

Issue: 19

Date: Monday 18 July 2016

Dear Parents & Families,

Thank you to our parents and students who attended the Confirmation Family Night last Thursday evening. It was a very informative session, with great discussion between the children and their parents.

TIQBIZ SCHOOL APP UPDATE

Many of you will be aware that our school app has been updated and now has a different main screen. The app has many new features, one of which is you can select the language in which you wish to receive the messages. Attached to today's newsletter is a flyer explaining some of the functions. If you haven't yet updated or installed the app, then you won't be able to receive any messages or reminders about school or class events!

SPORTING SCHOOLS

Our Program commences next Tuesday and places are almost filled, so if you would like your child to be considered, please ensure that you have a form in asap.

P & F FUNDRAISER

Chocolates were sent home last week with a labelled return envelope. We are seeking your support to sell as many as possible to help raise funds for our playground projects. Any unsold chocolates are to be returned with any money collected from the sold chocolates and will be redistributed to other families who will be able to sell them.

EDUCATION BOARD MEETING

Our next meeting is this Wednesday, July 20 at 7.00pm. Please note the change of date so that feedback can be provided to the Board at this meeting from our School Reviewer.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has donated items and toiletries to our Winter Appeal. We currently have 3 baskets of donations in our school office and will gratefully accept any others over the coming week.

SCHOOL DISCO

Our P & F are holding a disco this Friday, July 22. Our Prep – Year 2 session is from 6.00 - 7.30 pm, and our Year 3 - 6session is from 7.30 - 9.00 pm. Please note that all children must be signed in at the door and must be collected by an adult at the end of the session.

SCHOOL BEANIE

The new shipment of Beanies are in at last and can be purchased from the school office for just \$10.00.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

I will be taking Long Service Leave for the next 4 weeks, commencing on Monday July 25. My wife and I will be travelling overseas to catch up with family, and do a little touring. If you need any assistance during my leave please contact Mr Mizzi, who will be the Acting Principal, or Anna in the School Office.

Kevin Burke

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEW/S

CONFIRMATION

All Year 6 students who have been baptised are invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 21st August at 11:30am.

RECONCILIATION

All Grade 2 students who have been baptised in the Catholic Church are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) on Tuesday, 8th November at 7:00pm in the Parish Church.

A Commitment Mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) will take place on Sunday 9th October as part of the 10:00am Parish Mass.

Catherine Laycock (Religious Education Leader)

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL NEWS

The SRC (Student Representative Council) is organising a Toiletries Drive and putting together a toiletries pack. These packs will be given to the St Vincent de Paul for distribution to people living rough. When people are living rough, basic necessities like toothbrushes and soap are often expensive luxuries that can be hard to justify spending money on and as they are disposable, they don't last very long. So we are looking for donations of:

- toothbrush and toothpaste
- soap
- shampoo/conditioner (hotel samples are very handy)
- razor
- deodorant, etc

It is always a nice touch to include a note of goodwill if possible.

Please send your donations to school with your child. All donations will be gladly appreciated. More details to follow.

OLW/ SRC



OLW SCHOOL CALENDAR

JULY

JULY				
MON 18	SWIMMING PROGRAM			
	COMMENCES			
WED 20	ED. BOARD MEETING			
FRI 22	SCHOOL DISCO			
TUE 26	SPORTING SCHOOLS			
	PROGRAM BEGINS			
FRI 29	PRINCIPAL'S MEETING			
	AUGUST			
THUR 4	YEAR 5/6 CAMP MEETING			
FRI 5	YEAR 3/4 BASKETBALL			
	TOURNAMENT			
	WORKING BEE 3PM – 6PM			
FRI 12	YEAR 5/6 BASKETBALL			
	TOURNAMENT			
MON 15	FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION			
SUN 21	SACRAMENT OF			
	CONFIRMATION – 11.30AM			
WED 24	ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT			
THUR 25	PRINCIPAL'S & PARISH			
	PRIEST'S BRIEFING			
FRI 26	YEAR 3/4 INDOOR SOCCER			
	TOURNAMENT			

ENROLMENT DATES FOR YEAR 7 2019

CHANGES TO THE ENROLMENT PROCESS FOR

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Changes to the timing of the enrolment process for Year 7 enrolments have recently occurred. These changes will affect enrolments for Year 7 2019 onwards (please see dates below).

Key enrolment dates for Year 7 2018 enrolments remain unchanged and are currently being accepted. For Year 7 2018 enrolments, offers will be made to families towards the end of April in the year prior to commencement.

