A Prayer for Mothers

We thank you Lord for the great gift of motherhood. It is within our mother’s womb, that we began life. It is in her embrace that we have known safety and comfort. It is through her encouragement that we grow and mature.

Lord, bless our mothers. Draw close to them and hear their prayers for their children. Give them the grace of surrendered love – a love that images the love of our heavenly mother, Mary.

May all mothers find daily the strength to love generously, the patience to endure graciously, and the grace to live their vocation of motherhood joyously.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

As mentioned in an email I sent out last week, we commenced the term with our students being actively involved in the Community Anzac Service on Anzac Day. We followed up with a most meaningful and moving School Anzac Service last Friday.

The Year Six students from Geographe (Zac, Evan, Daniel, Coco, Alix and Sofía) are looking after the Communications Portfolio this term. Their leadership on Friday was of the highest quality helping all present to participate in the service with great respect. Thanks also to Mr Torrese for facilitating the service, and Mrs Delane for her ongoing support of the students in their leadership roles.

Well done to all students, including our wonderful kindies for participating in the assembly so thoughtfully and reflectively.
Leadership Portfolios for Term Two

Catholic Community  -  Meelup
Environment         -  Naturaliste
Communications     -  Geographe
Service             -  Leeuwin

Mother’s Day
Our prayer this week focuses on Mother’s Day. On behalf of all in our community, I wish all Mothers a very special day on Sunday. Children, your homework for the weekend is to spoil your mums and show them how much you appreciate what they do for you. Our Staff certainly appreciate all that our mums do for the school. Your contributions are recognised and appreciated. A special morning tea hosted by the P&F will be held next Friday (13th May). All mothers and grandmothers welcome to attend.

New Students
A warm welcome to Kim and Matthew Archer and Darcy (KGR) and Hudson (PPL) who have commenced with us this term. The Archers are new to town and have just welcomed a new baby to the family, so please make them all welcome.

Nature Playground
Last week the Nature Playground Committee comprising staff and parents attended a presentation from Terry Farrell on our plans for the new play area. Terry is a very experienced and talented designer of nature play areas having created playgrounds in many schools, shires and other organisations. With support from our P&F we have been able to employ Terry to design and supervise our exciting plans.

We have had the plans displayed in and around our junior classrooms where our parents have viewed them with great interest and much positive feedback. We are going to present the plans, with some explanation, at the P&F meeting on next Tuesday evening (7.00pm in the Library). Please come along to hear what we are attempting to create over three stages, and to hear how you can help us to improve the play options for the students.

Mary’s Garden
As pointed out in the Catholic Corner, May is one of the months of special devotion to Our Blessed Lady. During this month classes will be learning about, and experiencing the rosary as a powerful way of asking Mary to intercede for us in our prayers to Jesus.

I am not sure if everyone is aware that we have a garden devoted to Mary between the Library and the Year Four classroom. The mosaic tiles depicting Mary and the decades of the Rosary are outstanding artistic representations of what we believe. Please take some time to appreciate them, and maybe offer a prayer, when you get a moment.

During this month Mr Hogan is going to work on refurbishing the garden and cleaning up the surrounding pavers so that we can appreciate the beauty and significance of this sacred space. The Catholic Community and the Environment portfolio members will be involved where we can in this improvement.

School Camps
Our Year Five (3 days) and Year 6 (5 days) students will be attending an adventure camp in week four at the DARE Adventure Camp in Dwellingup. The camp is invaluable in developing confidence, teamwork, leadership, independence and communication. My thanks to Mrs Delane and Mr Danaher for all their work in planning this excellent opportunity for the students. Thanks also to all our parent volunteers for offering your assistance.

I would also like to thank the P&F for the considerable subsidy they provide to help reduce the cost to the parents. We also conduct a fun run each year in an effort to help with reducing the cost.
Information and sponsorship forms have been sent home so that everyone can be organised for tomorrow afternoon.

**New Bikes, Scooters and Wheelbarrows**

Featured here are some photographs of our pre-primary students using the new equipment provided by the P&F. The children are loving the extra play options. This is just one example of how our P&F supports the students.

**School Fee Accounts**

School fee accounts were sent home recently. Our school is very dependent on school fee income to balance our budget, so we appreciate prompt payment of fees. My thanks for your support with this.

