HOLY THURSDAY

The gospel story on Holy Thursday is probably the most significant gospel story that resonates and connects with myself. I am always challenged how Jesus is able to invite his friends for dinner and share the first mass particularly knowing that Judas, one of his friends, is about to betray him. May we be able to demonstrate love and kindness as Jesus did.

EASTER

As we bask in the light of the risen Lord may we enjoy a relaxing, renewing and Holy Easter. Holy week is the most significant week in our religious calendar and may we continue to spread the good news of the Lord with our families. This afternoon the school came together and saw a dramatisation of Holy Week by our Year 3 to 6 students.
YEAR OF MERCY BOOKMARKS
Yesterday each child received a Year of Mercy bookmark from our Archbishop the Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe.

MOTHER’S DAY PHOTO
Our P&F are organising an activity that requires a photo of each mother. Parents need to email a suitable photo to the P&F email address, pandf@stlawbal.wa.edu.au, or send a hard copy to your child’s teacher. These photos need to be received by Wednesday 6th April. I thank the P&F for organising this community building activity.

NETBALL COURTS
Many students have commenced netball training, which starts at 3.30pm on the carpark, between the Church and the school. If you are returning to school for an interview please be aware of students playing and practising netball on these courts. The safety of these students is paramount. Thank you for your support in this matter.

RUNNING CLUB
It is great to see many students starting there morning with physical exercise that has recommenced each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8.10am. Thanks to the many parents who walk/run and assist in collating laps for each child.

DISTRIBUTION OF NEWSLETTER
As you would be aware the newsletter is now emailed with a link to the school website each week. If any parents are having difficulties in viewing this link please email admin@stlawbal.wa.edu.au

EASTER TUESDAY
As published, in an earlier newsletter, Easter Tuesday is a Pupil Free Day. There will be no school on Tuesday 29th March.

With God’s Friendship and Love we Grow
John Rose
Principal

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**COMMUNICATION BOOKS**
This week Italian and Art books will be sent home for you to view and sign. Please return all books on Wednesday morning.

**LENTEN PARALITURGIES**
Children in Years 3-6 will be presenting the Holy Week re-enactments this Thursday afternoon. These will take place in the church commencing at 2.15pm.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**
Dhaniram is driven to help create change in his village. Through the grass-roots Hamara Haq (‘Our Rights’) project, run by Caritas India and supported by Caritas Australia, he’s gained the skills to help his community claim what’s rightfully theirs and develop their plan for a better future.

Dhaniram lives with his family in a region of Central India known locally as the Tribal Belt. For generations, the tribes people have been marginalised and discriminated against. Today, they’re amongst the poorest of the poor in India. Until recently, people in Dhaniram’s village were unaware of the Government’s social security schemes that are offered to support India’s most vulnerable communities. “There is a low rate of literacy in my village and a low level of awareness of our own rights and entitlements,” he explains.

So when Dhaniram heard about the Hamara Haq (‘Our Rights’) project, he saw the potential to create real change.

Through this project, run by Caritas India and supported by Caritas Australia, Dhaniram learnt about Human Rights, local governance and leadership. He was so inspired by his learnings he persuaded many community members to join local government planning meetings, so they can direct the development of their own communities.

Already, Dhaniram has helped to bring electricity to his village and restart a stalled government housing project that will deliver 84 new homes for his village.

*Miss Angela Leddin and Mrs Marie Heavey*

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**MJR**
*(Making Jesus Real)*

Making Jesus Real is about how we greet, treat and speak to others. It is about the small things, something as simple as giving someone a smile and greeting them. Every day Michael in Year Four goes out of his way to say good morning and always greets me with a lovely smile. He has opened doors for me and picked things up when I have dropped them. Michael is showing the Spirit of Jesus in what he does and says.

