The Year of Mercy 10/2/2016

8 December 2015 marked the beginning of the Holy Year of Mercy, an Extraordinary Jubilee Year called for by Pope Francis, which will conclude on 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King.

The biblical passage for the Holy Year’s theme is from Luke Chapter 6 verse 36, in which Jesus tells his disciples, “Be merciful as your Father is merciful.”

Mercy, Pope Francis said, “is the best thing we can feel: it changes the world. A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just. We need to understand properly this mercy of God, this merciful Father who is so patient.”

So what does this mean for us?

Pope Francis is asking that we be merciful towards others through forgiveness and reconciliation. He is hoping that we hear the call to reach out to others in need, just as Jesus had done. We are asked to:

- Open our hearts in a new way to the poor
- Do more works of mercy - visit the sick, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless
- Forgive those who have offended us
- Rediscover the Sacrament of Reconciliation

FACES OF MERCY COMPETITION: On the school office pin up board are the pictures of nine Faces of Mercy. These people acted mercifully in their lives. They are numbered 1-9. How many can you identify? A prize will be awarded to the person who can identify the most Faces of Mercy. Fill in the form provided in the office and place in the box beside the board.

Over the year, in the office and through the newsletter, we will look at the people behind the Faces of Mercy and we will also see some new faces displayed!

Ash Wednesday

This morning the student council led us in our celebration of Ash Wednesday. Today marks the beginning of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. We begin the season of Lent by preparing ourselves in mind and body to perform acts of Charity towards others or by simple acts of self-denial.

During Lent we may choose to give up eating something we like, or we may decide to be especially kind and helpful to those around us. We can do this by considering the needs of other people first, and putting them before our own. During the Mass we receive ashes on our foreheads. In this way we acknowledge that we have sinned. We decide to turn back to God and be friendly to other people. During the season of Lent we thank the Lord for all He has done for us by trying to grow even closer to Him so that we might become more like Him.

Parent Meetings

If you were at last night’s meetings, you would have heard Mrs Fox and myself speak about the changes to learning in the early years. In order to cater for the children’s individual interests, strengths and needs, the structure of the learning area is about to expand to include the outdoor space between the Year 1 and 2 classes as an intentional teaching space.
From next week, we ask that **ALL** parents wait at the front of the school until the first bell in order for the children to remain completely focused on their investigations in this space. This also provides an opportunity for children to practise their independence as they collect their own school bag and make their way to parents at the front of the school or in the drive through area. Thank you for your support as we endeavor to provide authentic and rich learning experiences for your children.

We are pleased to have the **RAINBOWS** Programme once again at Sacred Heart this year. **RAINBOWS** offers children from families who have experienced a major loss, either through the separation/divorce of parents, through the death or illness of a family member, or who have experienced any other major family transition, the opportunity to meet in a weekly support group of 3 - 5 students over a period of 12 weeks.

It has been found that when something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. If a parent dies or divorce occurs, not only do the parents grieve but the children do too. Due to their age and short life experience, children find it difficult to verbalise their feelings.

If you feel that your child(ren) may benefit from the programme, and haven't already participated this year, please collect a consent form from Mrs Hall in the school office. Consent forms need to be signed by a parent before the child is eligible to participate in the programme. Please return signed consent forms to the school office by **Friday 19 February 2016**.

The sessions will be held at school during school time, with a trained adult working with each group. Our trained staff this year are Amanda Banks and myself as the co-ordinator at our school. If you have any queries or concerns, please ring the school office on 9251 3000.

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Vanessa Alaniz
Assistant Principal and Rainbows Coordinator

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Welcome back to 2016.

- You will see from the Canteen Menu that Sushi is available this year, but that it must be **PRE-ORDERED TUESDAY FOR THURSDAY LUNCH**. Order forms and varieties available are on the school website.
- If your child orders lunch and there is not enough money to cover the cost, then they will be offered something of lesser value.
- **LUNCH BAGS** are required to be big enough for their lunch order and we ask you please **NOT** to use envelopes. You can purchase lunch order bags from the canteen. 10 bags for 50 cents.
- We still require **VOLUNTEERS**, so we would appreciate it if you could help out. Please call Lucy or Claudia on 9251 3007 between 8.00am and 1.30pm Monday to Friday to discuss the options available.