If families need help with the payment of fees, please contact Sandra to make a confidential appointment with me so we can work on a payment plan.

**Peer Enhancement Professional Development Day**

A reminder that our next Professional Development Day is scheduled for Monday 23rd May. Our staff are working on improvement goals and strategies in the areas of using data, differentiation and classroom pedagogy (effective teaching). These are the focus areas in our Professional Learning Community meetings and in daily planning, classroom learning opportunities and feedback to students.

To support these improvement strategies we are organising visits for teachers and education assistants to witness teaching and innovations in the areas the teachers have on their personal growth goals, and on their plans to improve teaching and outcomes for students in our areas of focus in our school improvement goals. The staff will share what they have learnt and how it will help the students, at staff and PLC meetings throughout the remainder of the year.
OLC Catholic Community Corner

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Mary was the model of prayer, of love, and of obedience to the will of God and we devote the month of May to praying to our Holy Mother. Have you seen Mary's Garden outside the Year 4 Classroom? This space was created a number of years ago to be used as a class focus for praying the Rosary. This was a collaborative community project that was completed by students, parents and staff. The feature wall mosaic in the garden (see top left) was created by the Year 7 group at the time, and reflects "Our Lady of the Cape". If you study it closely, your students will see Cape Naturaliste represented at sunrise, with our unique local elements on display: ocean, peppermint trees, rocks etc, with Mary overlooking and protecting it all.

Also in the garden is a series of mosaics representing the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. These images serve as a focal point for praying a decade of the rosary. The Luminous Mysteries were not created at the time as they were still being debated by the Church. During the month of May each class at OLC will visit Mary's Garden, and will pray the Rosary. Parents would be very welcome to come along and pray with their children. Check with your child’s teacher for dates and times of visits.

YEAR 1 PRAYER ASSEMBLY

Next Friday 13th May at 9.00am, Miss Lissiman’s Year 1 class will lead us in our prayer assembly. There will be a special focus on celebrating Mary and all Mothers. We would love for parents and grandparents to come along and join in with us.

ALTAR SERVERS

This fortnight’s altar servers:

Saturday May 7, 6.00pm:  Nelson Lacey & Sam Phillips
Sunday May 8, 9.00am:  Jarrad Tutt & Lachie Hunt
Saturday May 15, 6.00pm:  Damon & Sunny Clift
Sunday May 16, 9.00am:  Meg & Polly Higgins

Please note that Sunday Mass times have changed to 9.00am over the winter.
Please arrange a swap with someone else on the roster if you are unable to attend.

Happy Mother’s Day to all our beautiful Mums!

Mrs Amie Meyer, OLC Religious Education Coordinator.
Our Learning Culture

**VOICES**
Currently in Year 3 we are trialling a writing program called VOICES. The acronym represents what is important for good writing:

V – the voice of the writer is present in the writing.
O - organisation of the writing
I - ideas
C – conventions in writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar
E – excellent word choice
S – sentence structure

With the help of the teachers, students set goals under each of these five areas to develop over each term.

This program involves teachers conferencing with individual students giving feedback and direction on the progress of their writing goals. Students and teachers record this interaction in their conference book.

**Daily Five**
Meanwhile the rest of the class work through another part of the program called the “Daily Five”. Students work in rotational groups on word work, free-choice writing, listening to reading and reading to themselves, as well as utilising the school-wide Reading Eggs program.

**CAFÉ**
Alongside of VOICES and the “Daily Five” the year 3 teachers work on the reading, “CAFÉ”, aspect of this literacy approach. This gives students and teachers a framework for the effective reading skills:

C – comprehension
A – accuracy in reading words
F – Fluency in reading
E – expression in reading.

Other year level teachers have the opportunity to see VOICES, “Daily Five” and CAFE in action and receive feedback on its effectiveness during our curriculum meetings. So far the signs are very promising.

Keep you posted...

Adrian Torrese
Assistant Principal
Uniform for Term Two
A reminder that all students must be in full winter uniform by next Monday, May 9\textsuperscript{th}. Uniform shop will be open Wednesday 8.45am – 9.15am. Please feel free to get the second hand uniform key from the office for any winter items.

