Where’s Your Cross?

What makes for inspiration? Plenty...or maybe deprivation? Last week at a conference in Geelong, I heard Michael Martínez CEO of Diversitau (yes, that is spelled correctly) speak. His organisation works with multicultural communities and the disadvantaged to encourage people to come to their full potential. One of their primary works at present is with refugees and asylum seekers. He told such a different story concerning these people to what we hear in the mainstream media. Their organisation is seriously strapped from cash, they work with people in challenging situations, often with multiple disabilities. Yet the creative, diverse projects their employees and many, many volunteers are involved in just inspired the minds and hearts of his listeners that day. Check out their website: http://www.diversitat.org.au/. Is there anything these people won't do to enrich the lives of others? It set me to thinking about ‘the cross’ in our lives. The people in this organisation and the people it served had more than their fair share of challenge and suffering in their lives. Instead of going under, instead of complaining they found new ways to grow and flourish in the face of difficulties and challenges. In the days since, I’ve been asking myself, where do I find ‘the cross’ in my life and how am I called to turn that around and make it into a place of life, love and creativity? This is what Jesus is calling us to do when he invites us to take up our cross and follow him. It is not to be miserable but to show the power of God working through us in the most unlikely situations. So where’s your cross...and, more importantly, what can you do positively with it?

Loving God, at times in my life, I feel overwhelmed and even scared with the challenges I have to face. Send me your wise and strengthening Spirit to guide me and let me know that Jesus walks at my side, seeking to led me into the richness of life and love.

Sr Kym Harris osb

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ST MARY MACKILLOP QUOTE

September 3
“We feel our crosses hard at times, but our courage should rise with them.”

Mary MacKillop
1882

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Dear Parent/caregiver,

STAFF RECOGNITION – MISS ELLICE DIREEN
Many of you would know our school office receptionist/assistant, Ellice Direen as she is often the first voice you hear when you phone the school or the person who greets you at our school office. Ellice has been working in our school office as a trainee over the past 2 years or so and in that time has provided a wonderful service to our school community. Earlier this year, Ellice was nominated for the Aboriginal Student of the Year Award. It was indeed an honour just to be nominated for this highly sought after award. Ellice has worked hard through a number of challenging stages to be successful in reaching the final which is being held this Friday night. I’m sure that you will all join me in wishing Ellice every success as she approaches the finals event.

WELCOME MISS LINDYL WINGATE
As recently advised, Miss Wingate will be teaching Grade 2 for the remainder of this year while Mrs Klein is on Leave. I’m sure you will join me in welcoming Miss Wingate to our school community.

WHEN STUDENTS ARE ENGAGED THEY ARE KEEN TO LEARN
Over the past week I have seen many great examples of student engagement and learning at our school. This has occurred both in the classroom and through activities in our wonderful school grounds and on excursions. Whilst in Grade 1/2 on a couple of occasions I was really inspired by both the enthusiasm of the teachers and the interest and engagement that was evident among the students. The recent Aboriginal unit of work; “Walking Together In Our Place” provided the scaffold for this engagement and learning. We are very fortunate at Sacred Heart to have amazing teachers who are really dedicated to providing these wonderful learning experiences!

WALKING TOGETHER IN OUR PLACE
Over the past two weeks all grades at Sacred Heart have been engaged in this excellent Aboriginal unit of work. I’m sure many of your children have shared some of their interesting experiences with you over the past two weeks. Next Tuesday, 10 September we are having a special celebration of Aboriginal Education at Sacred Heart. The program for the day is as follows:

9.45am Prayer service in the Aboriginal Reflection Garden.
10am Sharing Assembly
11am Morning Tea
11.40am Gallery Walk through classrooms and bushland area

Family members are encouraged to come along and be a part of this experience.

BREAKFAST CLUB – CAN YOU ASSIST?
Would you like to join our group of parent volunteers who help run this great program? If you can help one morning a week from 8.15 – 9am, please let Mr Brighella know via the school office.

BREAKFAST CLUB DONATIONS – CAN YOU HELP?
If you would like to support the breakfast club by making a donation, please send an item along to the school office any time. Items needed include Milo, jam, fresh fruit and margarine.
**COME ALONG TO OUR QUIZ NIGHT!**

On Saturday, 19 October, we are having a Quiz Night to raise funds for the recent Grade 6 Melbourne Trip. This event will be run by Grade 6 parents with the support of school staff and our Parents and Friends Association. The Quiz Night will be held in the School Hall and commences at 7pm. I’m sure it will be a great night with lots of great prizes and entertainment. See the separate flyer for details and get your table booked early as ticket numbers will be limited.

**HEAD LICE INFORMATION**

Whenever the school is notified of a case of head lice, we advise the parents of that particular class and support this with advice from the Health Department on how to effectively treat them. In many cases, the full process is not completed properly and continued head lice discoveries continue to occur. With this week’s newsletter, we have included some helpful advice with the treatment of head lice.