For enrolments from 2019, offers will be made during October when your son is in Year 5.

KEY ENROLMENT DATES FOR YEAR 7 2019

Friday August 25 2017 – All applications close Friday October 13 2017 – Offers of place to prospective students are posted

Friday October 27 2017 – Final date for acceptance of offers made





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Mass Timetable				
Saturday – Vigil Mass:	6.00PM			
Sunday:	8.00AM and 10.00AM			
Weekdays:	10.00AM			
Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Saturday from 5.15 to 5.45PM			
Rosary Monday to Saturday:	9.30AM			
Divine Mercy Chaplet	After Mass Daily			
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:	Friday from 9.00 to 9.30AM			
Baptisms and Marriages by appointment: Please ring 9462 1221				

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Readers for Sunday Mass

17 th Jul	6pm E Gleeson	8am K McGrath	10am I Lowe
24 th Jul	6pm M Smyth	8am M Brown	10am J McColl

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

17 th Jul	6pm K Zanini	10am D Grant
24 th Jul	6pm E Gleeson	10am I Lowe

OLW Church Cleaning Roster

16th Jul J McGoon, T McGree, DM Loriega, D I Corsa Me 30thJul **Professional Cleaners**

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster

17th Jul Kath Zanini 24th Jul Joy Conway

13 th Jul	Church Account	\$1043.30
	Presbytery Account	\$667.50

10am Mass is offered for Millie McCurry (6th anniversary). 17th Jul

St. Vincent De Paul Collection: We have raised an incredible \$1451.25! A huge thank you to everyone for your generosity and support where it counts.

Gospel discussions: Held every Tuesday approx. 10.45, after Mass for 20 mins. All welcome.

Small bar fridge: free to good home. Please see Fr Terry if you are interested.

Diamond Valley Deanery: The Diamond Valley Deanery invites you to listen, participate and reflect on the Care for our Common Home, to explore Pope Francis's Letter to all Humanity. Sunday 7th August, 1.30 – 4.30pm, St Francis Xavier Parish Hall, Mayona Rd Montmorency. Please book by Wed 3rd August Ph: 9435 2178. Gold coin donation appreciated. Tea and coffee available.

Suffering: Rev Dr Campion Murray, O.F.M., President of the Yarra Theological Union, Melbourne. (1992) ... continued from last week.

Let me give three real life examples.

One was a friend of mine, a Franciscan missionary in China before, during and after the Second World War, who died a couple of years ago. He was an old man when I was privileged to live and work with him for three years in Rome. This man had had charge of the finances for all of the dioceses in China – a very responsible job – and he was subsequently put into a Communist prison for five years. He was brainwashed, interrogated, tortured, locked on his own; sometimes for three or four days at a time he was deprived of a sequence of light and darkness.

They said he never talked about it afterwards, but one day we were washing up and someone said, "Cyril what was it like?" He said, "I'll tell you what is was like. When I was released across the railway yard (26 June 1954) where you walk out of China into the New Territories in Hong Kong, the first thing I wanted to find was a calendar and there on the wall was a big calendar. I was so relieved because I had the date right."

No Animosity.

Now that seems trivial, but if you go through five years of brainwashing and accept that as five years of your life, this is truly extraordinary. He never said that it was a lost period, not a real part of his life. He accepted it, lived it, and felt no animosity toward the Communists nor towards God. He lived in the dark for five years and came out and said: "That was the greatest thing; I was right: today's Thursday and tomorrow's Friday. That's five years of my life". And that same life then continues.

The second example comes from a book called *The Canticle of the Creatures* written by a French Franciscan friar, Veloi Leclerc. I quote him because I have met him, know him, and have listened to him. He was a prisoner with other friars taken from France to Germany during the Second World War. They were not kept in concentration camps but made to work in factories. At the end of the war the Germans didn't want them and put them into open cattle trucks. They were in them for about a week in the cold and wet with practically no food and water, and of course many of them died. In one of the open trucks there were about 7 or 8 friars. As one friar lay dying, with the rest standing around, for some reason or other they all began to sing the "Canticle of the Creatures", St Francis' song of praise to the God of Creation. There they were, standing in a truck in the cold and wet, singing a hymn of praise to God. Indeed, how the light shone in the darkness. And so these symbols in the "Canticle of the Creatures" became the basis for Father Leclerc's subsequent book of the same name. *To be continued next week*...

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