Take care, keep safe and God bless,

Des Wilkie
Principal

Happy Birthday! - Wishing you a very happy Birthday!

Max Middleton    Luka Garcia    Lasair Reynolds
Sam Phillips     Hudson Morris  Jaya Kartana
Evie Campbell    Holly Kerr     Charles Hewson
Peter Rock       Lilly-Mae Phillips Cameron Hunt
Spencer Bateman  Sian Roberts   Isla Penny
Olive Vollprecht Sienna Currie  James Jackson
Tahlee Merifield Cooper De Chiera Jay Peterson
Jasper Torrese

Scholastic Book Fair:

MONSTER BOOK FAIR

READING IS SO MUCH FUN, YOU’LL GET GOOSEBUMPS!

It’s that time of the year! To celebrate the month of May being Family Reading Month OLC is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair next week on:

WEDNESDAY 11th MAY 8.30am - 8.50am & 3.05pm - 4.30pm
THURSDAY 12th MAY 8.30am - 8.50am & 3.05pm - 4.30pm
FRIDAY 13th MAY 8.30am - 8.50am

Parents are invited pop in to the OLC Library to purchase books before and after school. Students will also have the opportunity to browse and purchase books during their library lesson and lunch breaks on these days.

Parents, if you are going to allow your child to bring pocket money to spend during the day at the Fair, please make sure that no more than $20 comes to school.

All purchases benefit the OLC Library with a portion of the proceeds raised going toward the purchase of new books for our school. Come along and join the fun! We hope to see you there next week!

Amie Meyer & Mary-Lee Kemp
Scholastic Book Orders
Please note these are due back Monday 9th May. Note orders cannot be processed after that date.
Thank you, Sharonne Douglas

BUZateers
BUZateers is a positive confidence-building experience for girls and boys after school from 4.00–5.30pm.
For children in Primary School Yrs 1–6.
Mondays at Naturaliste Community Centre,
Dunsborough Lakes Dr, Dunsborough
Term 2 starts 9th May
Cost is $110 for 6 sessions
A fun based BUZ program to help develop day-to-day life skills.
Including lots of games and activities as well as arts and crafts.
Led by Lisa Brownlie
More information at:
www.buildupzone.com/BUZ Local/Buzateers
Register online or call us on 9713 2435
email: buz@buildupzone.com

JOIN NOW!

SPANISH DANCE LESSONS
Now on Wednesday @ Old Dunsborough Hall
Class 1: 3:45–4:20pm Children aged 6–8 yrs
Class 2: 4:30–5:10pm Children aged 9 yrs and older
Come and enjoy the rhythms and energy of this exciting dance style.
Learn to play the castanets, wave skirts and stamp your feet to the music.
Contact Caroline Jensen 0403-155-289

THURSDAY MAY 26

GOOD OLD DAYS OF DUNSBOROUGH
Anecdotes of By-Gone Days from ‘Old and Long Timers’
followed by open mike for more tales
6.30pm- 9.00pm
Dunsborough and Districts Country Club, Gifford Road
$30 entry, RSVP: Geoff Flower admin@dunsboroughchamber.com 0408288448
Bar and Tapas available for purchase
Brought to you by Dunsborough Yallingup Chamber of Commerce

STARR LIGHT YOGA
Term 2 Class Enrollments & Workshops
Mums & Bubs Yoga @ Jan Den, Dunsborough
Tuesdays 9:15 – 10:15am
May 3 – June 7
6 weeks for $90

Pregnancy Yoga @ Naturaliste Community Centre, Dunsborough
Fridays 9:30 – 10:30am
May 6 – June 17 (excluding June 13)
6 weeks for $90 - Classes available

Kids Yoga @ Everybody’s Gym, Busselton
Thursday 3:45 – 4:30pm
May 5th – June 16 (excluding June 2)
6 weeks for $60

May Monthly Essential Oil Yoga Workshop
Friday May 13th 7:00-8:30pm @ Jan Den (Dunsborough)
90 Minute Hatha Yoga Workshop with 6 essential oils used & applied during the class.
Theme - Gratitude - Focus on heart opening poses

Group Hatha Classes and Private Classes also available.
For more information please contact Heather Starr
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