Dear Parents

I take this opportunity of wishing our Year Four students well as they make their First Holy Communion during parish masses this coming weekend. We look forward to welcoming these students as they receive Jesus for the first time in communion, and I thank teachers and families who have prepared them so well.

We are also very excited about our involvement in the ‘One Big Voice Choir’ festival at the Perth Arena this coming Friday evening. I thank Mrs Fragomeni for preparing the students and ensuring our participation in this fabulous event. Together with our involvement in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival, we certainly have a busy yet exciting term ahead.

Last week our Year 3 and 5 students showcased to parents, how they are using technology to enhance their learning. Thank you to the handful of parents who popped in - the children and teachers really appreciated your visit. Feedback from parents was very positive, with most amazed at what the students are doing.

This brings us to the question of whether our children know more about technology than we do. We often think that we’re there to teach everything to our children but it’s just as valuable for our parent-child relationships if we also learn from our children. It doesn’t take away from our authority but often helps us to understand our child better and is a great opportunity to model and teach values that our children can apply to their techno-lives.

Best wishes for a wonderful week ahead.

Many blessings

Tamara McGougan
PRINCIPAL

PARKING UPDATE

In an effort to preserve the safety and condition of the oval for all students, the following parking conditions will apply. PLEASE ENSURE FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO MAY DROP OFF OR PICK UP YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN ARE ALSO MADE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING.

MORNING DROP OFF

The oval will no longer be open before school. Please note that all yellow bays in the front carpark and all the bays on Barradine Way are open for parking before school. You may also use the Parish carpark (Not the Parish Staff Bays) and legal street parking.

AFTERNOON PICK UP

The oval will be open from 2.45pm only. We encourage parents with students from Year 1 to Year 6 to take advantage of the drive-through systems at the front of the school and on Barradine Way.
This week’s assembly will be presented by 1B and held on Friday 12th August at 2.00pm in the School Hall. The following students will receive Merit Certificates during this assembly:

Pre-Primary
- Henry Harvey
- Adam Pakay
- Cooper Cavanagh

Year 1B, 1G & 1W
- Ella Forsyth
- Jake Daniels
- Molly Gorman

Year 2B, 2G & 2W
- Tadhg Barrowclough
- Oliver Cohn
- Taleah Broadley

Year 3B, 3G & 3W
- Ava Shaw
- Elsa Alarcon Tan
- Kabanesh Balasubramanian

Year 4B & 4G
- Taj Farmer
- Niall Burke
- Year 5B & 5G
- Samuel Zuchetti
- Miranda Baker

Year 6B & 6G
- Jack Barrett
- Year 6B & 6W

CLASS NEWS

Pre-Kindy
We’ve been reading lots of Ocean themed books and making some sea creatures for our room. We’ve been listening to shells and talking about the sounds we can hear inside them. Matilda said she could hear “Water going round and round!”

Kindy
We’ve been listening to, acting out and re-telling the story of Jack and the beanstalk! We also planted our own broad beans!

Pre-Primary
We are investigating crocodiles. We have thought about the most interesting questions we could come up with and are now searching through books and looking on google to find the answers. We know not to smile at them!!!

Year 1
What a busy week! We have enjoyed learning and singing our Performing Arts’ pieces.

Year 2
We are very excited about the Olympics and we have been following the fortunes of the Australian Team. We have made Olympic torches and painted flags of the world.

Year 3
We are crazy about Times Tables in Year 3, taking speed tests and trying to beat our own P.B’s! - Just like a true olympian!

Year 4
EXTRA, EXTRA! Read all about it! It’s been a big news week in Year Four. We’ve been busy attending press conferences, getting quotes and writing news articles using the ‘inverted pyramid’ structure.

Year 5
We have been working very hard over the last couple of weeks in Maths looking at fractions. We have been simplifying them, finding equivalent fractions as well as studying improper and mixed fractions. Let’s keep up the great work.

Year 6
We have been writing narratives using Popcorn writing ideas. We’ve come up with some interesting tales!

PARKING – THURSDAY 11th AUGUST
Parents please be aware that there will be a funeral in the Parish from 2.00pm tomorrow which will likely make parking at pick-up time more difficult. Please use the drive-through system if possible. The oval will be open for parking at 2.45pm.

COMMUNICATION FOCUS GROUP
All parents and carers are invited to take part in a Focus Group, looking at ways the school can better communicate with parents. This casual meeting will take place in the Staffroom from 9.00am on Tuesday 16th August and should not take more than half-an-hour. We would love to chat about our communication plans over a coffee and get your thoughts.

