Let Mercy live among us

Dear Parents and Carers,

Open House and BBQ: An important positive start to your child’s year

We look forward to meeting you tomorrow evening at the Open House and BBQ. Teachers have prepared short presentations and information for you to take away and students have completed displays and some initial work to share with you. They like to show off their classrooms to their parents.

The Open House will be from 5.00pm until 6.00pm and parents can drop into the classrooms with their children between these times. The short presentations in classrooms are at:

- 5.00pm : Kindergarten, Years 2 & 6
- 5.30 pm: Years 1 & 4
- 6.00pm: Years 3 & 5

Teachers enjoy meeting as many people as possible so they won’t be able to have an in depth conversations. They will have a booking sheet available to book in a time for the following week for those important conversations.

Another important part of the evening is to meet the parents of some of your children’s friends. That’s why the Parents & Friends Committee is providing a free sausage sizzle for families between 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Thank you to the P&F for organising this.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Working With Vulnerable People

Those of you who received a WWVP Card when it began three years ago are coming up for renewal. Could you please ensure that when you receive your new card you bring it to the Front Office to be viewed and copied for our records. This will ensure that you can continue enjoying working with our students.

Book Club – Assistance Needed

Ms Aimee Hunter, our previous wonderful Book Club parent volunteer, is now no longer able to provide this opportunity for students to access good quality books for purchase. We would love the assistance of another parent to organise Book Club. Please consider this and chat to Sue Anderson (Teacher – Librarian) or myself to find out what it involves.

Parent Partnership Week

Next week we are having Parent Partnership Week. It involves providing a few sessions around different topics of interest to parents that support them in their role as the first educators of their children. Parents can collect more information about these session at the Open House BBQ and sign up for them as well. More information will appear on the school website tomorrow.

Corrections

Thank you everyone for the return of the many notes sent home last week. Please keep them coming in. They are better late than not at all. If you missed them, they are all on our school website in the Notes for Parents section.
**Please note there was one error on the ICT Acceptable Use Agreement for Students. Where it said “...I will...give out personal information about me....” it should have read “...I will...not give out personal information about me....” This was a drafting error. Please feel free to make an amendment to the document before returning. We will also make the assumption that all parents who have returned the note without an amendment have signed for their child to not pass out information. I apologise for the confusion.**

**School Fees**
At this stage the school fees will not be sent out until week 3 and will be due in week 5.

I look forward to working together with you.

Matthew Garton
Principal

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**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LIFE**

**First Friday Mass**
Thank you to the 5/6 students who led our opening mass so responsibly last Friday. It was a wonderful mass with beautiful singing from so many of our community. We look forward to having everyone join in so enthusiastically at all our masses this year.

**Ash Wednesday**
Lent begins early this year and as such today is Ash Wednesday. Years 1 – 6 celebrated with Mass this morning, receiving ashes as a tangible reminder of the season of reflection and repentance. We remember Jesus’ time of prayer and reflection in the desert before undertaking his ministry to his people. This Lent I wonder what God is asking of you? Take the time to pause and listen to your God.

**Project Compassion**
As a Catholic School we are encouraged to take part in the tradition of having a focus throughout Lent on solidarity with those less fortunate than us. We will again be raising funds for Project Compassion, a core venture of Caritas Australia. Today families will receive a Project Compassion money box to assist in collecting donations for this appeal. We will also hold a fundraising event at school during Lent with all funds donated to Project Compassion. More information on this will be shared by our Liturgical Leaders in coming weeks.

Students are also learning in class about the work undertaken by Caritas Australia and the practical ways they can take part in helping those in need. If you are interested in finding out more about this very worthwhile project, or having a family discussion about how you can help, the website for Project Compassion is http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

**First Reconciliation**
Reminders came home this week about the preparation program for families with a child wishing to receive the sacrament of reconciliation this year. The parish has planned for reception of this sacrament to be on Sunday 6th March, following the 9:00am mass. Enrolment forms will be available this Thursday at our Information and Meet & Greet evening.
Children and at least one accompanying adult need to participate in:

- the Year of Mercy Retreat day on Saturday 20th February (9:00am – 4:00pm);
- mass and a preparation session on Sunday 28th February (9:00 – 11:00)

