Dear Parents,

On Monday night the PTFA met for their monthly meeting and we have already started planning for 2016. Two events that I would like to draw your attention to so that you can put them in your diaries are a School Bush Dance on 4th March and a School Fun Run on 21st October. On the day of the Bush dance we will have a band running workshops with the children during the day and this will be followed by a family picnic and bush dance where all families will be encouraged to get in the spirit of the day. In a healthy change from our current practice of having a yearly chocolate drive, next year we have decided to have a family fun run on a Friday evening in 4th term. This is a long way off but events of this size can be a great community event and can be as big as we want to make it and will work alongside walk to school month when we look at aspects of health and fitness. The meeting was the last official meeting as our next meeting on 25th November will be a celebration of the work done throughout the year. Thanks to the great work of the PTFA we have been able to do a number of things around the school including the playground upgrade which is now just about complete.

Working Bee

I would like to have a working bee on Friday 13th November starting at 4.30 and going until about 7.00pm finishing with a BBQ. This will be a short sharp session where we will look at painting the new fence near the playground, some weeding, installation of the bench seats near the long jump pit, spreading some new soft fall in the remaining area of the playground, cleaning the playground equipment and a general tidy up around the school. There are no special skills required just a willingness to pitch in and catch up with other members of the community. I will send home a separate note next week so that I can get an indication as to how many sausages we will need.

Project Kenya

On Tuesday I had the privilege of attending a luncheon to raise money to support the work of the Christian Brothers in Kenya. As you would know we have a long association with the school and medical centre based near the slums of Nairobi. Two years ago along with Catholic Ladies College in Eltham, we raised enough money to construct a well to provide drinking water for the community. At the lunch I presented the Edmund Rice Foundation with a cheque in excess of $4,500 raised during our recent Padua Walkathon. This money will go directly to the Christian Brothers for ongoing maintenance of the well and to address an issue with too much fluoride in the water. One of the speakers on the day spoke of her recent visit to the slums and the heart break that she was exposed to but also spoke about the joy that she saw on the faces of the 2,200 children who attend the school who receive 2 hot meals a day that they may not get if they didn’t receive the support of the foundation. She also spoke of the 60,000 medical services provided at the Health Centre in Ruben. A number of other principals were in attendance and we hope that between us we will be able to organise the speaker to address our communities.

Social Justice

While speaking of such matters, our House Teams are busily planning a number of activities for the remainder of the year. I am very conscious that the children, in their enthusiasm to support those in need might be asking families for too much. I mentioned this at the PTFA meeting on Monday and suggested that families pick and choose which cause you might get behind. One suggestion was that you may choose to support the work of the house that your child is in. Once again I thank you for supporting the causes that the children are getting behind.

Reconciliation

This week the children in Year 3 took part in the sacrament of Reconciliation either on Tuesday or Wednesday evening. The children are to be congratulated as well as their families for the reverent manner in which they took part. Thanks also to the teachers and Religious Education Leaders for the work that went in to preparing the children.

Year 6 Graduation

On Tuesday 15th December we will farewell our Year 6 students with a Graduation Mass followed by supper. Last year we did things a little differently and we had a great night. This Year I am asking for help from parents in Year 5 to help heat up and serve food which has been supplied by the Year 6 families. I would like a team of helpers from about 6.00pm - 8.30. A further note will be coming home soon.

Take Care
Paul Hogan
SPLASH PUPIL OF THE WEEK AWARD

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Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Term 4 2015 St Anne’s Church

Saturday 31 October 6.00pm
Sunday 8 November 10.30am
Saturday 14 November 6.00pm
Sunday 22 November 10.30am
Saturday 28 November 6.00pm
Sunday 5 December 10.30am

PREP 2016 ORIENTATION DATES

Orientation Session 2:
Wednesday 11 November - 12 noon—1.00pm

Parent Information Night:
Wednesday 18 November—7.00pm

Orientation Session 3:
Thursday 3 December—2.00pm -3.00pm
NUDE FOOD NEWS

Well done 1/2 J on being the grade with the most nude food lunches last week.

This week’s winning grade is 1/2 H with 99% of the grade going waste free. What a great effort.

As a school we are still a long way from being totally waste free on Wednesdays so please help us reduce our rubbish and teach your child about being environmentally friendly by going Waste Free on Wednesdays.

Tips for Packing Nude Food Lunches:

Try to avoid:

• Zip lock or plastic bags, plastic wrap or aluminium foil
• Single use plastic forks and spoons
• Tetra packed drinks, single serve yoghurts and cheese
• Pre packaged food, i.e. biscuits, snack bars, chips If your child normally enjoys chips, yoghurt or other pre packaged snacks, buy these in a larger format and you can put these into smaller reusable containers or lunchbox over the week. This will also save money in the long run.
• Try to pack the lunches the night before and store in the fridge overnight to avoid the mad rush in the morning.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property cupboard located in the MPR should your child be missing an item of clothing or a food/drink container.