*Mrs Gabrielle Brennan*
**PRE KINDY**
Our class welcomes a new friend - Zavier. We enjoy having someone new to play with. Thanks to parents for the lovely lunches and snacks that you have been sending along for the children each week. We do ask for some items such as dried fruit (sultanas, raisins, currants, dried apricots, dried apple and banana chips) cheese and crackers that might also be included. We have spoken to the children about Jesus dying on the cross on Good Friday and then the celebration of Easter Sunday – and how the Easter eggs we receive signify new life. Although the children may be only small it is important we discuss this so they begin to have an understanding of our celebration of this special time in the church calendar.
I take this opportunity to wish you most Happy and Holy Easter – spent with your loved ones.

*Kaylene Bozich, Pre Kindy Teacher*

**KINDERGARTEN**
The children have enjoyed the theme of “Easter” especially the visit to the Church, making bunny biscuits and the Easter bunny visit on Wednesday. They are doing really well with learning syllables. They have been very busy and now deserve the break.
Have a happy and Holy Easter and enjoy the break. I look forward to seeing everyone after Easter.

*Simone Covich, Kindergarten Teacher*

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**PRE PRIMARY**
The last 2 weeks have just flown by. It was great to get time to sit and meet with so many parents. Thank you for your time. If you have not had a meeting with me and would like to arrange one there are still times available next week and you are welcome to email me and book a time if they do not suit your needs.
In maths we have been learning about measuring. We have been measuring items with cubes and ordering by length. We have been using vocabulary such as; big, bigger, biggest, small and smaller and smallest. The children love this hand’s on approach and enjoy exploring the classroom looking for items that are longer and shorter than what we have measured.
In Health we have been talking and discussing our feelings – things that make us happy, angry and sad. We have been discussing different things that we can do to help us feel better when we feel sad or angry such as taking deep breaths or having some quiet time.
Thank you all for returning the Investigators sheet it is great to listen to all the different activities enjoyed by different generations and different families.
I am looking forward to seeing rested and happy faces next Wednesday!
Wishing you all a very restful and enjoyable Easter weekend!

*Edel Waldron, Pre Primary Teacher*
YEAR ONE
Thank you parents for your continued support at home and in the classroom. To encourage the children developing independence we will have "kiss and drop" in the mornings starting next Wednesday. If you are able to help with morning reading from 8.30 - 8.50, you are welcome to come into the classroom. Morning reading is the most important part of the morning routine and it is important that all the children read to an adult every morning. I thank all parents who support our morning reading as our students greatly benefit from your assistance.

The children have been working very hard in class and are looking forward to the extra long weekend. Wishing all families a safe and holy Easter. Enjoy the break with your family.

Mrs Roselyn Pizzino Year One Teacher

YEAR TWO
The Year 2’s have been practicing procedural writing and wrote recipes for ‘Super Smoothies’. We tried out a couple – they were delicious! In Mathematics we have started looking at 2D shapes and angles. Due to it being a short week next week in our spelling lessons we will be reviewing sorts we have worked on this term. There are a few parents that haven’t yet booked a time to see me, if you could do this in the next couple of days I would appreciate it. I want to thank again the parents who regularly volunteer their time to listen to students read in the morning, it is much appreciated! If you haven’t yet volunteered for Morning Reading we would love to have you. Have a wonderful Easter!

Miss Anna Brenkley, Year 2 Teacher

LIBRARY

LIBRARY NEWS
Many thanks to the families who supported our discarded book sale last week. A total of $53 was raised which will go into the school’s Project Compassion’s donations for this Easter.  

AUTHOR VISIT: We are lucky enough to have renowned author, Jacqueline Harvey, visiting our school on Friday, 1st April. Jacqueline is the author of two very popular series: Clementine Rose and Alice Miranda. She will be talking to children from Years 3 to 6. We are all very excited about this visit and we have had lots of fun in the library looking at her books and going to her website. Together with Mrs Frenzel, I would like to wish all children and their families a very holy and happy Easter break.