To get involved, please email falconer.allison@cathednet.wa.edu.au

CANTEEN NEWS

Thursday 11th August

Recess:
- Honey Soy Chicken $1.00
- Mini Cupcakes 60c

Roster:
- Alexa Bunschoten, Kellie Hayes, Caroline Mikeska

Monday 15th August

Recess:
- Muffin $1.50
- Chicken Goujons $1.20

Roster:
- Julia Shaw, Donna Leen, Nuccia Traynor

Thursday 18th August

Recess:
- Pizza Slices $1.30
- Yogo $1.60

Roster:
- Caron Dabell Burns, Kellie Renton, Marinu Herlihy

Tuesday 23rd August

Recess:
- Mini Cupcake 60c
- Chicken Pops $1.00

Roster:
- Mary-Pat Whelahan, Sarah Belliveau

Thursday 25th August

Recess:
- Yummy Drummy 90c
- Mini Pizza $1.30

Roster:
- Carissa Tang Nian, Carol Farmer, Jacinta Broadley

Monday 29th August

Recess:
- Chicken Crackles $1.20
- ANZAC Biscuits 50c

Roster:
- Leanne Gott, Teresa Rigney, Kate Baker

P&F NEWS

Parents & Friends Meeting
The next P&F meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th August at 9.00am in the Staffroom.

Fathers’ Day Stall Volunteers
If you are able to help run the Fathers’ Day Stall 31st Aug and 1st Sept, please email pandf@wcps.wa.edu.au

Cadbury’s Chocolate Fundraiser
Money for the Chocolate Fundraiser is now due. Please return payment via the classroom boxes ASAP. Thank you for your cooperation.

Entertainment Books
All outstanding payments or unwanted books are overdue. 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 Eloy on 0448 800 471.

WCPS Brick Paver Fundraising Campaign
This offer will remain open through until mid-September.

Please forward this offer to any past students or staff who may be interested in commemorating their history at WCPS. The flyer can be found at http://www.whitfordcatholicps.wa.edu.au/images/NEWSLETTER2016PastFundraiser.pdf

Nadine Cooperwhite
P&F PRESIDENT
**Kids of Mercy: The ladies love all the different things that the children bring to show. Hazel, who is blind, particularly loves the tactile things. Please keep Eileen and Maggie in your prayers as they are feeling unwell at the moment.**

This week, **Week 4, Friday 12th August** the children attending are: Lachlan Brown 1B, Sumaiya Pickard 1B, Tanner Schrader 1B, Taylor O’Hanlon 1B, Isaac Henry 1W, Ariana Ford 2B, Zane Henry 2B, Benjamin Ferguson 3B, Stella Pagano 3B, Oliver Brown 3G, Jessica Scanlan 5B, Kaya Elle Swiatopelk-Mirski-Smith 5B and Julian Brennan. **First Holy Communion Photography**

Portrait photography will be available for 1 hour prior to mass in the Parish Centre (adjacent to the church in Meeting Room 2). Photos from First Holy Communion will be available for sale online after the event. Information contact admin@photowest.com.au.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Book Week: Australia! Story Country:** Book Week will be held in Week 6 of Term 3 this year and the theme asks us to reflect on Australia and our own stories. The dress-up parade will be Friday 26th August and we are dressing as characters from Australian literature, Aboriginal stories or characters from Australian history. Characters can come from Australian books or film. The short-list for 2016 can be viewed at https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2016 You can also find the books that have won in past years at this website. It may help with the ideas.

**Year Six Book Week Activities:** Year Sixes will be very busy for Book Week with 6 Blue going to Mercyville on Thursday at 11.00 am and 6 Gold going to Mercyville on Friday at 11.00 am. They have been studying Mem Fox’s tips on “How to Read Aloud” and they are going to read their favourite picture book to the ladies. Year Sixes will also read to the Kindy kids on the Wednesday from 1.50 to 2.30 pm and Thursday at 2.10 pm. All Year Sixes will be available to read to junior primary during lunchtimes in the library and the Pre-primary playground in Book Week.

**Year Four Book Week Activities:** On the Thursday of Book Week, Year Fours will be travelling to the Joondalup Library to hear author, Meg Caddy, speak about the writing process and her journey as a writer.

**Year Two Book Week Activities:** On the Tuesday of Book Week, Year Twos will be embracing the Australian Story by visiting Cockman House in Woodvale.

**Oliver v5:** Our new library system is up and running and has certainly helped to keep track of the books. It is an automated system that sends out an email reminding parents that a book has not been returned on time. Although it makes you aware of the cost of the book, that does not mean we are expecting payment. However, if a book is permanently lost or damaged that would be the case. If you receive an email, all you need to do is remind your child to return the book to the library as soon as possible.