Thank you

*Claudia and Lucy*

**PARISH NEWS**

**LIVING THE FAITH IN THE MODERN WORLD.**

Sacred Heart Parish, as part of their commitment to Archbishop Costelloe’s request for more evangelisation in parishes has organised a series of talks to be held on **THURSDAY EVENINGS 18, 25 and 3 March** in the Foley Centre from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

The presenter will be Deacon Greg Lowe. Cost: $20.00 to cover the cost of the presenter and materials.

- Would you like to explore ways of creating time for connecting with God in your everyday life?
- Do you sometimes wonder how to live your faith with those close to you who don’t share your faith (perhaps your own children)?
- Have you ever felt embarrassed to be a Catholic or found your personal beliefs to be different to those of the Church?
- What is the role of the Parish in the community today? Is it only to go to Mass or is it more?

This short course will explore these questions and more. You must **REGISTER** with the Centre for Faith Development on www.cfe.org.au or 9241 5221 OR parish office on 9459 4459. Please give consideration to this wonderful opportunity being presented to you.
AFTER SCHOOL RELIGION CLASSES
ENROLMENT DAY is Wednesday 17 February at 4.00pm in the Foley Centre and CLASSES COMMENCE on Wednesday 24 February from 4.00—5.00pm. If you know any families whose children attend government schools, please advise them that these classes are available.

CATECHISTS NEEDED. An invitation to parishioners who may be interested in joining the Catechist team? Training is available and commences in April 2016. This is an opportunity to share faith with children who do not attend Catholic schools. If unable to attend training, extra help is always needed with the trained Catechist. Just one hour a week. For more information please call Jeannie on 9459 4145 or Alberta on 9452 1745.

SPORTING SCHOOLS
This term, Sporting Schools will run on a Wednesday and a Thursday.
- Fencing will start on Wednesday 17 February for Years 4-6
- Netball will start on Thursday 18 February for Years 1-6
If your child wishes to take part in this, enrolment forms are available from the front office OR the school website and the places are limited. PLEASE NOTE: SWIMMING CARNIVAL IS ON WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH

HEARTS NETBALL CLUB 2016
Registrations are now open for Winter 2016.
Games are on Saturdays at Southern Districts Netball Association in Langford. Season starts 30 April and goes till 20 August (plus finals).
We welcome players NetSetGO through to Seniors. Players must be in Year 2 and above and boys can play up to Year 6. Younger players can join NetSetGO-Newcomers at SDNA.
We will also need Coaches, Umpires and Team Managers for each team.
Registrations can be done electronically and we will also be available for two registration sessions in the School Hall: 3.00pm-6.00pm on Monday 15 and 22 February.
For more information contact Valerie Maxville: netballhearts@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/heartsnetballclub/ http://heartsnetballclub.myclub.org.au/

MEDICAL INFORMATION
In November 2015, all families with children who have special Medical Needs were sent home the relevant forms to be completed and returned at the beginning of the school year. The forms were:
- S.H. Emergency Medical Plan
- Student Medication Request/Record Form
- Asthma Action Plan
- Anaphylaxis Action Plan
- Allergy Action Plan
Letters were also sent home advising if Medication we hold had expired.
If you have received any of the above information and have NOT returned it to the Office please do so this week. It is most important that we have the correct information and medication about your child so that our duty of care can be properly maintained. If their medical situation has changed either for the better or the worse, we need to know.
New families who have children that may have medical conditions need to just check with the office to ensure that the correct action plans are in place. Thank you for your help in this matter. M. O’Neill

BEAUTIFUL HAND CRAFTED CARDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE FRONT OFFICE AT VARYING PRICES .
SUITABLE FOR ALL OCCASIONS SUCH AS BIRTHDAY, VALENTINE, SPECIAL OCCASION ETC. Ranging from $4.00 onwards. $1.00 FROM EACH CARD GOES TO THE P & F.
Sustainability News:

**Waste-Free Wednesday**

In order to develop sustainable practices within the school and reduce our waste output, students are encouraged to bring a waste free lunch on Wednesday **every** week. A waste-free lunch is one that sends zero waste to landfill.

