Dear Parents,

Our prayer this week is focused on the Year of Mercy, where we are reminded to be merciful to others. We understand that mercy is all about being ‘big-hearted’ and showing compassion. We know that compassion may take many forms.

We have been asked by St Vincent de Paul to support their Winter Blanket Appeal and this could be a great way of showing our ‘big-heartedness’. It is frightening to think that even in this vicinity, there are children who are doing it tough and sleeping in parks and cars or even in houses with little warmth. Today, the eldest child from each family will take home a plastic bag and, for those families who are able to donate to this winter appeal, there is a large box behind the school entrance gate in which to deposit clean blankets and/or sleeping bags over the next two weeks. If you have children’s sleeping bags that your children may have grown out of, they would also be very much appreciated. Thank you for your support as together we can help make a difference to the lives of those in need.

The children in the Environmental Ministry would like to thank families who have donated pots toward their plant stall. Please feel free to send along pots, plants, cuttings or anything else you think the children could use.

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Our World of Maths incursion last week was very well received by the children and a great opportunity to introduce and reinforce hands-on learning in mathematics. Feedback from the facilitators has been that our children were very well behaved, very engaged and great to work with. A top effort by all.

It has been a very busy time lately with teachers preparing student reports (which will be available online at the end of next week) and preparing for Parent Teacher Interviews to be held in the last week of term. Please avail yourself of this opportunity as we know strong partnerships between home and school are an important indicator of student success.

Thank you for your continued support.

Many blessings

Tamara McGougan

Principal

TERM 1 REPORTS

Parents please ensure that you are able to log in to your SEQTA Engage Account as Semester One reports will be available online only. Paper copies will not be sent home.

SEQTA Engage is available at https://whitfordcatholicps.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/ or a link is available from the home page of the school website.

If you are having difficulty logging in to your account, please contact the Office ASAP.
ASSEMBLY
This week's assembly will be presented by 5G and held on Friday 17th June at 2.00pm in the School Hall. The following students will receive Merit Certificates during this assembly:

Pre-Primary    Joshua Albert
Emma Harrison Wade
Sienna Rowe
Elle Macdonald

Year 1B, 1G & 1W    Joseph Hilton
Eve Arundel
Ashleigh Sizer
Tahnee Quatermaine

Year 2B, 2G & 2W
Naomi Mikeska
Tyler Bull
Sofia Penaranda
David Bejan
Austin Plowman
Evan Daniels

Year 4 & 4G
Rohan Bennett
Matthew Halsall

Year 5B & 5G
Hannah Mohr
Harrison King

Year 6B & 6G
Sophie Leete
Isobel Shaw

CLASS NEWS
Pre-Kindy
As Winter begins we are talking about the changes in our environment and making some Frozen inspired snowflakes to decorate our Seasons Tree. The children are also very interested in our Insect Discovery Table and using magnifying glasses to look at real creatures! Keagan said that he loves school because there are lots and lots of things to play with!

Kindy
In Religion we are learning about Creation and all of the wonderful things God made.

Pre-Primary
We are getting wild! We have been reading "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak and creating our very own Wild Things. Come and ask us about their features and habits.

Year 1
How many different kinds of procedures can you name? How many can your child name? More? It's been great fun looking at procedures in Year 1; how to perform a magic trick, make yummy fairy bread and what happens when you don't follow the steps in the correct order – oh dear!

Year 2
We have been developing our IT skills by using our iPads to take photos and write creation prayers.

Year 3
We have been busy working on our Rube Goldberg machines and preparing for our Olympic Athlete presentations.

Year 4
Time has been our focus in recent weeks. We have been practising telling time to the minute, working out elapsed time and converting time between minutes and hours.

Year 5
We have had such an exciting week. We attended a ‘World of Maths’ Incursion where we completed many maths challenges. We were also lucky enough to visit Prendiville Catholic College for their ‘Open Day’, where we toured the school and participated in many activities.

Year 6
We have continued with our novel studies this week. 6 Blue are reading Bridge to Terabithia and 6 Gold are looking at Hoot and Shiloh. Narratives have been the focus in writing sessions.

PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS
Parent/Teacher Meetings are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 29th June from 12:00pm. The meetings are an important part of a school’s reporting system. It is another opportunity for parents and teachers to come together to discuss student progress in a structured setting. It is an ideal time to speak to your child’s teacher about what you can do as a parent to assist with the learning needs of your child. We believe that when parents and teachers are united, a powerful message is sent to our children from the most important adult team in their education.

We are operating an online booking system for Parent/Teacher interviews this year.
Please use this link www.schoolinterviews.com.au and event code 7d779 to book an appointment with your child’s teacher.

It is important for parents to book an appointment time as it provides the perfect opportunity to celebrate the successes and identify those areas for improvement to move forward in the second half of the year. The appointments are in 10 minute slots, if you feel that you will need longer than this then please book an appointment on an alternative day.

Here are some tips to make the most out of the short time allowed for the meeting:
- Be relaxed
- Try to be on time and keep to the allotted time
- Ask your child if there are any matters that you should raise?
- If you are concerned about your child’s progress, ask the teachers for specific suggestions about how you can help your child
- Try asking most important questions first, just in case time runs out before you and the teacher have a chance to discuss them all

If required, KidsCare is offering after school care from 12noon. To book, please call 0401 378 751.

LOST PROPERTY
Families are asked to please go through our Lost Property box, located behind the school entrance gate, before the end of the week as next week, all unclaimed and unnamed items will be disposed of or donated.
We have also had a pair of child's prescription glasses handed in several weeks ago. If you think they might be yours, please see the Office.

DANCE NEWS
Year 3-6 Dance Showcase - Thursday 23rd June
An email has been sent home to parents with information for the Dance Showcase which will take place in the Gym. The show will be split into "Show 1" and "Show 2". Show 1 will begin at 1:45pm and Show 2 will begin at 2:30pm. Please note that both shows start at 1:45pm and 2:30pm sharp.
Please check the emails for more information.

SHOW 1 - 1:45pm (Doors for parents and friends will open at 1:30)
- Year 3 Blue, Year 4 Blue, Year 5 Blue, Year 6 Blue, Boys Dance

SHOW 2 - 2:30pm (Doors for parents and friends will open at 2:20)
- Year 3 White, Year 3 Gold, Year 4 Gold, Year 5 Gold, Year 6 Gold, Boys Dance

Costumes
Thank you to everyone who brought their costumes to their classroom teachers. We are still waiting on a few more to come into class, so please bring them in a.s.a.p. Year 5 and Year 6 parents please let me know if you will be taking your costume back home. Please remember that the students will need to pack their shoes into their bags the morning of the show.

Candice D'Adamo
DRAMA AND DANCE SPECIALIST

PE NEWS
Interschool Cross Country
This year's Interschool Cross Country Carnival will be held on 24th June at Mawson Park. Training will continue up until the Carnival. Any parents who are willing to help at the training sessions or on the Carnival day please let me know.
Adriano D'Adamo
PE SPECIALIST

MUSIC NEWS - One Big Voice
Our Years 4-6 School Choir will be singing in the One Big Voice Festival at the Perth Arena on August 12th. Tickets have now gone on sale through Ticketek. When buying tickets, mention the name of the school and you should be given tickets which will give a good view of our choir.
A reminder that choir practice is every Monday at 3pm, with extra rehearsals on Monday and Tuesday mornings before school, and Monday lunchtime.
Leanne Fragomeni - MUSIC SPECIALIST
** Cadbury’s Chocolate Fundraiser

This week’s volunteering opportunity is http://tinyurl.com/CadburyChoc

Also, if families do not want to purchase the chocolates and have NOT received their Cadbury’s Chocolate Fundraiser opt-out form, please get one from the office and return ASAP.

** Hawaiian Disco – Friday 24th June

The Hawaiian Disco will be held next Friday 24th June. I have heard talk around the playground and kids are excited and planning their costumes. To avoid the entrance and food queues this year you are able to pre-purchase tickets through the link below. Children with pre-purchased tickets will receive a wrist band next week which they are to wear on the night. https://www.trybooking.com/205265

We are still short on volunteers for the Senior Disco, if you are planning on staying and can help please complete the link below http://tinyurl.com/WCPSSisco2016

** Entertainment Books

All outstanding payments or unwanted books are now past due. Please return any unwanted Entertainment Books or make purchase ASAP. Payments may be made online with the following url: www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/86141z

For any queries, please contact Ines Elloy on 0448 800 471.

