Notes Home This Week
Year 4 Together for Humanity

Leaving
If you know your child/ren will not be returning to this school in 2012 please let the office know as soon as possible.

Blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God.

Worrying about what other people think and caring too much about material possessions are two things that can distract our attention away from God. When everything we do we do for God is when we are clean of heart and we feel closer to God.

Ask yourself the following questions:
  What are the signs of God in your life?
  Where do you find God in your life? When we look at one another, we can see the face of God.
  Who are the people in whom you find God?

Every day we encourage the children to find God through their Religious Education lessons and prayer.

Through our Religion lessons we follow the Christian Shared Praxis steps:
  • Focusing;
  • Naming; reflecting (on life experiences);
  • Christian Story and Vision (learning about and meeting God through the scriptures),
  • Integrating Christ’s message in our life and responding to that message.

By following these steps our students focus on God in their lives.

Anne Prendergast
Religious Education Coordinator
Swimming Program

Our school swimming program continues for students in Years 1, 2 & 3.

Children are to wear their school uniform to school. They will change into their swim wear at school before attending their lesson.

Children must bring to school a bag in which each item is clearly labelled with their name and class:

- swimming costume/board shorts
- a towel
- a T-shirt or jumper to wear to and from the pool, not to swim in
- thongs or sandals to wear to the pool
- underwear to change into after swimming.

This program is part of the PD/H/PE syllabus; all children in years 1-6 should participate in the program.

Student Validation

Forms need to have all information checked especially contact details for parents and if there are any changes to your child’s medical condition. This information is used by the school office for the purpose of contacting parents in the case of an illness/ injury to a student.

All forms must be returned to the school office no later than 28th October even if there are no changes to be made.

Head Lice

With the warmer weather now fast approaching parents are asked to check their children’s hair for head lice and treat accordingly.

We have been advised of some severe cases of head lice in some grades.

BIRTHDAYS

Kristian Jurisic   Emanuel Pobee   Joel Yanga   Christian Nouh
Daniela Suarez   James Isbilir   Selina Kilic   Timur Gem
Tanvir Randhawa   Daniel Ibrahim   Gregory Farah   Victoria Georges
Shreyas Gurelli   Nicholas Sherry   James Surace   Paula Kahwajy
Suzanne Mekdessi   Gianni Luccitti   Michelle Mifsud

Congratulations to all those children who celebrate their birthday around this time.
Cake Stall

On Monday 31st October the students of Year 4 will be holding a cake stall to raise money as part of an incursion called ‘Together for Humanity.

The cakes and goodies will range in price from 50c to $1.00. So bring your money. They will be selling the cakes at recess time.

St Pauls Catholic College Greystanes

St Pauls Catholic College orientation day for Year 6 boys attending St Pauls in 2012. Students are to be at St Pauls Greystanes at 8.35am for an 8.40am start and the day concludes at 3.00pm.

The boys need to make their own transport arrangements. They are to wear their Primary School Uniform, bring their own morning tea (although our Canteen will be open for them if they wish) and a Sausage Sizzle will be provided for lunch.

If you have any queries please contact St Pauls Catholic College 8868 3700.

EARN AND LEARN

Thank you to everyone who supported the Earn & Learn. We have been able to get some great items for our school.

Sports for Schools Promotion

Thank you to everyone who supported the Coles Sports for Schools promotion. All our vouchers have now been sent off for a final tally. Look out for our new sports gear early next year.

Holroyd City Council

Holroyd City Council is holding a Free Resuscitation Seminar. A member of the Royal Life Saving Society of NSW will focus on the basic principles and practices of first aid.

It could be vital in helping you to save a life.

Monday 14 November 2011
5.30pm—6.30pm
Holroyd City Council, Administration Building
16 Memorial Avenue, Merrylands
Receive a free resuscitation chart and a home pool safety checklist.

Places are limited --Registrations Essential
To register please phone Holroyd City Council on 9840 9674

Our school is participating in the Brekkie, Set, Go! program - a health and nutrition show designed to educate children about the importance of eating breakfast, choosing healthy food and being active.

The show has been created by The Institute of Creative Learning, an external provider of school education programs, and is a live interactive show which explores how our body turns food into energy, what happens when we exercise and how to pick the food that will help give us the good things we need to lead a healthy happy life. The show is designed to be fun, dynamic and educational, providing our students with the opportunity to learn in a creative and engaging forum.

Every student who participates in the show will receive a free giftbag to take home that includes information for all parents, a collectable sports tag and free Wholegrain cereal from Weet-Bix. The show is fully funded and is at no cost to parents or the school.

For more information about the show please contact the school or visit www.ticl.com.au
Dear Parent,

Pertussis (whooping cough)

A child has been diagnosed with pertussis (whooping cough). I am writing to provide advice and to ask that you watch out for the symptoms of pertussis in your child, especially over the next 3 weeks.

What is pertussis?
Pertussis is an infection of the throat that can cause bouts of coughing, and sometimes breathing difficulties and vomiting. It can be a very serious infection in small children. The illness can last for many weeks. It usually starts with a snuffle or a cold.

What should people sick with pertussis do?
If your child develops symptoms, please take your child and this letter to your local doctor as soon as possible. Your doctor can advise whether pertussis is likely and arrange for early treatment if needed. Treating people who have pertussis with antibiotics can stop the infection spreading, but is more effective if started early.

To help prevent this infection spreading, people who have been diagnosed with pertussis should not attend St Margaret Mary’s School until they have completed the first 5 days of a course of the recommended antibiotics. If antibiotics cannot be taken, then they must stay away for 3 weeks after onset of the cough.

How is it prevented?
As yet not all families have provided completed immunisation certificates to the school. It is important to double check that your child is fully up to date with his or her immunisations against pertussis. If in doubt, please ask your doctor to check.

Need more information?

Yours sincerely

Ms Veness
Assistant Principal