**Composting**

Before the school holidays, we had managed to fill three big compost bins with food scraps from our lunches! When we checked the bins last week, these scraps had nearly decomposed completely, leaving the bins empty again! Isn’t composting amazing? This process, along with waste-free lunches, greatly reduces the amount of waste we send from our school to landfill.

**A Waste-Free Lunch**

- sandwiches and other main dishes, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, and treats in a re-usable lunch container
- cloth napkins
- stainless-steel forks and spoons
- reusable drink containers
- reusable lunchboxes

*With this type of lunch, lunch food items can be bought in larger quantities. The packaging can be left at home for reuse or recycling. Waste-free lunches are not only a wise environmental choice, but they are less expensive as well.*

**Kindy Parent Meeting**

Monday 15 February in Meeting Room in Brennan Hall

**Time:** 6.00pm - 7.00pm

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**PLAY RUGBY**

**BOYS • GIRLS • MEN • WOMEN**

**Curtin University Rugby**

**Boys and Girls — 6-10 year olds**

**Training per week:** Fridays - 5.30pm to 6.30pm at Curtin Uni

**Saturday morning games:** Appro 45 mins

**6 and 7 year olds modified rules - no tackling**

**Want to join?**

**Recruitment enquiries:**

**Registration Day:** 5th March 4pm, 17th March 4pm

**Curtin Junior Rugby Club**

[Contact details]

**Come and Try Kayaking!**

**Sat 19th March 3-5pm**

**FREE:**

- For children aged 6-12 years
- Champions Lane, Parry Centre
- Qualified coaches
- Full safety gear provided

**YOU MUST BOOK TO GUARANTEE A PLACE**

**Prior to 17 March**

**Contact:** Robyn Brown

robyn.t.brown@bigpond.com.au

**Note:** All participants must be in and out by 5pm, 3pm to 5pm or start.
FAITH FOCUS

**Ash Wednesday** begins the season of Lent. Lent continues for 40 days and ends on Palm Sunday as we begin ‘Holy Week’. Students are often reminded of the story of the ‘Temptation in the Desert’ during this time. In this story, Jesus spent 40 days in prayer and fasting. During this time he was tempted three times. This reminds us of times when we are tempted or get so caught up in our own lives that we sometimes forget about Jesus, eg, tempted by sport, going to a friend’s house, going shopping for the latest iPad/gadget etc. While these things in itself are not bad things, we need to remember that they should never come at the expense of spending time with Jesus either in prayer, going to Mass on the weekends etc.

**Q: Why does the priest bless us with Ashes:** The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes remind us that we were made out of dust. Dust is often seen as dirt…it goes everywhere and we are often dusting our homes to keep them clean. The dust is a reminder that sometimes we make wrong choices but God is ready to forgive us as long as we repent or are sorry and try really hard to ‘Change our Hearts’. It isn’t always easy and is hard work but we need to

**Colour of the Season - Purple**

Purple is the colour of Lent and is a symbol of great solemnity, with connotations of both penance and royalty. In the olden days, purple was a really difficult colour to make or obtain and only the wealthiest or those of royalty could afford such a colour. We see the colour purple during Lent, Advent and certain feast days during the year. It is a colour of preparation as we get ready spiritually to ‘change our hearts’ and become better people.

As parents you may wish to discuss these questions with your children.

- What is the importance of Ash Wednesday
- What is Ash Wednesday?
- Where do the ashes come from?
- How long does lent go for?
- When does lent start and when does it finish? (This is an interesting one as many kids get confused by this)
- Why is Good Friday called ‘Good Friday’?
- What colour do we see a lot of during Lent?

**SCHOENSTATT CONCERT**

Melbourne’s Top Cabaret Trio in Concert are performing songs from the movie Sister Act and Motown favourites at Romancing the Stone Amphitheatre, Maida Vale on 19 February at 7.30pm. For more information visit http://shoenstattwa.org.au

**NEWSLETTER ISSUES**

The Newsletter and any other attachments are sent home each week via EMAIL. Despite the fact that we check, double check, triple check, some parents are still coming in saying that they get some notifications and not others even though the same information is used throughout!!!