Most of these items are not labelled so a timely reminder to ensure that all items sent to school are named (please remove the name of a previous student should clothing be second hand)

Goods not claimed by mid November will be offered up for a second hand sale with proceeds donated to Vinnies

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER

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Monday 26th October 2015

Strategy Games

My favourite game was Connect 4. It was very, very, very, very fun. Amelia FR

Engaging and Fun

On Monday we had so much fun and my favourite activity was darts. By Callan FC

Yesterday was our Maths Games Day and it was fun. My favourite game was the quizzes. By Erin

Great Teamwork

We had our Maths Games Day and my favourite activity was the skittles game. By Emma

Problem Solving

My favourite activity was snakes and ladders. I had fun! Molly

Maths Games Day was amazing and it was fun. By Emma
Foundation Maths Games Day.

On Monday 26th October we had our Foundation Maths Games Day in the MPR.

All the teachers involved were very impressed by the teamwork, cooperation and great mathematical thinking that was shown from all our Foundation students. All students participated with enthusiasm in problem solving tasks, strategy games and hands on mathematical experiences.

Congratulations to our overall Foundation Maths Games Day winning Team 6 (Micah, Erin and Tyler).

A special thank you also goes to Mrs. Rosati and our Grade 5/6R helpers who performed their duties so well. It’s a big responsibility for them and requires great organisation and they all showed great leadership skills on the day.

Thank you also to the parents who attended and got involved with the children and the activities.

Mrs. Young, Mrs Rocco, Mrs Cassar and Mrs Rosati.
RE NEWS: The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Our challenge: The line here is ‘be glad for your reward will be great in heaven’. To the people of 2015 the world is focused on reward now: Monetary, status and the pat on the back. We all want affirmation but our model in this case must be Christ. He died on his cross to save his people. Jesus died without ceremony and among criminals. At the time only his followers, small in number, mourned him.

“Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God”.

Colin Healy

Reconciliation 2015

I’d like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the hard work put in by our Year 3 teachers: Mrs. Paula Seric, Ms. Evelyn Sfyris and Mrs. Michelle Ray. Their commitment and example to their students had a positive and direct impact on the success of the program and the preparation of their students.

I would also like to thank the parents for their support of the program and the feedback I have received in promotion of the work we have done as a team. We look forward to next year when these students receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Below are a few photos taken at the Prayer space where children light a candle to remember their First Reconciliation. Colin Healy
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**RUPERTSWOOD CRICKET CLUB.** Milo in2 Cricket registration Friday November 6 & 13 in the Rupertswood clubrooms. Open to 5 –8 year olds, males and females. Starts November 20. Registration via www.rupertswoodcc.org.au (under Milo in2Cricket) or email request rupocc@optusnet.com.au or 0421 991 519

**SUNBURY BLUE LIGHT DISCO:** Sunbury Memorial Hall. Halloween Mega Party, Barkly & Macedon Sts Sunbury. 6-8 pm. Primary age. Cost $7. Come dressed in your spookiest costume. For further details call constable Kimberley Hunting 9744 8111 Friday Oct 30

**EAST SUNBURY CRICKET CLUB** is looking for players for the U/11’s, U/12’s, U/14’s & U/16’s Cricket teams for the 2015/2016 season. Games are Saturday mornings. Contact Mark Wilkins 0417 389 233

**GIANT CAR BOOT SALE & CRAFT MARKET** will be held by Sunbury Uniting Church on the village green & inside the church hall on Sat Nov 21 from 8.30am. Over 60 car sites, craft stalls (inside), Devonshire teas and kids activities. Sites still available. For all details call Helen on 9744 3031

**SUNBURY VINNIES** is now open 7 days a week. Mon—Sat 9am to 5pm and Sun 10am to 4pm. We are seeking volunteers. Call Store manager 9744 1447

**GOONAWARRA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**

A new Occasional Child Care program we are offering here at Goonawarra Neighbourhood House on Tuesdays as of next year. At the moment, we run Occasional Child Care Wednesdays 9-12 & 12.45-3.45 and Fridays 9-12.

**SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS Tuesday**

This week 62 students deposited $440.55. **Well done!!**

Lunar band & Cosmic torch are not available
Thank you for volunteering to help in the Canteen, it would be impossible without you! Please arrive at Canteen at approximately 11.00, and your assistance will be required until around 2.30pm. If you have long hair, please tie it back, and remember to sign in at the office before coming to the Canteen. Your lunch will be provided on the day.

**If you are unable to attend on your rostered day** please ring Sally on 0400 384 403, as soon as possible so a replacement can be arranged.

I look forward to seeing you,
Sally Hewitt-Tacey