Any questions please see Ms Younger or phone Father Mat on 62957879.
AWARDS OF THE WEEK

KINDERGARTEN  Sophia R, Clancy B  
YEAR 1  Oliver M, Marissa M, Ragsajan R, Edith Q  
YEAR 2  Fionn L, Gabriella S  
YEAR 3/4E  Joel T, Lilly M  
YEAR 3/4B  Isaac D, Dharma S, Sophia M  
YEAR 3/4B  Brooke L, Alyssa T, Tomas C  
YEAR 5/6S  Phoebe M, Anica K, Lennox C  
YEAR 5/6Y  Phoebe M, Anica K, Lennox C  

HOUSE POINTS
The points for Week 1, Term 1 were Murramai on 110, Arakoola on 690 and Tangara on 500.

CONGRATULATIONS to our winners: Arakoola on 690!

Well done to Kindergarten who earned the most house points (410)!

Weekly Notes
The following notes have gone home this week and are currently on the website.
- Reconciliation – Yr3 students
- Kindergarten Health Check – Due Back 22 February
- P&F Nomination Form
- Swimming Carnival Form

CANTEEN

FRIDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 9.
Hannah Norgrove
Mary Anne Fletcher
11.30am – 2.00pm
Sylvie Rodier
Sonia Domitrak
MONDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 9.00am – 11.30am
Sylvie Rodier
Currently Vacant
11.30am – 2.00pm
Sylvie Rodier
Currently Vacant

Thank you for all help given.
Nancy Lyons, Canteen Manager

Nurturing personal and academic growth  
from Kindergarten to Year 6
How to enter: Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win.

For more information please contact our School Banking Specialist Jo on 0475821274.

Banking Day is every…Wednesday

Lost and Found Items
Lost: On Thursday a silver watch was lost on the school grounds.
Found: An earring was found in the hall on Friday. And the necklace has not be collected. If you are missing the items or have found the watch please come to the Front Office.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD IN THE LIBRARY
TUESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY
AT 6.30PM

ALL POSITIONS WILL BE DECLARED VACANT
WE WELCOME FRESH IDEAS AND NEW FACES!

NOMINATE YOURSELF FOR A POSITION

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR THE EVENING,
EVEN IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO NOMINATE AT THIS
TIME.

NOMINATION FORM WILL BE SENT HOME TODAY.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bringing Up Great Kids

Parents and Carers are invited to Bringing Up Great Kids—a parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation for Parents and Carers of children aged 2—10 years. This course will give you insights and skills needed to:

- Promote positive and nurturing relationships between parents and children
- Explore the management of stress in your parenting role
- Encourage the development of your child’s positive self-identity
- Develop the ability to contain strong emotion and to think through the responses to your child, rather than give ‘knee-jerk’ reactions
- Overcome some of the obstacles that are getting in the way of being the kind of parent you would like to be
- Create opportunities for positive exchanges with your children.

The course is offered 3 hours per week over a 4 week period. DATES: 24th Feb, 2nd, 9th & 16th March
TIME: 6pm—9pm VENUE: 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill FEE: $100 (Concessions available)
Fee includes light supper & course materials

Bookings Essential Contact
6162 6100

VIOLIN TUTORING

Violin lessons are available at St Benedict’s with Mr Matthew Foster. For more information please call – 0431683980 or visit the following website: www.mfviolin.com
RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS AT WANNIASSA BELCONNEN and PALMERSTON!

Elementz Rhythmic gymnastics is happy to offer beginners and advanced recreational Rhythmic Gymnastics programs for children 5yrs and older. Elementz prides itself in offering high-quality, dynamic programs that fuse the fundamentals of dance and gymnastics with ropes, hoops, balls, clubs and ribbons. Rhythmic Gymnastics is our passion and we firmly believe it promotes flexibility, strength, coordination and body awareness, working independently and in teams, self-discipline, fun and friendship.

Classes are on every day!
Call today to arrange an obligation free trial class or enrol.
Check out our Living Social deal: great discount for the first 4 classes!
For more information go to our website www.elementz.com.au
Spaces are limited so please get in touch!

