The Snowflake

Not too long ago in a place not too far away, a field mouse asked a wise old owl what is the weight of a snowflake. ‘Why nothing more than nothing,’ answered the owl. The mouse went on to tell the owl about the time he was resting on a branch in a fir tree, counting each snowflake until the number reached 3 million, 471 thousand, 952. Then with the settling of the very next snowflake…. crack. The branch swiftly snapped, tumbling the mouse and the flake to the ground. ‘Umh … Such was the weight of nothing,’ said the mouse.

So the next time you think your contributions, your acts of charity, your works for justice, your gifts of love, and your talents are nothing, or that they are small in comparison to those of others, remember that when one is added to another, and then to another and so on, great things can happen from nothing. In the same way, what seems ordinary can be changed into something extraordinary with just a little extra nothing.

Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

Congratulations and thanks are the words I need to use throughout this edition of our newsletter as there is so much to be thankful for and to celebrate. The two Reconciliation evenings have been well attended and very successful, thanks to all involved in the organisation and running of the evenings. Thanks also to those families and staff who attended the Commitment Masses over the weekend of 21 & 22 February.

The P&F ‘Meet & Greet’ was a great success and the children thoroughly enjoyed the time with their friends and family. While the numbers were down a little due to people having other commitments the families who did attend had a great night. The food was delicious and the entertainment provided by the DJ was appreciated by all in attendance. Thankyou to Mrs Cat Markham and her team of helpers who organised the night and to all the people who helped on the night.

The Year 6 camp was a great success and the students were excellent in the way they participated and behaved. We had to remind them a few times to use their manners but the way they supported each other in the activities was a credit to them. Thanks to Miss Tanham, Mr Morris, Miss Scholte, Miss Campbell and Mrs Croxall for their energy throughout the camp and for looking after the children as if they were their own. Special thanks to Miss Tanham and Mr Morris for organising the camp.

I heard the Year 4 assembly went very well and that the children performed with lots of enthusiasm. Thanks to all staff members who helped prepare the children so well for their performance.

On Tuesday the staff attended a Professional Development Day on ‘Keeping Safe’, a child protection programme. This programme will be implemented into the curriculum next term across all year levels including Kindy. Between now and the end of term families will be invited to attend a workshop on the topic of ‘Keeping Safe’. More details about the programme will be sent home over the coming weeks.

Some of the events coming up over the next couple of weeks are: Friday 6 March Year 1s will hold their Liturgy, the P&F have a cake stall for students from Pre-Primary through to Year 6; the Year 3s are going on an excursion to Kings Park. On Friday 13 March the Year 5s will hold their Assembly.

Please remember to be courteous in the carpark and a 5KPH zone applies at all times. When exiting the school carpark, you can only turn left as it is a one way road.

Take care and God bless,
James Danaher
SCHOOL FEES
Errors in the school fee statements have now been rectified and statements have been sent to appropriate families. Families on direct debit would not have received an amended statement. If you still have any queries, please feel free to contact me on 9562 9504 or email bastian.geneve@cathednet.wa.edu.au I am still waiting for a few families on health care cards to provide their updated copy to obtain the tuition fee discount.

LIBRARY
It’s big news from the Library with the advent of our ‘Wiki‘ which is able to be accessed through the following link:
You will find the books featured in class time, across the grades. Reviews for each book will be included and a colour picture of the cover page.
Sean McMullen a noted Science Fiction writer says, ‘For young children who are learning to read, it (the library) is a magical world filled with real things. They are not confined to a screen, instead they can browse through stories made solid on the shelves. We hope sincerely that our students will discover whole new worlds on our very shelves.
The ‘red‘ Brighton Library Bag is continuing to be on sale through the school office for $5 dollars and is the best available. The pre-primary classes have settled in beautifully and are choosing books and conducting themselves as if they have been coming to the library for years. Well done to all students. A mention must be made of the outstanding effort of the year 4B class, each child having come to the library with all books returned and a library bag to be filled with great reading material. WOW!
All the best
The Library Ladies
Anne Versteegen and Marie Gray

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Stations of the Cross
Places where we take time to think about Jesus as he went to die on the cross.
They show us how much Jesus loved us.

