Heavenly Father, when your work of creation was complete, you rested.

Lord, during my vacation from the cares and burdens of everyday life, please renew me physically, mentally, and spiritually. Help me to slow down and take delight in your magnificent creation and in all those I’ll share this time with. Help me to embrace this period of leisure and regain strength to continue my journey through life. By leaving my work behind for these days, may I focus my gaze on you, and reflect on what is important in life. Remind me to pray each day since I’m taking this vacation with you, not away from you. May you keep me safe in my travels and protect me from all harm. May I be revitalised and refreshed so that I may return to carry out my daily responsibilities with joy and newfound enthusiasm. Amen

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

As the term draws to a close we can reflect upon a wonderful term of growth for all in our school. A highlight for me was having the opportunity to attend the conference and join with Mr Torrese and 1400 other Catholic Educators and priests from across Australia.

The conference was the best conference I have ever attended. The keynote speakers were world class and the huge range of concurrent sessions were most helpful. One affirming aspect from the conference was that our improvement agenda is largely in line with what is being advocated by the experts. However, we did come away with many ideas to improve our school even further.

I am attaching a letter from our Director, Dr Tim McDonald, which details positive feedback from the conference as well as his appreciation of the wonderful work happening in our Catholic Schools.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we come to the end of Semester One, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your family for the vital role you play within our Catholic Education community in Western Australia. For those of you who have joined us this year, I extend an especially warm welcome.

Some of you may have heard about the 2016 National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) Conference which was hosted by Catholic Education Western Australia recently in Perth. The conference, attended by more than 1,400 delegates from across Australia and the world, presented opportunities for many of our principals and teachers to contemplate a Catholic education system that provides new educational opportunities and ways of learning.

It was truly wonderful and humbling to hear Honduran Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga speak of Catholic Education in Australia as one of the best Catholic school systems in the world. I am confident that this would not be the case without the hard work and dedication of our staff, or without the invaluable contribution from the parents, families and friends that make up our school communities.

This term was filled with countless stories of student achievement, innovative teaching and learning approaches, and inspiring community initiatives across our system of 183 schools. Witnessing the first Catholic School Youth Summit, with Year 10 and 11 students from across our state, reinforced the agility and resourcefulness of Catholic Education to reimagine learning in a complex youth environment. The opportunity to join hundreds of primary school students from across the Archdiocese of Perth to support the 2016 Lifelink Day campaign launch encouraged me to reflect on the role of our schools to grow compassionate school communities, where Christian values flourish in the lives of our children.

As the winter holiday begins, I hope you will have opportunities to spend time with your children, to have fun, and to continue learning with them and from them. I also hope it is a time for you to reflect on the great importance of your role as your child's first educator. May you be encouraged by the words of Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga, in his address to the NCEC Conference, "To be an educator is to be joyful."

I wish your family a joy-filled winter break.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tim McDonald
**Eisteddfod Performance**
The choir will perform at the assembly tomorrow morning for parents who haven’t been able to witness this outstanding example of our value of Excellence in our school.

My thanks to Mrs Horrocks and Mrs Happ for coming in to school especially to offer this experience for everyone.

We are attempting to source a video of the Eisteddfod to put on our website.

**Grandparents Day (Wednesday 29th June: 9.30am – 11am)**
We had well over 100 Grandparents visit the school yesterday and spend time in the classrooms. We received much positive feedback, particularly after our visitors viewed the performance of our outstanding choir.

My thanks to the teachers and education assistants for making everyone so welcome and setting up the classrooms to showcase the work of the children. Thanks also to those who donated food for the morning tea and to the team of staff and parents who helped prepare and serve the food. Our year six students once again demonstrated excellent leadership via their help with the morning tea. Special thanks to Mrs Marrell and Mrs O’Leary for the co-ordination of the catering.

**Cross Country**
Last Thursday our students participated in the school cross country. The sporting spirit and encouragement exhibited was exceptional. This empowers all students to do their very best.

Congratulations to the following students who excelled on the day:

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**First Semester Reports**
I am in the process of signing all reports to be sent home tomorrow. As mentioned previously, I am very pleased to see the considerable growth and improvement happening for all students. If any parents would like to meet with the teachers regarding the reports they should contact the office after the holidays to make an appointment or alternatively, arrange a time directly with the teachers. Thanks again to the teachers for preparing such professional documents.

**Change of PD Day Next Term**
Just a reminder. There is school as usual on Monday 18 July. This is not a Professional Development Day for staff and students must attend. The PD originally scheduled for the first day of third term has now been moved to the last day of term, Friday 23rd September.
Casual for Catholic Care
A reminder that tomorrow is a free dress day in return for a gold coin donation for the Bunbury Catholic Care project. Catholic Schools throughout our diocese raise money on this day for Bishop Holohan to use for a variety of areas of need within the diocese.

Best Wishes for Term
I wish everyone an enjoyable and refreshing holiday. For those travelling, safe travelling. My sincere thanks to all for a very productive term of learning and community building.

God bless,

Des Wilkie
Principal

Our Learning Culture

Girlpower - “Friendships change… and that’s okay!”

Last Tuesday afternoon the Girlpower steam train rolled into OLC. Along with many mums and daughters from Dunsborough Primary school, Deb Perich and Lisa Thatcher from Perth College shared an engaging, practical and enlightening presentation.

