. The children will also repeat the prayer presentation on Thursday morning 2 April at 8.45am in the undercover area.

The children celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation have two more opportunities to receive the sacrament. This coming Saturday, March 21, and the following Saturday, March 28, between the hours of 4.00pm-5.00pm at St. Andrew’s Church. Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare to receive this wonderful Sacrament of Penance.

Next Friday, 27 March, is Harmony Day and the Year Three Assembly. All families are encouraged to attend the assembly and the morning tea that will follow. Please note the morning tea is only for the adults and the children will have their morning tea at the usual time. Dress in Orange or come in your National Dress and join in the fun.

In the last newsletter I informed families that we would be introducing a Safe Schools Programme called, “Keeping Safe – Child Protection Curriculum” across all year levels next term. The curriculum has been supported by the Catholic Education Office. The programme will cover the following topics:

- The right to be safe
- Relationships
- Recognising and reporting Abuse
- Protective Strategies

The curriculum covers all year levels and the level of complexity and understanding increases across the years. It has been written to match and support the children’s level of cognitive development. So as to assist families in understanding what the programme entails, two family workshops will be held in early term two, Tuesday 12 May 6.30pm-7.30pm and Friday 15 May 9.30am-10.30am. I would encourage all families to attend one of the sessions.

Throughout this term there have been a number of dedicated children (and their parents) who have been attending swimming practice on a Friday morning and Wednesday afternoons. All this hard work will be put to the test when the children represent the school at the Interschool Swimming Carnival to be held at the Arena in Joondalup on Thursday 26 March. Thanks to all involved in helping the children prepare for the carnival and good luck to all those participating.

I have received a letter from the City of Wanneroo informing us that ‘No Stopping’ signs will be erected on the southern/western side of Headingly Crescent between Lukin Drive and Connolly Access Road. The City’s Parking Compliance Officers will be patrolling this area and will be imposing fines on those who aren’t adhering to the signs. If you would like further information about the changes to the parking the council report is available on the City’s website, http://www.wanneroo.wa.gov.au/20003/council meetings/2 or you may contact the Traffic Team on 9405 5000 for further information. For the safety of our children I ask that you observe the changes to the parking conditions.

The P&F have been extremely busy over the past couple of weeks; the cake stall was a great success. The committee kindly donated half the proceeds of the cake stall to Project Compassion which I’m sure will be greatly appreciated by those whom the money will assist. They have also been busy organising the Easter Raffle and the Fish and Chip luncheon. Please ensure you get your orders in for the lunch to be held on Wednesday 1 April at midday. Families are welcome to join us on the day. Orders to be given to the office by Friday 27 March, orders after that date will not be accepted. Thanks to all the families who have donated Easter Eggs for the raffle. Thanks also to the mums who attended the last P&F meeting, it was a very successful meeting and there are lots of exciting things planned for the remainder of the year.
Miss Nugent and her team of helpers are putting together an Anzac Day service and are looking for a guest speaker to attend who can address those assembled at the service. If you know of anyone who could assist please let Mrs Brunton know and she will pass on the information to Miss Nugent.

There have been a number of families asking what the expectation in regards to hair styles is; the following is straight out of the school’s uniform policy.

Long hair/shoulder length, should be tied up or braided and secured with a red or white ribbon. If the hair is short, it should at least be neat, clean and off the face, particularly out of the eyes. Hairstyles should not attract undue attention or be extreme. Exaggerated hairstyles, colouring or use of gels/mouse/waxes to create effects such as spikes are unacceptable at school.

Please adhere to the above policy and support the school in its endeavours to support you.

Term one concludes on Thursday 2 April and Term Two commences on Tuesday 21 April for the children and Monday 20 April for staff.

Take care and God bless,
James Danaher

KINDERGARTEN 2016
If your child is born between the dates of 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 they are due to commence Kindergarten next year. If you have not submitted an application for your child please call into the office to pick up an enrolment form. We will be commencing our interviews early next term.

FINANCE NEWS
Thank you to those families who have paid their term 1 fees and paid in advance. Just a gentle reminder to those families who have not finalised their term 1 accounts, please do so ASAP. Families on Health Care Cards please remember to bring in your updated card to claim the discount. If you are experiencing difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact me on either 9562 9504 or email bastian.geneve@cathednet.wa.edu.au

Geneve Bastian, Finance Officer

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS (Years 3-6)
After school sport will conclude next week (week 8). Thank you to all the parents who have helped out coaching our students in the various activities, the program could not run without your continued support. Term 2 after school sports will start in week 2 with the following winter sports; soccer, netball, running club, AFL. We require coaches for soccer and AFL, without parent volunteers the sports will not begin. If you can help please let myself or the office know as soon as possible.
Nomination forms for the sports will be emailed out in week 8 and need to be returned by Wednesday 1st April week 9. **NOT LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Amanda Croxall, Phys Ed Teacher

** PLEASE NOTE: There will be no after school tee-ball next week Thursday 26 May.

CAMP AUSTRALIA – PUPIL FREE DAY CARE
Camp Australia are offering a day care program to our students for the pupil free day on Monday 20 April from 7.00am – 6.00pm. To book your child in the program go online www.campaustralia.com.au or call Customer Service 1300 105 343. Bookings must be made before Wednesday 1 April.
SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop is open Tuesday afternoons from 2.00pm to 3.00pm and Friday mornings 8.00am to 8.30am. PRE-ORDERS ARE ESSENTIAL as we only carry limited stock, for a full uniform fitting an appointment is essential.