Dear Parents
Children in year 5 will present the Stations of the Cross to the St Andrew’s Parish Community on the evening of Friday 20th March, commencing at 7.00pm sharp at St Andrew’s Catholic Church, corner of Victorsen Parade & Belleville Gardens, Clarkson. We invite all families to join us for this special celebration, as we walk together with Jesus on his journey to Calvary. The Stations of the Cross are an important way for us to honour the passion of Jesus, seeing ourselves mirrored in him. By accompanying Jesus on the Way of the Cross, he teaches us of hope, courageous patience and trust in God.
Parents, we hope you will be able to join your children in this beautiful preparation for Easter. God bless our many wonder families,
Kathryn Dolbel (Drama Teacher)
SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop will be 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.

** 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.

P&F NEWS
Cake stall
A note went home regarding a cake stall this Friday 6 March during morning recess. All children from Pre-primary to Year 6 will have the opportunity to purchase cakes on the day for 50c each. The P&F are asking families with children in both classes in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 to donate a plate of cakes, muffins, donuts or small bags of popcorn. If you have more than one child in any of the above classes, you need only supply one plate of cakes from your family. All cakes are to be delivered to the school and left in the undercover area on the tables provided.

Easter Raffle
The P&F are running their annual Easter Raffle again this year. Raffle tickets were sent home last week to the eldest child in each family. 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 tickets you require and they will be sent home.

Families are being asked to donate easter eggs, fluffy rabbits, decorations and baskets. All donations can be left in the wet area of your child’s classroom.

JOHN BUTLER DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE
Our new school dental centre is John Butler Dental Therapy Centre. Their details are 2 Halesworth Parade, Butler. Ph: 08 9562 5312 email johnbutlerdtc@dental.health.wa.gov.au

It is of utmost importance that the centre has your current contact and mailing details.

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Congratulations to the Gray family (Layla and Elija h) on the arrival of a little boy ‘Noah’.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
Congratulations to the following students who will be celebrating their birthday over the next two weeks:
Kayla Friend, Aidan Murray, Tim Mayar, Ciara Price, Tariana Davis, Dinand Smit, Michael Bowden, Jordan D’Angelo, Joshua Williams, Nahom Gunsa, Nate Kramme, Cody O’Mahony, Catherine Stevens, Aden Duddy, Benjamin O’Hare, Emily Leahy, Alana Kenworthy, Monica Martines-Dasilva, Chase Andela, Riley Andela, Fletcher Ashworth, Jade Parada Aranda

We wish you all a fantastic day!

ST ANDREW’S PARISH, CLARKSON (Cnr Belleville Gardens & Victorsen 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

OPEN DAY
Tuesday, 24th March 2015
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 admin@imcc.wa.edu.au

FUTURE ENROLMENTS
The College will commence Enrolment Interviews for Year 7 2017 in March.
There are a few places still available for Year 7 2016.

2016 YEAR 7 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP
Registration for the 2016 Year 7 Academic Scholarship Examination is now open.
Applications close 15th April 2015.
Scholarship Examination date Saturday, 9th May 2015.
For further information email admin@imcc.wa.edu.au.
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REMINDER

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENTS - YEAR 7 - 2017
MATER DEI COLLEGE

Applications (and accompanying paperwork)
needs to be forwarded immediately to the College
as interviews are commencing in March 2015

Please access the College website of www.mdc.wa.edu.au
for enrolment application forms or e-mail barbra.moyle@mdc.wa.edu.au
to request an Enrolment Application.

YANCHEP NETBALL CLUB

Registrations are still open for the 2015 winter netball season,
we are looking for players born 2005 and 2002 through to adults in particular, but any
age is welcome. Spaces are limited so please don’t hesitate to contact us for a form or
information at yanchepnetball@outlook.com or Karolyln 0458 458 948