Girlpower is based around the four friendship facts:

1. No friendship is perfect
2. Every friendship is different
3. Trust and respect are the two most important qualities of a friendship
4. Friendships change.. and that’s okay!

The girls were encouraged to use strategies such as a “friend-o-meter”, steps for standing up for themselves, putting out “friendship fires” and quick comeback responses.

Parents and teachers too were provided with practical advice and language to use and encourage with the girls.

With great messages such as; “limit your daily dose of unhealthy friends” and “there are no free rides in friendship, it needs to be earned” this empowering program armed all who participated with new hope and tools in dealing with friendship and conflict.

Thank you to the 100 participants who attended. We hope to embed many of the Girlpower approaches at OLC.

If you would like to more information about Girlpower, please let me know.

Adrian Torrese
Assistant Principal
Pre-Primary

Over the last few weeks during Religious Education, the Pre Primary classes have been exploring ways people gather to celebrate, have fun together and enjoy each other’s company. This lays the foundation for introducing the Eucharist to students. The Pre Primaries learnt that followers of Jesus celebrate Eucharist (Mass) in remembrance of the special meal Jesus celebrated with his friends (The Last Supper).

On Wednesday the Pre Primary classes celebrated with their friends, as Jesus did. The wonderful parents provided the food for the special lunch and the talented Education Assistants set up a magnificent long table for the celebration.
OLC Catholic Community Corner

YEAR 5 FAMILY MASS
Last Saturday’s Family Mass was hosted by Purple Room. Many thanks to those students and parents who joined us for a beautiful liturgy. The Year 5 students should be commended on their reverent and meaningful participation in the liturgy. Many thanks to the OLC P & F, who funded pizzas for us to share with the congregation. Thanks also to Warren and Katinka Boyes at Big Pig Pizza who provided the pizzas at a discount to the school. Thanks also to Eloise Jennings-Hopkins and Alicia Higgins for assisting with the organisation of the Mass and to Maureen and Adrian for leading the music ministry.

BISHOPS LITERACY ASSESSMENT 2016
During August, the Year 3 and Year 5 classes will undertake the Bishop’s Religious Literacy Assessment. For the first time, this assessment will be conducted online using iPads. The Year 5 test will take place on Thursday 4th August and the Year 3 Test will be conducted on Thursday the 11th August.

CASUALS FOR CATHOLICS – FREE DRESS DAY:
As a way of more meaningfully participating in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, students are invited to participate in a free dress day tomorrow with a gold coin donation. The idea of this day is to incorporate Catholic Care into the vision of our school. This year’s drive supports The Saint John of God Hospital South West Community Drug Service Team. Please give generously to help fellow humans in need.

ALTAR SERVERS
We are looking to add new Altar Servers to the roster. If any students in Year 5 or Year 6 would like to be trained in Altar Serving duties, please contact me to arrange a time to meet with Father Ian. Year 4 students will be eligible for Altar Server training once they have received the Sacrament of Eucharist later in the year.

HOLIDAYS
Have a safe and happy break everyone. If you are attending mass over the break, please feel free to see Father Ian to offer to help with a variety of jobs (altar serving, offertory, collections etc) during the liturgy. He’d love the help!

Mrs Amie Meyer, OLC Religious Education Coordinator.
Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Merit Certificate

Maisey Coyle, Elsie Cross & Hamish Pitman - Green Room (PPL)
Eva Paterson, Esmerelda Boundy, Xavier Goodall & Jack Gordon - Green Room (PPB)
Cielo Howard, Mahley Garcia, Hudson Morris & Lara Murray - Orange Room (Y1L)
Ellie Richardson, Paige Maslin, Zander Penny, Flynn Eastaugh

Emily Foy, Tieg Whitcombe & Georgia Breheny - Orange Room (Y1P)
Sophie Corrigan, Lachlan Hayhow, Axton Hughes & Hannah Kerr - Blue Room
Brody Giglia, Rueben Duyvestein, Finn Whitcombe & Peter Rock - Red Room
Matthew Spencer - Yellow Room
Clair Baxter, Louis Sinclair & Lachie Mooney - Purple Room
Sam Maitland & Jeremy Rolfe - Silver Room
Demi Buxcey, Ella Delane & Madeleine Mooney - Sport

Applications for enrolment for current Year Five students to attend St Mary MacKillop College in 2018 are now being processed and interviews have begun. Application forms are available on the College website http://www.mackillop.wa.edu.au/entry-to-mackillop/choose-mackillop/, or can be obtained from Jenny Van Hees at the College on 9752 7406. We encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible to be considered for a place.

Is anyone able to do face painting for the fete? It doesn’t have to be a professional person just someone that has some creative ability. Can be a team of people.

Also still after some crew to be on the decorations team.

Also need a volunteer to pick up some items in Perth on the Friday prior to fete on 21st or 22nd if anyone is able to help.

Please call me on 0418950049 or email lbidesi@hotmail.com if you can help.
Please make note of your scheduled canteen slot. If you are unable to make it for your scheduled session, please organise to swap with someone else on the list. Please call Fflur if you cannot find a replacement on 0409 104 409.

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(The cost includes tea, coffee and biscuits for parents)
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