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The Vine



Principal's Report

*Lord, Our God
In your wisdom and love
You surround us with the mysteries of the universe.
Send your spirit upon our students and fill them
with your wisdom and blessings.
Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies
and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen*



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

KYLIE HOWARTH VISIT



We were fortunate to have Kylie Howarth, an award-winning, internationally published children's author-illustrator visit our Kindy, Year 2 and Year 6 students today. Kylie was part of the Margaret River Readers and Writers Festival and is now touring as part of the Young Readers and Writers Festival. She spoke to the children about her books 'Chip' and 'Fish Kid' and the 'Lizard Ninja', as well as her love for underwater exploring. It was wonderful hearing her story and having her read to our students. Kylie will be back again tomorrow to speak to other classes.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students will complete their NAPLAN testing tomorrow with their final Numeracy test. This testing was done online for the first time, allowing the assessments to be more tailored to the abilities of the individual child. We were fortunate not to experience any difficulties, as reported in the media. I am sure all students tried their best and reports will be sent home in August.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Our school is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program this year. For every \$10.00 spent, you can collect a sticker. The more stickers we collect, the more equipment and resources we can purchase for our school. Stickers can be deposited directly into our box at Woolworths or brought into the school. Start collecting those stickers!



STRATEGIC PLANNING

We are currently reviewing our Strategic Plan for 2019-2023 and the future direction of our school. I encourage parents to jump online and complete a short 4 question survey. The survey can be accessed at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBQC278> Alternatively, a paper copy of the survey was sent home. This can be filled out and returned to school by Friday 24th May.

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KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindy for 2020. Places are starting to fill up quickly and as we are limited to 20 places, I would hate for families who are already in the school to miss out. If you, or someone you know, has a child who will turn 4 by 30 June 2020, please either contact the office for an enrolment form or visit our website to download the forms and return them to the school.

**WALK TO SCHOOL DAY**

Tomorrow is Walk Safely to School Day – a national event when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. We encourage our students, where possible, to walk or ride to school tomorrow and join in this day.

I wish everyone a wonderful week ahead.

Peace and best wishes,

RUSSELL WYLIE
PRINCIPAL

Congratulations!

School Merit Award Winners**Term 2****Week 2**

Pre-Primary:	Kitson Bucat
Year 1:	Billy-Jack Lawrance
Year 2:	Tom Miller
Year 3:	Benji Tognela
Year 4:	Samara O'Brien
Year 5:	Joshua Wylie
Year 6:	Seb Royle

Week 3

NAPLAN Online all week

Friday 17th May

8.45am Merit Assembly

Tuesday 21st May

6.30pm P&F Meeting

Monday 27th May

7.00pm Board Meeting

Important Dates

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Family Reflection – The Rosary

The month of May is a time to focus on Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary. I invite you as a family to pray one Decade of the Rosary together, maybe as you begin your day or before you go to bed at night. A Decade is to pray one Our Father and Ten Hail Mary’s and one Glory Be to the Father; while meditating on one of the Twenty Mysteries:

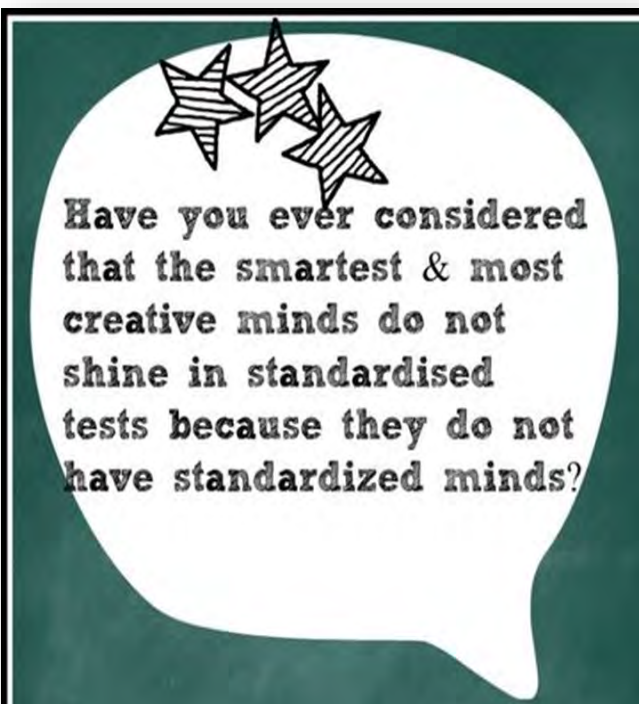
JOYFUL	SORROWFUL	GLORIOUS	LUMINOUS
The Annunciation	The Agony in the Garden	The Resurrection	The Baptism of Jesus
The Visitation	Scourging at the Pillar	The Ascension	The Wedding Feast of Cana
The Nativity	The Crowning with Thorns	The Descent of the Holy Spirit	The Proclamation of the Kingdom
The Presentation	The Carrying of the Cross	The Assumption	The Transfiguration
Finding of Jesus	The Crucifixion	The Crowning of the Blessed Virgin	The Institution of the Holy Eucharist

Project Compassion

If you have a Project Compassion box at home, please return to the office by Friday 24 May. Thank you for your generosity.

NICOLLE ACHMAD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Thought of the Week



Parish News

RCIA

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a faith journey for people wishing to become Catholic. Their journey is supported by the Parish RCIA Team whose faith too is deepened by sharing in how Gospel lessons pertain to today. There are set Catechumenal questions to ponder, discussions to have and reflections for ongoing consideration. The program also includes the history of the Catholic church as well as the history and laity service in our own parish.

If you know someone who wishes to become Catholic, or someone who is interested in the Catholic Church, please chat to Father Mat or contact the RCIA Co-ordinator, Pam Tuffin by email: pamtuffin@yahoo.com



P&F NEWS

MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA

Thank you to all the Mums (and Dads) that came long to our Mother's Day Morning Tea last Friday. It was wonderful to celebrate the wonderful women in our lives and give thanks for everything they do. A special thanks to Elle Lawrance and Mia Fox for organising the beautiful roses, Kellie Tannock for sorting the food and all the P&F ladies who helped set up, serve coffees and sort it all out. It was very much appreciated!



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Please don't forget to purchase your Entertainment Book/Digital membership for 2019/2020. The books/memberships are \$70.00 and are filled with hundreds of great offers, many of which are in the Margaret River region. The purchase of the books directly benefits our school and assists the P&F fundraising efforts.

P&F WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT

On Friday 24th May, the P&F will be hosting a Wine and Cheese night for parents. We invite parents to come along and sample some of the produce our region has to offer. Dawson Wines, Si Vintners and Yallingup Cheese will be showcasing their produce. Parents may bring their own drinks to this event. Child-minding will be available for \$5.00 per child or \$10.00 for 2 or more – payable on the night.

SPRING FAIR

Have you made a donation to our Spring Fair yet?? The P&F are calling for donations of prizes as well as some volunteers to help out in getting other donations, running stalls or assisting with the organisation on the day. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact the office so we can pass your details onto our Chief-Organiser Extraordinaire Catherine Chilton.



The School Canteen is open on Fridays
at Lunchtimes selling Icy Poles.

All items are \$1.00

The Uniform Shop
is open on **Tuesday** afternoons only
between 1.30pm and 3.00pm.



The school has a dedicated line for absence notification.
This number is 9758 8042.
The line will not be answered, please leave a message of the
child's name and class.

Last Tuesday students from Years 1 to 6 took part in a football clinic conducted by Nathan Douch (South West Junior Development officer). Students practised kicking, hand passing and ball-handling among other skills. Senior students were involved in a kick and mark competition, which could see them line up against the best in the state, should they get the highest score - at Optus Oval! I would like to thank Nathan for visiting us and all students for their keen participation.

Cam McRae
PE Teacher