Mrs Lyn Archer, Teacher Librarian

ITALIAN

THE ITALIAN COURSE SEMESTER ONE, 2016

Pre Primary – Year 2
This semester Pre Primary to Year 2 have been focusing on the Language Outcome: Listening and Responding and Speaking

Therefore, a large component of the course has been oral work and we have been doing the following activities:

- Repeating and saying drills eg. How to say our names
- Listening to Italian books being read
- Singing a number of simple songs
- Listening to and reciting poems
• Learning new Italian words
• Listening to Peppa Pig and Ben and Holly in Italian
• Counting up to 20
• Learning the Italian alphabet so we can pronounce words correctly
• Playing simple games

Years 3-6 2016
This semester years 3-6 will be concentrating on oral work, as they are focussing on Listening and Responding and Speaking for the Language Outcome. Below is a list of some of the activities they have been doing. (The activities sometimes differ according to the year group.)

• We have been concentrating on memorising and saying drills, such as where they went on holidays, stating holiday destinations and saying who they went with.
• We have been listening to and singing songs in Italian.
• Listening to Peppa Pig going on holiday
• Listening to an Italian DVD on how to pack luggage for a holiday
• Dressing a cardboard model in holiday clothing and labelling the clothing
• Learning airport vocabulary
• Reading texts about holidays in Italy
• We have been learning how to conjugate the verbs “parlare” (to speak) and “andare” (to go)
• 2016 is the International Year of Pulses – nutritious seeds for a sustainable future and we have been preparing our work for the Italian Festival 2016 Primary School Student’s Competition

Signora Cole, Italian

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

WINTER
All Students in Year 1 to Year 6 return back to school next term in their Winter Uniform. The uniform shop is closed on school holidays and last day open this term is WEDNESDAY 6th APRIL. Year 1 students and any new families who have commenced this year must purchase winter uniform ready for commencement of Term 2. Parents, please make sure that all Jumpers and Track Jackets are clearly labelled with your child's name.

LOST PROPERTY BOX
If you have any missing clothing items, please look in the Lost Property Box, which is located outside the Year 6 classroom.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours
Wednesday 8.30am - 9.30am and Thursday 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Mrs Angie Miola, Uniform Shop Manager
**Sushi**
Our next Sushi day will be on **Tuesday 5th April**. Orders must be in by Friday 1st April. The cost is $6.50.

**Competition**
Design our School Canteen chalk board for Term 2. Come and see us at the Canteen to collect your entry form. Grab a partner and put your best design forward. Winners will be announced end of Term 2.

**Last week of school, the Canteen will be closed Thursday and Friday** (pupil free days).
The canteen will be open Monday 4/4, Tuesday 5/4 and Wednesday 6 April.

**Lunches available Monday 4/4 and Tuesday 5/4:**
- Pasta
- Toasted Sandwiches
- Hotdog
- Chicken Strips
- Nuggets
- Fresh Sandwiches/Wraps/Rolls

**Sausage Sizzle Wednesday 6 April**
Wednesday we will be having an end of term Sausage Sizzle. **The Cost is $3.50 and orders must be in by Friday the 1st of April.**

**iPod**
Raffle tickets will be sold at the Canteen. The cost is 3 for $2.00. Winner will be announced end of term.

**Volunteer**
If you would like to volunteer in the Canteen on Fridays between 9.00am and 1.00pm, even if it’s just a couple of hours, we would love to see you. Please see myself, Nancy or Samantha.

Thank you to Nova Gibbons and Jenny Mucciarone for volunteering, your help was greatly appreciated.

*Have a fantastic week. Mrs Amanda Xigas, Mrs Samantha Verzini, Canteen Managers and Nancy Donatelli Canteen Assistant*

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**Cadbury Chocolate Egg Fundraiser**

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Thank you to the families who chose to donate money, if you haven’t paid, this can be paid to Lina at the office.