SCHOOL JUMPERS AND SCHOOL TIES NEED TO BE WORN FOR TERM 2 FOR ALL STUDENTS IN YEARS 1 TO YEAR 6. GIRLS ALSO NEED TO WEAR THE WINTER SKIRT AND WHITE SHIRT. DUE TO FLUCTUATING WEATHER THERE WILL BE A TRANSITION PERIOD OF 2 WEEKS. EVERYONE IS EXPECTED TO BE IN FULL WINTER UNIFORM FOR THE BEGINNING OF WEEK 3.

** Please note: If you are unable to attend at these times, call into the office to pick up a uniform order form. Please fill in your requirements along with payment and the order will be filled on the next uniform opening day. We can only accept cash or cheque – the school does not have facilities at all for Eftpos/credit card payments.

LIBRARY
News from the Library is all positive for week seven. Congratulations go to year five again for a wonderful week of returns and borrowing.

Our Library days are listed below –

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Please remember all students require a BCPS Library bag to borrow a book. They can be bought at the front office for $5.00 and seem to do the job really well. Our Library had a special visitor this week, Paddington Bear. We have four new books about the bear from Deepest Peru and all are slightly different. However most of us agree that marmalade is not the jam loved by a lot of children. Remember to also check the

Library Wiki for this week’s feature books and more.

Bye for now
The Library Ladies
Anne Versteegen and Marie Gray

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P&F NEWS

Easter Raffle
Donations of Easter eggs, baskets, etc and raffle tickets are due in by next Wednesday 25 March. Thank you to the families who have already brought their tickets and donations in. Donations are to be left in the wet area of your child’s classroom. Tickets are to be returned along with the money in an envelope to the P&F box located in the school office.

Easter Lunch
The P&F are hosting our Annual Easter Shared Lunch Day on Wednesday 1 April in celebration of Easter. Notes went home last week to the eldest child in each family. Fish and chips are available for all students and parents to order. The cost is $6.00 per order. All order forms, together with your money in a sealed envelope, are to be returned to the P&F box located in the school office BY NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY 27 MARCH. Please note: strictly no orders will be accepted after this date.

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Congratulations to the Hicks family (Tayla in Preprimary) on the recent arrival of a beautiful little baby girl ‘Poppy’.

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

Rebecca Oma, Nathaniel Ridley, Xavier Ramirez Martin, Emily Tebbit, Kai Victorien, Daniel Parkes, Jake Coorey, Finn Lawson, Declan Thomas, Malachi Mountney, Harrison Kenworthy, Deng Majak, Aoife Sheehy, Latoya Martines-Dasilva, Peter Kumai, Scott Purton, Patrick Stevens, Junior Robertson, Zander Theixeira

We wish you all a fantastic day!

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ST ANDREW’S PARISH, CLARKSON (Cnr Belleville Gardens & Victoren Parade)
Parish Priest: Father Robert Carrillo 9407 7512
Assistant Priest: Father Rainier Fernandez

Mass Times: Saturday 6.00pm
            Sunday 7.30am/9.00am/5.30pm
Prayer and Wellbeing Workshop

All parents and guardians are invited to a workshop “Prayer and Wellbeing” on Monday, 20th April, 7.00-8.30pm in the Irene McCormack Catholic College Library.

The workshop will be facilitated by Fr Jamie Calder SJ Ph.D D.Theol., who is a Catholic Priest and member of the Society of Jesus (The Jesuits, the order of Pope Francis.). He is a registered and practicing psychologist.

The workshop examines the ways in which the demands of everyday life (family, job, financial security) can push us away from becoming the people we want to be and so destroy our sense of wellbeing. For if Jesus says, “I come that you might have life and have it abundantly,” (John 10:10) then to whom is he talking and what does he mean?

If you would like to attend the workshop, you are welcome to bring friends with you. RSVPs are essential for catering purposes - admin@imcc.wa.edu.au. A light supper will be provided.
Notice of change to PFFWA Constitution

The Parents and Friends Federation of Western Australia is proposing a minor change to their Constitution to alter the number of required general meetings each year from eight (8) to 4 (four). This change will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 27th May.

Rationale for change:

1. The ability to communicate with Councillors between face-to-face meetings has become increasingly easier and more convenient
2. Councillors tend to be active on other committees within their school and community and one less meeting per term makes it easier for them to contribute to their other commitments.
3. It assists both in time away from home and meeting the cost of travel for country-based Councillors
4. It still provides the ability to have more meetings should they be required

A detailed notice of the change can be accessed on our website, www.pff.wa.edu.au. Should you have any queries, please contact Shelley Hill, PFFWA Executive Officer on 9271 5909 or execoff@pff.wa.edu.au

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