** Craft Group

We are looking to start a craft group in Term 3 in preparation for the fete. If you would like to help, please email pandf@wcps.wa.edu.au.

** Jar and Figurine Donations

If you have any jars or small action figures / Lego figurines lying around the house that you no longer require please place them in the blue container located near 2W.

** Kids Wonderland

Kids Wonderland will be open in Stirling from 2nd July to 10th July. One time entry fee and you ride for free. If you use the school code 1256 when ordering you will receive 10% discount and the school will receive $3.50 per ticket. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Nadine Cooperwhite
P&F PRESIDENT

** Library News

The Great Book Swap: Keep those books rolling in. Remember you donate your book, and then buy one for a gold coin donation. Stock up for those rainy days in July. You can read more about the Indigenous Literacy Foundation at http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au

Scholastic 2016 Warehouse Mid-Year Children’s Book Sale

The company we use for our Book Fair in Term 4 is having a June clearance sale so if you are in need of some children’s picture and chapter books, nonfiction and activity items here are the details: Friday 17th June 8am – 6pm and Saturday 18th June 8am – 2pm at Scholastic Warehouse, Units 1, 70 Beringarra Ave, Malaga. Children’s books 50% off. You can fill a box for $40!

Library Quiz: Congratulations to Emily Bunschoten 5B for naming the arrival of the first fleet as an event in history that she thinks is interesting.

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** FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COMMITMENT WEEKEND (YEAR 4)

A reminder for parents whose child is receiving their First Holy Communion that this weekend is the Commitment Weekend. Parents and children receiving the Sacrament will have to bring with them their commitment card at any of this weekend’s Masses.

** CANTEEN NEWS

End of term special: Thursday 30th June 2016

** Chicken Treat $5.50 & Juice Box

Choice of: 1/8 Chicken & Chips, Chicken Nuggets & Chips, Chicken Burger (with Salad & Mayo) & Chips

** Note: Absolutely no late orders will be taken! No bag required.

Orders to be handed in by 23th June, 12noon.

Thursday 16th June

Recess:
- Yogo $1.60
- Mini Pizza $1.30

Roster:
- Emma Prescott, Lorraine Hughes-Smith, Carissa Tang Nian

Monday 20th June

Special: Sushi $5.00

Choice of Tuna, Chicken or Vegetarian, to be handed in by Thursday 16th June, 12noon. Normal menu available on the day.

Recess:
- Chicken Pops $1.00
- Muffin $1.50

Roster:
- Kate Baker, Mel Zuchetti, Laura Sudano

Thursday 23rd June – Pastry Free Day

Wrong orders will be substituted with a cheese toastie

Special: Fish n Chips $4.40

Recess:
- Yogo $1.60
- Mini Pizza $1.30

Roster:
- Catherine Camilleri, Bec McKimmie, Donna Duncan

Monday 27th June

Recess:
- Chicken Goujons $1.20
- Mini Cupcake 60c

Roster:
- Helen Wools-Cobb, Kylie Vanderwiel

Thursday 30th June – END OF TERM SPECIAL ONLY

Recess:
- Yogo $1.60
- Mini Pizza $1.30

Roster:
- Jacinta Broadley, Veronica Lazar-Robert, Mary McGrath-Yek

Kids of Mercy: Last week, Alessio, with only 7 weeks instruction, performed on his guitar and Tina brought a little bit of Carnegie Hall, NYC to the ladies lounge with her exquisite piano skills. Everything we bring is a gift. It is essential that you come to the office straight after the second bell as waiting for you will mean that the ladies have to wait too. Enrolment slips can be obtained from the office or library.

This week, Week 8, Friday 17th June the children attending are:

PARISH NEWS

Come Alive with Scripture: Fr Joe, Fr Renald and Fr Mark are inviting you to the next series of Bible studies which will commence in the 1st week of July with an orientation evening on Wednesday 6th July in the Main Hall at 7pm. We will be looking at ‘A Biblical Walk Through the Mass’, which is a 4 session workshop. Anyone interested please register your details on the form at the back of the Church. Once we know the numbers of people enrolling we will decide the study nights. For further details please contact Carol Wright on 0419 948 411.

WHITFORD KIDS CARE

Don’t forget Whitford After School Care is available for upcoming school holidays. Book in early!! See the attachment sent with this newsletter.
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