

School News

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"Never see a need without doing something about it"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening...Let your Word fall on the fertile ground of my heart. Let your voice be the voice that I hear in the night and at my earliest rising. Let my hands do the work of your hands, my feet walk the ways you lead. I want my "Yes" to be the deepest consent to all you have in mind for me. Amen.

Thank you to all parents for sending the children to school in beautiful uniform for our school photos. All of the children looked smashing and we will receive our orders early in term 2. It is delightful to see all of the children in their correct uniform and that we all belong to the one community. I hope the teachers come out as well as the children!

Our trivia night is fast approaching and we are yet to fill all of our tables. We discussed this idea with our school board and everyone seemed in support. I am really hoping that we fill all tables as soon as possible so that this night is a great success. We also asked families to donate a small prize for the spinning wheel. Could families please make this a priority this week. We warmly welcome Mr Reuben Johnson back to MC our night and facilitate the trivia. I am sure it will be a laugh. Tables are to bring their own nibbles and BYO drinks and supper will be provided. It is \$10 a ticket and tables can fit up to 8 people. Please call Jacinta to book your seats or table.

Last week while the children were at home for two days due to the teachers being at a conference, the teachers gained great learning. The teachers and I attended a joint conference with the 7 other Catholic Primary Schools that belong to the Northern Plains. The conference theme was based around Engagement. Engagement for both the teachers and the students. This was a fantastic learning opportunity for us all and it will transfer back to the children. Thank you all for making arrangements for the children on these days.

Late last week we were also advised by Bishop Les that there was a change to our Sacramental program date. Please put the 25th April on the calendar for the Eucharist and Confirmation Sacraments. Father Eugene and Bishop Les will lead this wonderful occasion. We will be preparing as a school for this and hope to have all of the children in the school attend, participate and support their classmates. We will have a shared celebration after the Mass altogether. As a lead up to these two Sacraments the children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Reconciliation has been scheduled for Thursday 26th March at 7:00pm and we are hoping that the school and parish community will attend. A letter will be going home to these families today.

This term I asked for support and interest for a whole school working bee. Unfortunately, there was not enough numbers for this to happen earlier in the term. I am hoping to reschedule the working bee for Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March from 9:00am - 12:00pm. I know it will be the end of term however I will see if we can get enough numbers to get the many jobs completed. I would appreciate the working bee going ahead on these dates as the weather will start to change soon and it would be fantastic to have the maintenance complete before the start of term two. Please complete the attached form and return to school as soon as possible.

This week the school was excited to receive some new resources. Our library has been transformed into an open plan learning space where the children can work in collaboration. Our new tables, modulars and stools are bright, beautiful and a space we are eager to be in. I have attached a photo for you all to see. Feel free to come in at anytime to have a look! We also purchased some new reading books for take home reading and guided reading in class time. All books are lovely and new and we know you will help the children to care for the new resources when they are taken home.

I hope that everyone enjoys their long weekend this weekend and that I see most of you next Friday night, 13th March for Fright Night Trivia Night!

Thanking you for your ongoing support.

Jasmine Ryan
Principal



Dates Coming Up:

9th March - Public Holiday - No school
13th March - Y-Lead Day for Years 5 & 6 students
16th March - AGM for School Board
17th March - St Patrick's Day
25th March - Learning Expo 5:30pm - 7:00pm
26th March - Reconciliation 7:00pm
27th March - Last day of Term 1

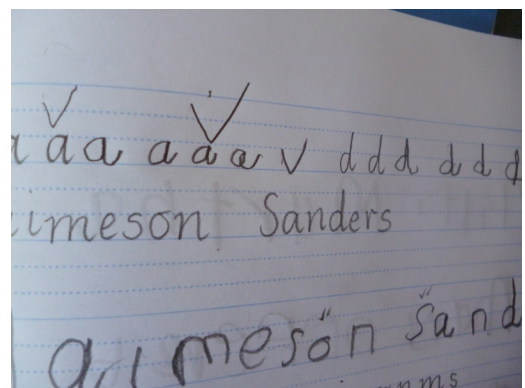
Caritas Cafe

Thank you for your generous donations towards our Caritas Cafe last month. We are truly Jesus' hands when we give to others who are in need. Tomorrow is our second last Caritas Cafe as we journey with speed towards Easter.

Learning Celebrations

This week we have been learning about strategies that can assist us with addition. One of these strategies is the 'Compensation strategy'. When we round a number up to a ten it makes it easier to add a number on. Tyrone Stevens has mastered this strategy! Well done Tyrone. If your numbers aren't balancing at home...ask this man for assistance.

Jaimeson has been working very hard at writing the lower case 'a' and 'd'. He understands how the correct seating of his letters makes it easier for his audience to read his work. Come on in and check out his handwriting. He is very proud of himself. Keep working hard Jaimeson!



Comprehending what we read

In the Senior room classroom we have explored how we can apply what we have learned from the book, 'Boss of the pool' into our own lives. These are some of the ways we will apply our learning...

- Don't judge people by how they look;
- Pick the right friends, not the wrong ones - people who know about you and care about you; they want to help you.
- Treat people as you want to be treated - if you are being mean to someone, you wouldn't like someone to be mean to you, so don't do it;
- Disabled people are like us - just because they are at a different school, they should be treated fairly.
- It's what is on the inside that counts - its what you feel; it's not how you look - its about your attitude and how you act.;
- keep on trying!

25 NIGHTS OF READING AWARD— JUNIOR ROOM

Congratulations to

Matilda Matthews, Riley O'Toole, Chloe Stevens

James Correa, James Bojo & Jeff Pacala



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Happy Birthday to Jeff Pacala this week, who turns 7 today (Thursday)!

