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Term 3 Week 4 - 7th August 2015

John's gospel this week follows on from the last two Sundays, with his teaching on Jesus, the Bread of Life. This week, the Jews complain (meaning they utter secret and sullen discontent), asking the question, surely this is just Jesus, the son of Joseph? They can't accept His teaching. It is too hard for them. And yet Jesus persists: "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. And the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world."

FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP OF THE CROSS

This Saturday is the Feast of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross. St Mary is especially important to us as she is Australia's first saint. We often think of Saints as being people who lived long ago and lived devout lives of meditation and prayer. The communion of saints however is full of many different people who lived lives devoted to God in many different ways. St Mary shows us that in our modern age, through our work and commitment to God we too can aspire to a saintly life. In intercession, there may be no other saint who understands us as St Mary does and whom we can turn to.



ENROLMENTS 2016

Please contact the school office if you would like to enrol your child into Kindergarten 2016. To assist with estimating our 2016 enrolments, we would appreciate it if you could notify the school in writing if your child is leaving at the end of 2015 from grades other than Year 6. Parents are reminded that one full term's notice must be given for leaving students otherwise a term's school fees will be charged.

DEBATING

On Wednesday the 5th August our debating team competed in their first debate this year against an experienced St John Vianney's debating team. Our team, Clara Naseim, Bridie O'Kelly and Joe-Mar Gould-Matienzo debated that there should be no licences for bicycle riders. Each speaker spoke with superb confidence as they barely needed to look at their own palm cards. Unfortunately we did not win this one, but it was a great learning experience for the students involved. We will compete with St John Vianney's next term and they better be prepared!



Good Shepherd Mass Times

Saturday: 8am, 6pm Sunday: 7am, 9am, 6pm
Weekday: Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 6am, 9am
Spanish: Sat 7.30pm
Vietnamese: Sunday 10.45am



MERIT AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at the school assembly.

- KA Ashwina Singh, Akuchinyere Unaeze & Timur Bary
 KS Layla Dimacali, Annabelle Fares & Devante Toma
 1B Melissa Ghneim & Thomas Valentine
 1S Oliver Kirk & Ashlee Gardiner
 2B Ahsante Lalia & Aaliyanah Jimenez
 2W Attila Somogyi & Agnes Bobby
 3A Rownan Moloney & Katie McLean
 3Z Sava Tagilola & Chelsy Evangelista
 4G Louise Caramoan & Anjelo Bueno
 4H Nicholas Velasco & George Bou Mansour Narvaez
 5C Cohen Smith & Alyssa-Isabella Caraig
 5I Katelyn Taylor & Andrew Pumihic
 6S Gracey Hannah & Rajeev Swamy

SILVER AWARDS

- 1S Kaydence Wells
 3A Alyssandra Jimenez
 4G Kiarrah Rentoy
 5C Sheryn Lucas

**BRONZE AWARDS**

- KA Simrat Saini, Isabella Tugade, Akira Kendell, Akuchinyere Unaeze, Leif Eriksson, Aaron Forneste, Ayden Prasad & Natasha Noche
 KS Elisha Gupta, Grace Walia, Aimee Williams, Layla Dimacali & Carlos Tuazon
 1B Ethan Mateo & Onella Perera
 1S Jazlyn Ah-Hoe, Edwina Ahokava & Athena Raju
 3A Alexis O'Neill & Tisya Nayak
 3Z Drew Wasylinka, Jaylen Mallawaratchy, Marley Campbell & Jesse-Riley Stewart
 4G Ashlea Geagea, Malakai Toms, Azriel Tawatao, Ethan Pascual, Claudia Canovo, Anjelo Bueno, Calum O'Sullivan, Samara Purvia & Andrea Ang
 4H Marjorie Pasaquian
 5C Emily Spilstead, Holly Summers, James Nacua, Andrew Habashi & Ariel Bailey