INFO DAYS
BUNGENDORE SHOW 31st Jan • 9am - 4pm @ Bungendore Showground
BRUMBIES MEET THE PLAYERS DAY 13th Feb • 1pm to 4pm @ Brumbies HQ, Bruce
QUEANBEYAN SPORTS GALA DAY 20th Feb • 10am to 2pm @ QBN Town Park, QBN

ON THE FIELD
VIVA’S (TOUCH RUGBY) Feb 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th • 5.45pm @ Campese Oval, Queanbeyan
Budding Brumbies
Bungendore Sessions Feb 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th • 5pm @ Mick Sherd Oval, Bungendore
Queanbeyan Sessions Feb 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th • 5pm @ Campese Oval, Queanbeyan
Season Training Begins 2nd March 2016
QBN 4.30pm - Campese Oval, QBN
Bungendore 5pm - Mick Sherd Oval, Bdore
All registered players will receive a set club shorts and socks plus a Brumbies JRP card entitling them to free entry to all home games played at Canberra Stadium during the regular Super Rugby season.
So grab your mates, bring your brother or your sister & bring on season 2016
www.whitesjuniorrugby.org.au

AM Cakes specialises
AM Cakes specialises in cakes and cupcakes for birthdays and special occasions. All our creations are designed individually to suit your celebrations. Let us create a cake for you...!!

Feel free to drop us an email or call us for a chat. Anna & Mary - Cakes by AM

Scouts
There are over 40 million Scouts in the world today and in the ACT there are Scout Groups in more than 35 local communities. Scouting helps creates friendships, confidence, life skills and much more. Boys and girls aged 6-25 are encouraged to try come and try our 3 week FREE offer.

Simply contact your local Scout Group, go to our website www.scoutsact.com.au or give us a call on 1800 SCOUTS
Dear Parents, our school is participating in Redgum Book Club this term.

Redgum Book Club are an Australian owned children’s book club supporting Australian authors, illustrators and publishers. They offer families, books that are engaging and educational, with a strong Australian content, that aligns with the school curriculum. Every book order earns resources and books for our school and includes a free gift for your child.

Your child will bring home the Redgum Book Club catalogue this week. The catalogue opens on Monday 8th February and closes on Monday 7th March. Ordered books will be delivered free to the school by Friday 18th March.

Below is a link to the current term 1 catalogue. http://issuu.com/redgumbookclub/docs/redgum_book_club_term_1_2016_school/1

For more information about the books in the catalogue, go to the Redgum website. You will also find hundreds more great titles with books starting from $2.00. www.redgumbookclub.com.au.

Redgum are now selling the School Zone products, Australia’s best-selling Educational Activity range. All titles in the Hinkler School Zone range have been fully adapted to Australian school standards.

Newly released books include:

- The Bear Who Went Boo from number one bestselling picture book duo, David Walliams and Tony Ross, comes this bear-illiantly funny adventure.
- Clementine Rose and the Special Promise, by Australian author, Jacqueline Harvey.
- The Selected Adventures of Bottersnikes and Gumbles – Launching alongside the animation television series on channel 7, a new edition containing selected stories of these favourite Australian characters.
- Barney and the Secret of the Whales, written by award winning author Jackie French.
- Pathwords Game, winner of the Parent’s Choice Gold Award.

How to place an order:

- Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal at www.redgumbookclub.com.au
- Email your order with your credit card details to: orders@redgumbookclub.com.au
- Call our customer service team on 02 8445 2355 and order over the phone.
- Fill out the order form on the back of the catalogue and post it with a cheque.

If you have any questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Lesley at schools@redgumbookclub.com.au

Thank you

We are excited to deliver tennis programs to all our school within our tennis community. We are holding after school tennis lessons at one of our tennis club in Canberra’s Inner North and South.

Tuesday at Majura Tennis Club, Dickson
Wednesday at Reid Tennis Club
Thursday at Barton Tennis Club
Monday & Friday at Old Parliament House Gardens

- Time: 3:30 - 6pm (see website for specific times)
- Levels: Aces (ages 4-6), Cubs (ages 5-7), Junior Club (ages 6-9), Junior Squad (age 9+)

Booking and more information please visit www.tenniscanberra.com.au or email us at play@tenniscanberra.com.au