



CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING YOUR STUDENT LEADERSHIP BADGE

Lia, Bella, William and Lachy

Lenten Reflection

It seems that the Christmas decorations and Advent wreaths have only just been stored away, when we find that it's time to start preparing for Lent. Looking at things from the perspective of children, who may not know the whole story of Jesus, they're probably still thinking about that cute little baby in the manger and next thing they know the baby has grown into an adult and is dying on the cross. So, how can we best help children make the transition from the joyful celebration of Christmas to the rather sombre observance of Lent and Holy Week?

The season of Lent offers us an opportunity to give children a balanced view of life, to let children know that there are times in life when they will be sad, while reassuring them that, no matter what happens, God is always with them to help them get through tough times. This approach can lead to a lasting faith as opposed to a shallow faith which is based on the idea that those who have faith in God are magically protected from anything bad.

As adults, we sometimes think that children can't understand spiritual concepts, but children have an innate spirituality and curiosity about God and spiritual things. To help children to understand what Lent is, you can tell them that it is a special time in the Church year when we focus on spiritual things and do things that bring us closer to God. Years ago, when children were introduced to the season of Lent, there was a big emphasis on 'giving something up,' usually a favourite food or activity. There's nothing wrong with suggesting that children give something up for Lent, as long as they understand why they're doing it and do it in the right spirit.

So, it's important to explain that giving something up for Lent can help us focus on God and that depriving ourselves of something we like gives us an appreciation for all we have. It's also a good idea to have the children do something positive related to what they're giving up.

For instance, if they've given up chocolate for Lent, then they could take the money they would have spent on the chocolate and put it in their Project Compassion moneybox. If they've decided to give up watching television one day a week, then they could use the time they would have spent watching TV helping someone or praying.

Of course, the best way to make Lent meaningful for your child is to model the desired behaviour, so maybe it's an opportunity for the whole family, parents included, to make a Lenten sacrifice together?

Condolences to the Ellis Family

We send our thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Ellis, Lia and the whole Ellis family following the recent passing of Pip's mum, after a long battle with illness. May she be at peace with God.



Congratulations to the De Campo Family

We also had some exciting news last week, with the birth of Frankie Vera De Campo, a beautiful baby daughter for Sarah and Brett and little sister to Sienna, Xavier and Rueben. We can't wait to meet her and congratulations to the family at this very special time!

Classroom News...

2020 Commissioning Mass

On Sunday 8th March, we celebrate our Opening School Mass (Commissioning Mass) at 10.30am. We encourage all families to attend this Mass so that we can pray as a whole school community for a safe and prosperous school year ahead. This Mass also provides us an opportunity for the commissioning of those people who are taking on new roles in our school community this year.

Water Play Area- Assistance Required

We have a project in the works at the moment, involving installation of a water pump and riverbed in the early childhood play area. Glen Hill, our groundsman is coordinating this project and is seeking river-stones (shoal stones) suitable for use in the riverbed, as well as volunteers to assist in the construction of this feature. If you can assist in either of these ways, please let us know in the office. Once completed, I am sure this will become a much-loved feature for the children.

Assessment Books

On Friday of this week, your child should bring home their Assessment Book for the first time in 2020. This book will contain some recent assessment tasks and will give you an indication of how your child is performing so far this year. Please take the time to look through the Assessment Book with your child, offering feedback and assisting them in setting appropriate learning goals for the second half of term. Once you have had time to view the book and write a comment, please return the book to the classroom teacher.

NAPLAN 2020

For parents of children in Year 3 or Year 5, your child should have today brought home a brochure with information regarding NAPLAN testing for 2020. Please let me know if you haven't received the brochure, or if you have any questions.

Year 6 Camp

The excitement is building, with our Year 6 students heading off on Camp next Monday morning! It promises to be an exciting week of activities and adventures, which I'm sure will be a lasting memory for these students. Year 6 parents, please make sure that we have all necessary information for Camp and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Ollie Olsen

For those who would like to attend Ollie's funeral is at the Pemberton Golf Club this Saturday 7th March at 1pm. Donations of a "plate" would be most appreciated and can be dropped off at the club any time after 10am.