All monies and unsold chocolates are due back by Thursday 24th March 2016.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! Hamper winners are the Gearon Family and the Sgro Family.
Hampers can be collected from the front office.
PRE-PRIMARY – “The Vengabus is Coming”
- School shirt and shorts, pants etc.
- Large tie (eg. Dad’s, Uncle’s) any colour

YEAR 1 – “Wreck It Ralph”
- School shorts
- Red shirt
- Handkerchief (provided by Mrs Voysey)

YEAR 2 – “Ghost busting turtles”
- School shorts
- Green shirt
- Ghostbuster “no go” picture stuck on front of shirt with clear contact (see Mrs Voysey for example)

YEAR 3 – “Emoji”
- School shorts
- Any bright coloured shirt (except yellow) with any Emoji face stuck on front with clear contact (see Mrs Voysey for example)
- Crazy/teased hair

YEAR 4 – “Moontrance Invasion”
- Black pants (dark blue pants may be worn if black not available)
- Blue shirt
- Silver contact wrist bands (see Mrs Voysey for example)
- Girls to wear hair in one ponytail high on top if possible

YEAR 5 – “Invitation to Chill and Dance”
- White-T shirt- dark longish /track pants rolled up to the knee, ¾ pants or leggings.
- Coloured long stripy socks
- Girls tie hair up high (either pony tail or pigtails) and tease to look wild
- Boys can spike/tease hair

YEAR 6 – “Intergalactic Mashup”
- All black clothing (dark blue may be worn if required)
- Silver strips of contact attached to front of shirt (see Mrs Voysey for example)

**All Students must wear sneakers/runners**
The ultimate kids obstacle course & family fun day out!

Kids can climb, jump, crawl, slide and run to their little hearts’ content! There will be slip and slides, climbing walls, ball pits, monkey bars, inflatables and heaps of other obstacles to challenge and entertain the little adventurers.

Kids 6 – 12 years will have a blast with 30 minutes to go nuts on the course and do the obstacles as many times as they like! Plus there will be roving performers, hands-on art and crafts, music shows, bubbles, games, activities for kids under 6, food and more!

Saturday 16 April | 9.00am – 1.30pm
Stirling Civic Gardens, Cedric Street, Stirling

All Ages | Free Entry & Activities | Shows | Games | Craft | Music | Fun | Food | More
Obstacle Course $10 (6 - 12 years) | Buy tickets now at www.stirling.wa.gov.au/kids-kerfuffle

FREE, FUN PROGRAM

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN 7 TO 13 YEARS OLD?
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THEIR WEIGHT?

The Better Health Program is a fun, interactive 10 week healthy lifestyle program for families. In a supportive and friendly environment, the program covers information about healthy eating and includes an hour of physical activity at every session!

NEXT FREE PROGRAM RUNNING AT:
Herb Graham Recreation Centre
38 Ashbury Crescent, Mirrabooka

Start date: 26th April 2016, for 10 weeks
Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays
Time: 4.00pm – 6.00pm

PLACES ARE LIMITED! REGISTER NOW:

Call us: 1300 822 953
Text us: 0409 745 645
Online: www.betterhealthprogram.org
LFCC Lions Soccer Club Presents
Girls and Boys Soccer Tournament
Ages 5-12 years
Season 2016: April 30th – September 24th
Takari Primary School Oval, 5 Rickman St Balcatta
Registration $60 for two terms

Contact Elisha Cassidy
0449 649 544

St Mary's School Donnybrook
Invites you to our
100th Anniversary
Sunday 1st May 2016
10am Mass
followed by an open school event 11am–3pm
(digital displays, memorabilia, time capsule)
Morning tea & Sausage sizzle available for purchase or bring your own picnic.
Please RSVP 08 9331 1496 or email
admin@stmarysdbk.wa.edu.au
By April 1st 2016
Please tell all past staff and students about it.
We would love to see you there!
A centenary magazine will be available for purchase on the day.