



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WEEKLY REFLECTION

IF YOU DON'T READ LIFE RIGHT, THINGS JUST MAY NOT ADD UP.

Literacy is not just about words. Numeracy is not just about numbers. We need to be literate and numerate in our emotional and relational lives. Indeed, we need to be constantly learning in these areas if we are going to help our children lead rich and full lives.

So how do we do it? Firstly, by stopping and pondering with head and heart the various situations of our lives and asking ourselves: does this add up? Is this making me happy? Is life just one meaningless thing after another? Too often we just plough on in difficult, or even in boring situations, because we fear change. "What if things got worse?" we counter. Well, that is a risk of life. But be assured, without change, that difficult or boring situation will get worse. There are ways and techniques for helping us with this type of change. I just finished reading *Rise* by Ingrid Poulson. This excellent book offers a number of them.

But there is another area which is integral to our growth: recognising where we have come from and where we are going. We have been made in the image and likeness of God and we are destined to live in love with God forever. If God isn't a real part of your life, it is like travelling without knowing where you came from or where you are going. Life becomes 'stuff' one just ploughs through. But with God, we have a history in love and a destiny in greatness and a present that is open grace, no matter how difficult or boring it may look.

Loving Father, when I am confused in the maze of my life, let your good Spirit guide me to slow down and ponder just what is happening. Let me read my life well and make good choices for change. I ask this in Jesus' name confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb

I hope all families had a restful and relaxing holiday break.

NEW ARCHBISHOP

An attachment has been sent home with the newsletter today from His Grace, Archbishop Adrian Doyle, pertaining to the recent announcement by Pope Francis that Bishop Julian Porteous will become our new Archbishop. We hope to provide details soon about some planned arrangements as a Catholic community to farewell the outstanding contribution Archbishop Adrian has made during his time in Tasmania.

MID-YEAR REPORTS

Our Mid-Year reports were sent home to families recently. Teachers have spent considerable time preparing and writing these documents. As part of the follow-up process, we will be scheduling parent/teacher consultations on Tuesday 6th August and Wednesday 7th August. These consultations provide teacher and family with a formal platform to engage in a range of topics that pertain to your child's learning and on-going development.

HELPING WITH HOMEWORK

I am often asked by parents/carers about ways they can engage better with their child's learning and in particular, homework. Helping your child with their homework is an opportunity for you to participate in your child's education and encourage a positive attitude to learning both in and out of the school.

Helping with homework shows your child that you are interested in what they are learning, and you'll also find out what they are doing at school and what their strengths and difficulties are. In primary school we don't want homework to be a burden to your child. It may involve your child taking home a home reader that you can read together. Or, for older classes, it might involve some revision of things they have studied at school, or preparation for the next piece of learning.

Ways you can help:

- Set aside a 'study' area at home where your child can concentrate and do their homework. A flat surface (desk, table or bench) and good lighting will assist greatly. Make sure you also have pens, pencils, rulers, scissors, glue, dictionary and paper on hand.....and turn off the television!
- Make sure your child has a break and something to eat and drink before settling down to do their homework.
- Ask your child what the homework task is and how it follows on from what they were learning at school
- Be interested and talk to your child about what they have learnt so far.
- Help your child become an independent reader-explain how to look up information or find a word in the dictionary rather than simply giving them the answer in order to get the task finished
- Don't let your child copy information straight from books or the internet. Apart from it being plagiarizing someone else's work, it doesn't help your child learn. Instead, talk about the information and work out the key facts, then help your child to write down notes about what they have just learnt.
- Be positive about your child's attempts. If you have any concerns about their progress, make an appointment to speak to their teacher.
- Don't let homework become a chore! Make it a special time that you can spend talking and learning together, and that you both look forward to.

VOLUNTEERS

As parents/carers would be aware, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School relies heavily on volunteers to ensure that we are able to provide the optimum learning environment and services for our students. Without support from our community members, such programs and activities would not be able to be offered at our school.

We have a very loyal group of volunteers in our school community and I am very grateful for all the time and effort they give to our school across a number of volunteer roles. A number of parents are also coaching and managing our soccer teams. We are aware at times some families may be away and unable to attend a game for a particular reason. However, we would ask as much as possible that families and students try to honour their commitment to the team for the season as it can be a source of stress for coaches/managers if they are trying to ring around at late notice to ensure teams have enough players.

Cameron Brown
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Introducing Library monitors to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

A Library Monitor is someone who is chosen by the class teacher to take on extra tasks and responsibilities on behalf of the school library.

Two students from Grade 1 through to Grade 5, were selected as Library monitors for this term, they are:

G1- Jai Scoles and Charlie Dargue

G2- Paige Swanson and Eloise Davies

G3- Isaac Harwood and Toby Kop

G4- Samuel Askey-Doran and Freya Oak

G5- Molly Pogorzelski and Edan Merkel

Congratulations to all and if you missed out this time remember you might be chosen in Term 4.

BOOKWEEK

Book Week is from Monday, August 19th to Friday 23rd.

The theme this year is 'Read Across the Universe', so put on your thinking caps to come up with your dress up idea!

The Parade will be on **Tuesday 20th August at 9.15**, so pop that into your diary!

Mrs Webster and the Parents & Friends are holding a Book fair on the Monday and Tuesday during Book week. The selection will be from Social Club Books. Catalogue available online at www.scb.com.au, please have a browse.

If you are available to help with the book fair please email natasha.webster@catholic.tas.edu.au
OR Susan McLeod at healthplus.tas@bigpond.com
Mrs Webster – *Library Technician*

SHORT STORY COMPETITION RESULTS!