Let us continue to keep him and his family in our prayers.

Year 1/2

The Year 1/2 class has had a focus on using 'WOW' words to make our writing engaging and interesting to read. In our writing we have been trying hard to describe what our characters look, feel and sound like. This helps the readers picture our characters in their minds. Here is an example of our fabulous description!

My Monster

My monster has spiky hair. It looks pretty. He has sharp teeth and claws. He has a long tail and is squishy. He feels smooth and he has spiky bumps. My monster has googly eyes. He sounds look and silly.

Written by Angela Gibellini



Year 3/4

What a great start to the year we have had in Year 3/4. The year is definitely in full swing and lots of work is getting done. We are especially excited about our latest art project. We are creating monster money boxes out of paper mache. It's very messy, but very fun. We can't wait to see what design everyone comes up with!



Joseph the Bear – Congratulations Angela

We are so very proud of Angela, for being the most recent recipient of Joseph the Bear, for showing our school values each day. Angela is just so friendly, kind and cheerful and she goes out of her way to do things for others. What a great example you show us, Angela!



*"Never see a need
without doing
something about it."*



Celebrating their birthday

Thursday 12th March

William Beck



We hope you have a fantastic day 😊

FROM THE OFFICE

Lyn is Back !

Lyn will be back in the office on Monday and the Office will be attended every day next week.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday 10th March:

Jodie Omodei & Laura Bendotti

Tuesday 17th March:

Joo Kim Ebsary

Thank you to all our volunteers. Your help in the canteen is very gratefully appreciated.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Frid 6 th	Assessment Books go home
Sun 8 th	School Commissioning Mass
Mon 9 th	Year 6's on Camp
Mon 16 th	Class Newsletters go home
Tues 17 th	Feast of St. Patrick
Wed 18 th	P & F / Board Meetings

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Thanks for attending our Hockey Roadshow today!

If you would like to play hockey, our season starts in Term 2 and we'd love to see you!

We cater for all levels from 6 yr olds to grown-ups and everyone in-between.

Watch for notices from your school for upcoming hockey events, registration days and a mini carnival in April!

Enquiries:
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Relics

Just a reminder that, for the first time in 18 years, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, one of the most popular saints of modern times, are visiting Western Australia on a four-month pilgrimage with her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin. Please get involved with this rare opportunity if you can and contact us in the office if you would like more information.



Pilgrimage of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents Ss Louis and Zélie Martin – Bunbury Diocese Thurs 30 Apr – Mon 4 May 2020

Our Lady's Assumption Church, Mandurah.	Midday 30 April to 9.30 am 1 May
St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury	Midday to 4.30pm 1 May
Carmelite Monastery, Gelorup	5.30 – 8pm 1 May; 8am to 11am 2 May
St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury	Midday 2 May to 3pm 3 May
Our Lady of the Bay Church, Busselton	5.30pm 3 May to 1.30pm 4 May

During the time in each Parish there will be celebration of the Eucharist, opportunities for individual Penance/Reconciliation, various devotions, veneration of the relics, liturgy of the hours, all night vigils, meditation, information about the Saints and their spirituality, rosary. Families, groups, students and individuals are invited to participate.

Please contact Deborah for assistance with accommodation and any further information. Check Catholic Mission website to follow journey and find educational materials <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-th%C3%A9r%C3%A8se-of-lisieux>

Deborah Robertson
 Diocesan Director - Bunbury

 Reach out. Give life.
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PILATES

Would you like to increase your health and wellbeing? Have a little time to spare on a Thursday evening? Why not join me for PILATES!

Pilates class will be held:

WHERE: St Joe's school hall

DAY: Every Thursday

TIME: 6pm-6.45pm

WHEN: beginning this Thursday March 5th.

COST: \$60 for 4 weeks and will be ongoing.

BYO: mat and water bottle.

If interested contact Amanda Keough on 0439 977 248