Have a great week!

Luch Brighella
Principal

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**Southern Tigers Junior Cricket Club**

**Parents & Players Information Night**

12th September @ 5:30pm

Castle Forbes Bat Cricket Club

For all ages

U 12’s and U 14’s (Gr 3-6)

Contact Scot McQueen for more information 0408 034 875

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**Wanted:**

Karlee Delaney is making jam for the Breakfast Club and would love any frozen fruit that you would like to donate.

Please call Karlee 0407 319 124

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**Fresh fruit and veg are better than juice drinks**

Too much juice can provide too many natural sugars, putting your child at risk of tooth decay.

**Fresh fruit and vegetables are better options for children because:**

- help with skill development such as peeling and chewing
- supply fibre to help prevent constipation
- teach about different food textures, colours and tastes
- add variety to the overall diet
- provide an easy, healthy and filling snack

Primary children need about 5 to 7 cups of fluid a day to keep their body running well and feeling fresh.

Source: "Filling the Gape" – The Royal Children’s Hospital and Murdoch Children’s Research Institute, Melbourne 2002

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Walking Together In Our Place
Do some products work better than others?
Over time, head lice may develop resistance to some chemicals. It is important to check if a treatment you have used, and if not, treat again with another product that has a different chemical in it.

Why do you have to treat again in seven days time?
Head lice eggs take six to seven days to hatch. And when you treat, it’s easy to miss an egg or two. By treating again in seven days, you are aiming to kill and comb out any head lice that have since hatched from eggs, which were missed.

Should I treat everyone in the family?
It is important to check each family member, using conditioner and comb, for head lice but only treat those with lice.

What should I wash or treat at home?
As head lice only live for a short time off the head, the only extra cleaning needed is to wash the pillows or place in the clothes dryer. Head lice combs can be cleaned in water hotter than 60 degrees.

Why does my child keep getting re-infected?
Re-infection is the least likely reason for head lice returning in a week’s time. If eggs do not die, or were not removed during the original treatment they may hatch and the lifecycle starts all over again. To break this cycle you must re-treat (regardless of treatment method) seven days after the first treatment and continue with weekly checking.

Does my child have to miss school?
According to the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009, children with head lice can be readmitted to school after head lice treatment has commenced. A certificate from a doctor or council is not required before your child goes back to school. Head lice are not the fault of schools, other families or children.


Information and photograph used are courtesy of Assoc Professor Rick Speare and the team of researchers at the School of Public Health, James Cook University, Queensland.
Walking Together in Our Place
a celebration of Aboriginal Education at Sacred Heart Catholic School, Geeveston

You are invited to share our learning journey

9.45 – prayer service
10.00 – sharing assembly
11.00 – morning tea
11.40 – gallery walk through classrooms and bush land area

When: Tuesday 10th September
Where: Sacred Heart Catholic School
Time: 9.45am

Please join us for a morning tea in the hall at 11.00.

RSVP: Monday 9th September
Sacred Heart Catholic School

SATURDAY
19TH OCTOBER
7.00pm
Sacred Heart Catholic
School Hall

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE GRADE 6 MELBOURNE TRIP

$10 per person
Teams of 2-8 people
Great prizes
Licensed Bar
Auction

QUIZ NIGHT TICKET PURCHASE

STUDENT _________________________________ CHILD’S CLASS ___________

PARENT _________________________________

☐ YES, We would like to purchase _____ tickets for the Quiz Night.
   We would like to book a Table of 6 ☐ Table of 8 ☐

☐ I have enclosed $__________ for our tickets

SIGNED______________________________

PLEASE SEND TICKET ORDER TO SCHOOL OFFICE IN ENVELOPE.
Catholic education will continue to work with all parties in the Parliament to ensure that Catholic education systems and schools provide a well-rounded education which helps take the pressure off government schools.

Australian students currently attend a Catholic school. According to the Australian Government’s National Report on Schooling in Australia, 735,000 students in 1,706 schools across Australia.

Catholic schools have the resources to support the needs of all students. Catholic education is seeking a statement from both major parties on their education policies and will work with all parties in the Parliament to ensure that Catholic education continues to work for a stronger community.

How will your policy support parents to ensure their children with particular disadvantage, disabilities and other special needs to receive funding to meet their needs, regardless of the school they attend?

5. How will your policy deliver additional recurrent funding for the Catholic education systems and schools across Australia?

6. How will your policy deliver funding to establish in new growth areas? Catholic education systems and schools along with families who contribute to the costs of education need continued support.

Catholic schools save the taxpayer $2.2 billion each year compared to Shanghai, Finland and Singapore on average per student. Catholic school system is amongst the best in the world, according to the latest international tests. Even when parent fees are taken into consideration, Catholic schools operate with an average of 10 per cent less government funding than students in government schools.

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