The week of 29th July is National Literacy Week! We chose this week to announce the winners of our short story competition. They are as follows:

FIRST PRIZE: Maya Lietz Gr 6 (Winning a \$30 voucher from Hobart Book Shop)

SECOND PRIZE: Natalie DeCesare Gr 4 (Winning a \$20 voucher from Hobart Book Shop)

THIRD PRIZE: John Paul Gildo Gr 5 (Winning a \$10 voucher from Hobart Book Shop)

Highly Commended: Didier Iradikunda Gr 5, Tara Watzl Gr 4, Christine Aleri Gr 4, Sonia DeCesare Gr 2.

Certificates and prizes will be awarded at our Assembly on Tuesday 13th August.

Congratulations to all entrants on their fantastic stories!

WANTED MINI LEGO FIGURES

Have you got any Lego Mini Figures (or Lego) that you no longer want? The children in Grade 1 would really appreciate you donating it to our class. We have been using borrowed Lego figures for our Maths games. And desperately need lots more so we can all have a chance at playing the games.

If you would like to donate your Lego, please give it to Ms Kitchen in Grade 1 on a Wednesday. There is a chocolate frog for anyone who donates.



SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR CHILDREN

This process, consisting of the Rite of Reconciliation and the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will commence shortly. If you feel that your child is ready for these Sacraments, please contact Liz Horne at St Mary's Cathedral Office for the application form. The process is for children of families belonging to the Cathedral Parish and ideally the children should be Gr 3 or higher as of 2014. **Applications for this year will close Monday September 30.** cathedraloffice@bigpond.com or 6234 4463

TERM 3 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday August 6/ Wednesday August 7	Parent Teacher Consultations
Wednesday August 7- Friday August 9	Family Life Program
Tuesday August 13	Assembly 1.50pm-2.50pm (Items from Prep, Grade 2,4 & 6)
Thursday August 22	School Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Launch 10.30am
Tuesday September 3	Assembly 1.50pm-2.50pm (Items from Kinder, Grade 1, 3 & 5)
Friday September 20	Catholic Cross Country Carnival
Tuesday September 24	End of Term Music Assembly 1.50pm
Friday 27 September	Term Three Concludes

CSIRO EDUCATION SPECIAL EVENT FOR NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2013!

Saturday 17 August from 1:00pm - 3:30pm

CSIRO Education Open Day

You get the chance to explore our amazing new home, the Sustainability Learning Centre.

Find out what features make a 6 star Green Building and what technologies and techniques you could use in your own home.

Challenge yourself and your family with our science based activities and infamous corridor machines!

The highlight of the day will be CSIRO's Spectacular Science Show at 2:30pm. Our show is full of mind-expanding physics and chemistry fun for everyone!

Suitable for all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please book by emailing us at doublehelixtas@csiro.au

Location: Sustainability Learning Centre
50 Olinda Grove, Mt Nelson



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19 July 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to inform you that Pope Francis has appointed as the 11th Archbishop of Hobart:

Bishop Julian Charles Porteous DD BTheol
Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Sydney

The appointment is to be announced in Rome today at 12 noon which is 8pm EST.

It is planned that the new Archbishop will make a short visit to Hobart on 14 August. He is currently in South America, accompanying a group of Sydney pilgrims to World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, so it is not possible for him to come to Tasmania at this time.

The Mass of Installation will be celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 17 September, when the new Archbishop will take possession of the Archdiocese.

I will continue in the new role of Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese until that date. I will attend to the arrangements already in place for Confirmations, Blessings and Openings, up to the day of installation. The new Archbishop will take over the commitments from the day of his installation.

It has been a great privilege for me to have been your Archbishop for the last 14 years and I am very grateful for the friendship, loyalty and support given to me during that time. I am sure you will make the new Archbishop very welcome and give him the same friendship, loyalty and support in his new role.

Yours sincerely in Christ

ADRIAN L. DOYLE AM
Archbishop of Hobart

Immaculate Heart of Mary School

Parents And Friends Committee Meeting

Wednesday 7th August

7:00 pm – Dillon Building

Agenda -

Welcome & Apologies
Minutes & Business Arising
Correspondence

Reports -

Principal

Fundraising -

Presidents

Treasurer

General Business -

Calender of Events

Miscellaneous

Next Meeting

Close

Create a diorama on a scene from your favourite story

Using the lid from an A4 'reflex' paper box or a shoe box, create a scene from your favourite story. You can use paint, paper, collage, paper mache, model clay...anything you like!

If you are stuck for ideas, search Google Images 'shoebox dioramas'

You have x 4 weeks until Bookweek (August 19th- 23rd)

-Have fun! ☺ *Mrs Webster*



Short story competition for Bookweek

Have a look at the following pictures. Choose the one that sparks your imagination and write a short story, using this image as your inspiration. You have x4 weeks until Bookweek (August 19th- 23rd)
-Have fun :) *Mrs Webster*





**** SCHOOL DISCO ****

Yep – it's that time again. This disco will have a birthday party theme, so your entry will cover the DJ, light show, party games, party bag, and lucky door prize entry.

- @ Date: Friday August 2nd**
- @ Time: 6:30 – 8.00pm**
- @ In the School Hall**
- @ Entry: \$3.00 each or \$10.00 per family**

We will have for sale various 'glow' products for \$1/2 each. Juice boxes and snacks will be available for \$1.00 each. We also have a face painting and balloon tying professional booked - \$3.00 per face painting/balloon critter (\$10.00 per family) or grab both for \$5.00.

Parents please note that younger siblings are welcome if supervised by an adult. Supervision is provided for school children but they must be dropped off and picked up from inside the hall. Please be considerate of our staff and volunteers by collecting children on time. Tea and coffee are provided in the foyer for parents.

COME AND PARTY WITH US AT THE DISCO !!

