In the midst of the hype, the deepest truth.

We are in the midst of the hype, advertising, promotion for Mother’s Day. I don’t know how you feel about this but, at times, I feel a little uncomfortable. Mother’s Day is like Christmas – our experience often doesn’t reflect the perfect images offered in the media. Most peoples’ experience of mothering is complicated, whether in giving or receiving mother love. We see the ideal but we suspect we don’t make the cut. But I think the advertising hype is pointing to something very true and very precious about the way our hearts work. There is something within us that truly wants to give and receive love in that amazingly generous, beautiful way. It is in the way we have been made: in the image of God.

One of the words for God’s mercy used in the Bible has the same base as the word for womb. What a mother feels towards her child gives us some insight into how God feels towards us. God’s mercy isn’t about pity for weakness, or feeling sorry for those who have stuffed up. No, the divine mercy is about God claiming us, each individually, as precious, loved. Like a good mother who can’t help but watch over her children, whatever their age, God watches, coos, delights, and at time even distresses, over us. And we want that: deep within us we crave that attentive, close love. As we approach Mother’s Day, inundated with all sorts of images extolling Motherhood, imagine them as applied to God and you. This is what each of us is; the beloved child of a God who loves with the ideal love of Mother.

Loving God, let me see the face of your tender love as we celebrate Mother’s Day. As I experience you claiming me, loving me as your own, may I share that love within my family. I ask this in the name of Jesus our brother who came to reveal the depth of your love for us.

Sr Kym
WELCOME TO TERM 2

As we commence Term 2, I would like to welcome all within our school community, especially, the students. I’m sure that it will be another interesting, enjoyable and very productive term. I would also encourage you as parents to be as involved as you can in your child’s education and the life of the school.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO MRS KATHY ALLWRIGHT

We extend our sincere condolences to Mrs Kathy Allwright, our Grade 3 teacher, whose mother passed away at the beginning of the holidays. May Kathy’s mother now be at peace with the Lord.

ANZAC DAY

Thank you to the many staff, students and Sacred Heart families that attended Anzac Day services during the school holidays. I felt very proud to be among members of our school community who came along to pay their respects on the day. Thank you to all who gave of their time.

OUR SCHOOL BOARD

At our recent Annual General Meeting, Mrs Fiona Steele was elected as Board Chair for 2014, replacing Mr Tony Bradley, who decided to stand down as Board Chair this year. Mrs Fiona Donato was re-elected as Board Secretary and Treasurer. Congratulations to both Fionas on their appointments and our best wishes for the year ahead. Special thanks to outgoing Board Chair, Mr Tony Bradley for his many years of fine service in this role. Our School Board members for this year also include, Tony Bradley, Adrian Short, Karan Spilling, Barry El-Tahche, Fr Greg Barker and Luch Brighella.

APPLE DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Apple Drive this year. In particular:
  • The Griggs family and Hanson Orchards who have generously donated 4 bins of apples already.
  • The Junior Joeys, SRC members and all students and staff who have helped in many different ways.
  • We have already raised over $1000 from money that has come in. This will go to Project Compassion and Relay for Life.

PROJECT COMPASSION

During the last week of Term 1, we collected the following amounts of money for Project Compassion:

- Hartz: $409.20
- Picton: $544.20
- Junior Joeys: $250.00

A total so far of $1194.40. An amazing effort so far! Thank you all for your generosity.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
Congratulations to Reece Scotland, Oliver Townsend and Lukas Ford on their recent selection in regional football teams. Lukas has now gone into the final group for State selection. A terrific effort boys! Well done.

BILLYCART DERBY
This event is on Sunday, 18th May in Geeveston. If you are interested in participating, please see the information on the flyer. Sacred Heart will have their marquee set up at the Billycart Derby running some children’s activities. If you can help out for an hour or two, please let our school office know.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS LEEANE HALL
Mrs Hall, our Prep Teacher assistant and Mountain River bus driver is a proud grandmother of a beautiful grand-daughter, Mollie Afra. Congratulations to Leanne and her family.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Please note that our School Cross Country carnival will be held on Wednesday, 27th August. As in previous years, it will take place on our school cross country course.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS
Thank you to all parents for ensuring that children have returned to school wearing their uniform so well. Parents are reminded of the following:

- Bucket hats do not need to be worn outside in Terms 2 and 3.
- Children should now start wearing their school jumper and/or spray jacket to/from school.
- During class time children should only be wearing the school jumper or spray jacket, not coats.
- Loom bracelets are not to be worn to school. Only MJR and PBS wrist bands can be worn.
- Girls are not to have nail polish on at school.

I have included a copy of the School uniform policy with this newsletter.

BREAKFAST CLUB
Our School Breakfast Club starts up again from next Monday, 12th May. We will be serving warm Milo and toast with Vegemite or jam. Breakfast is served from the school canteen between 8.30 – 8.55am.

Can you help?
- We need volunteer helpers who can assist at Breakfast Club between 8.20 – 9am. If you can assist, please contact Ellen at our School Office.
- We need donations of Milo, jam and margarine. If you can donate one of these items that would be appreciated. Please send donations to the school office.

KINDER ENROLMENTS 2015
A reminder to all families that we are now accepting enrolments for our Kindergarten class for 2015. If you have not already done so, please contact the School office and an application package will be sent out to you.
Kinder enrolment interviews will take place early in Term 2. Over the last two years, our Kindergarten places have filled up very quickly, so don’t leave your applications too late.
NAPAN 2014
On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.
Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.
These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.
It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.
NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.
All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.
Later in the year we will send parents an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.
More information is available on the NAP website.
If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Fran Reynolds via our school office.

Have a great week!

Luch Brighella
Principal
The NAB AFL Auskick Rookie program is where it all starts. Kids learn the fundamental skills required to participate in Australian football.

Huonville Lions will commence their NAB AUSKICK program in Term 2, open for children aged 5-8 years. First Session Friday, 16th May 4pm at Huonville Football Oval to be followed by a Club BBQ – all welcome. All enquiries to:
Scott Wilcox 0400 440 959 or
Kristy Harrison 0435 011 857

Auskick
Kermandie Football Oval

Starting Thursday 8th May 4.30pm
$50 registration (includes back pack of goodies.)
Contact: Troy Hein 0428508918