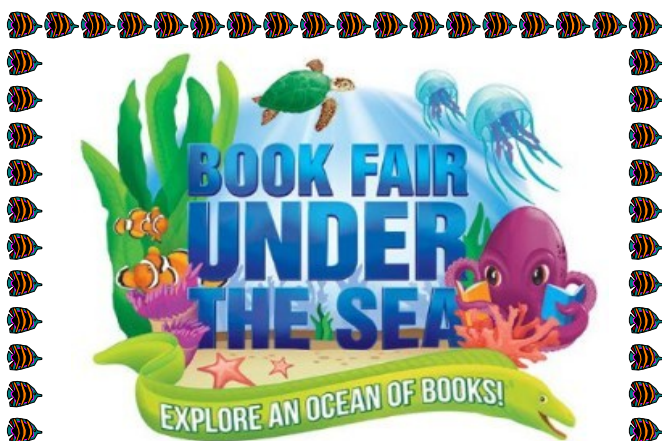
DATES COMING UP 2015

Tue	11th Aug	Blacktown Zone Athletics
Tue	18th Aug	- BOOK FAIR - parade followed by picnic lunch. - Parent Learning Forum on Reading at 7:30pm
Fri	21st Aug	Diocesan Athletics

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2016

Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2016.

Parents are asked to obtain an Enrolment Form from the school office or download one from our website. Please inform family or friends if they have children who are eligible to attend.



On Monday 17th August Book Fair will be open from 8.30am to 8.55am and 2.45pm to 3.15pm for **parents** to purchase books before and after school.

On Tuesday 18th August we will be having a Book Parade in the hall, where your children can come to school dressed to the theme of 'Under the Sea' or as their favourite book character and this will be followed by a picnic lunch. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase books at the Book Fair after the parade.

Families and friends are most welcome. We hope you can come along.

On Wednesday 19th August Book Fair will be open from 8.30am to 8.55am and 2.45pm to 3.15pm for **parents** to purchase books before and after school.



DROPPING CHILDREN AT SCHOOL

There have been complaints about parents parking in the drop off area on Armitage Drive when bringing their children to school in the morning.

This area is used for dropping your child off, so they can then walk into school on their own. If you wish to walk your child into school, you will need to park your vehicle elsewhere. Parking in the drop off bay is causing congestion and may also result in a parking fine.

Please remember to follow road rules and be courteous when using this area and join the back of the queue, wait your turn and not push in front of other cars.



YEAR 1 JELLY BEAN GUESSING COMPETITION

20c a guess
Outside Year 1 first half of lunch
every day next week.

GOOD LUCK!!!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR READING?



All parents are specially invited to attend a Parent Learning Forum on Tuesday evening, 18th August at 7pm in the school library. There will be tips on how to support your child Read. We look forward to you seeing you there.

ABSENT NOTES - FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST

If any children are away on Friday 7th August, Census Day, it is of utmost importance that the school office receives a note explaining their absence on this day. It is a requirement by the Department of Education that a note is brought in to school explaining any absence of a child.

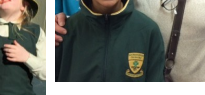
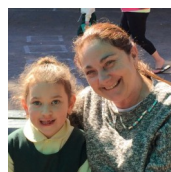
SCHOOL FEES - TERM 3

All families should have now received Term 3 School Fee Accounts in the mail. If you haven't please contact the Office immediately so a copy can be sent home with your child.

Payment is due prior to Monday August 17.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Last Friday 31st July our school community gathered to celebrate the special gift of grandparents and all those who are grandparent figures in our lives. Our grandparents have given us the gift of life and continue to give us the gift of love. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special celebration. It was wonderful to see so many people come to our Liturgy to celebrate the fantastic jobs grandparents do for all of us. After the Liturgy grandparents then spent precious time reading to the children, this was followed by an enjoyable picnic lunch.

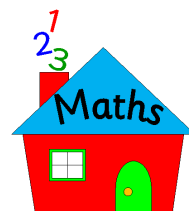


HOW MANY TENS?

Place value is a challenging concept for many children to fully understand. They may be able to order numbers, read numbers and write numbers but do they understand the value of each digit?

How many tens are there in 394? Most would say there are 9 tens. Can you see how there are 39 tens in 394? What about 7286? There are 728 tens in 7286.

Many children get stuck when asked what is ten more than 394? If we know there are 39 tens in 394 and then add 1 more ten then we would have 40 tens or 404. Challenge your child to tell you how many tens are in a number.



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