**Library Quiz:** Congratulations to Fiona Lin 5B, for correctly naming fencing, diving and golf as sports depicted on Mrs Gee’s Olympics in Rio display. This week: Name one sport for which Australia has won a gold medal in Rio.

See you in the Library. St Jerome, pray for us

Mrs Annette Lynch

**HISTORY TEACHER/LIBRARIAN**

**FREE MILK MONDAYS**

**PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL NEWS**

Last week was the beginning of our school performances in the annual Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival. On Monday, 3 students, Ella McCaughey (Yr 6), Hannah Mohr (Yr 5) and Anthony McCaughey (Yr 4) each performed a vocal solo and received very positive reports. We have been notified that Hannah has received an Honourable Mention and Anthony has received a Certificate of Merit.

Last Friday, a group of Yr 6 girls performed a very moving dance in the Christian Dance section of the Festival. Congratulations to Mrs D’Adamo for preparing the girls so beautifully.

On Wednesday this week, the Year 1 classes will travel to Ardross to perform in the Liturgical Singing section of the festival and on Monday next week, the Year 2 classes will perform in the choral singing section in Balckatta. Parents and friends are welcome to be part of the audience for these performances.

**One Big Voice Concert**

This coming Friday, our school choir will be performing along with about 4000 students from Perth schools at the Perth Arena in the One Big Voice Concert. This is a very exciting opportunity for the choir. Ella McCaughey, Lia Fabris and Freya McGrath auditioned for solo parts for this concert and Ella was asked to be one of the soloists….can’t wait to hear you Ella! The students in the choir have been practising so hard for a long time so I hope it will be a very rewarding experience!

Tickets for the 2016 Festival Concert at Perth Concert Hall on Monday 12th September are available directly through Perth Concert Hall (not ticketmaster as previously stated). Information is also provided on the Catholic Arts website with a direct link to purchase tickets: www.perthconcerthall.com.au, phone 9231 9999 9am-5pm Monday to Friday or in person from the Perth Concert Hall box office 9am-5pm Monday to Friday.

Leanne Fragomeni

**MUSIC TEACHER**

**DANCE NEWS**

**Catholic Performing Arts - Year 6 girls**

Last Friday, 15 Year 6 girls travelled to Mercy College to perform in the Christian Dance Section of the Catholic Performing Arts. They performed their Easter Liturgy piece “O Praise The Name” which has been rehearsed over the last three terms. They performed alongside other schools which were both Primary and Secondary. Not only did the girls look beautiful in their costumes, they danced incredibly. They received a glowing report from the adjudicator. Many comments were made to me from other schools and the Festival organisers on how well the girls portrayed the message of the song and praising Jesus’ name with such feeling and reverence. The girls proudly represented WCPS with fantastic behaviour and respect. Thank you to Mrs McGrath and Mrs Shaw for helping get the costumes ready for the day, Mrs Di Girolami and Mrs Arnett for helping with the girls’ hair and travelling with us on the day, Mrs Fragomeni, parents and family who came to watch the girls perform. I am one very, very proud teacher! We have been notified that the girls received a Certificate ofMerit. Well done girls!

**Boys Dance – Friday the 26th of August**

Tickets went on sale to general public Monday 25th of July. You can purchase by either phoning TICKETEK on 132 849 or www.ticketek.com.au. Adults: $32, Students: $18. Please note that the boys involved in the performance DO NOT need a ticket. Please check the email and letter sent home with other information regarding the performances this term.

**Boys Dance meeting Thursday August 18th 3:15pm**

There will be a meeting for parents of those involved in the Boys Dance next Thursday in the staff room. This will be a quick meeting in regards to the performance in Week 6. A note and email will be sent home.

Mrs Candice D’Adamo

**DRAMA AND DANCE SPECIALIST**

**SCIENCE WEEK STARTS MONDAY 15TH AUGUST**

Students from PP-yr6 will be taking part in a Scitech incursion on Tuesday 16th August. This incursion is included in your yearly school fees. The science room will also be open some lunchtimes for fun activities and we’ll be learning about crazy crabs.

Did you know that the Perth Science Festival is also being held this Saturday & Sunday at the Perth Cultural Centre from 10am? It is a free event & they will have science shows, food trucks, hands-on experiments, animal farm etc. Audrey Pettinicchio - 3B had her robot chosen in the big Science Week competition outside our school & it will be on display at the festival.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Summer Urquhart PPB on winning 6 gold medals and a silver medal in the recent 10th International Highland Dancing Festival of Australia.
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