We are finding that sometimes issues can arise when people are checking on the mobile phone or Ipad.

Why it worked last year and not this year is a mystery to us because the information is the same.

Please be aware that if you change your email address or cancel it altogether, we cannot know this if you do not tell us. Please advise us if you are still having problems.

Most things including the newsletter should always be available on the school website www.shthorn.wa.edu.au

Thank you
The Evening on the Green (Oval) is this Friday.

**EVENING ON THE GREEN (OVAL)**

THE SACRED HEART P & F WELCOMES OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY BACK TO THE 2016 SCHOOL YEAR.

**FREE EVENT**

**DATE:** Friday 12 February 2016

**TIME:** 5.30—9.00

**LOCATION:** School Oval

**ENTERTAINMENT BY SQUID AKA SETH LOWE**

**THERE WILL ALSO BE A COFFEE AND ICE CREAM VAN CUPCAKES AND MUCH MORE**

**DON'T WORRY ABOUT BRINGING DINNER—TWO QUEENS WILL BE SERVING UP SLIDERS, PAELLA AND PIZZA FROM $5.00 A DISH!**

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBOURS DOWN FOR A FANTASTIC NIGHT OF MUSIC, GREAT FOOD AND GOOD COMPANY. FEEL FREE TO BRING A BLANKET AND CHAIRS TO ENJOY THE NIGHT WITH OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. PLEASE NOTE ALCOHOL CAN BE CONSUMED RESPONSIBLY BY 18+ ONLY**

Do you love singing?
Do you love being part of a team?

*Then the school choir is for YOU!*

Auditions:

**FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY**

1:30pm in the MUSIC ROOM

If you would like to be part of our school choir, put your name on the form outside the Library before Thursday 12 February. You don’t need to learn a song, or sing by yourself – just bring your water bottle and a positive attitude!

See you then,

Mrs Vinci

Here are the details you need

- 5.30 - 8.30
- Bring a picnic blanket, chairs, drinks and nibblies (responsible consumption for 18+ only)
- Dinner can be purchased from Two Queens with prices starting at $5.00 for paella, sliders and pizza
- Cake Lovin' will be selling their lovely cupcakes and selling raffle tickets to win a Drip Cake (valued at $90) tickets are $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00
- The ice cream man will be here for sweet, cool treats
- Seth Lowe aka Squid will be selling his CD for $25.00 on the evening

We hope to see you all there - the weather will be beautiful!

**SOME STICKYBEAKS INSULATED LUNCH BAGS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CANTEEN**

Insulated bags are $12.00
Non-insulated are $10.00
They have a special pocket for putting the money and the lunch order in.
**TERM DATES 2016—STUDENTS**

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**ABSENTEES/SICKNESS**
In order for the school to reconcile attendance it is a requirement that a message is left on the Absentee Line

9251 3005
as emails to teachers are often not opened at the start of the day. Your co-operation in this regard is appreciated.

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS**
**TERM TIME ONLY**
If you are unable to come at these times please complete a uniform order form available from the Office, pay for it and your orders will be filled and delivered to your child’s class.

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**RECYCLE YOUR USED BATTERIES INTO THE BATTERY RECYCLING BIN IN THE LIBRARY MONDAY—FRIDAY**

**COMMERCIAL BANK**
SCHOOL BANKING EVERY MONDAY.

**School Hours:** Mon - Fri 8.30am to 2.45pm
**Office Hours:** Mon - Fri 8.00am to 4.00pm

**APPOINTMENTS**
Parents are reminded to contact Mrs Hall in order to set up an appointment with staff members.

**Principal:** By appointment only.

Loreto Child Care Centre: 9251 3014
Outside School Hours Care: 9251 3015
0417 091 296

**PARISH TIMETABLE**

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 8.00am and 10.00am

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8.45am
Wednesday 8.45am Parish or School Mass
Saturday—8.45am

**RECONCILIATION**
Sat 5.00—5.30pm before Mass or anytime by Appointment.
PH: 9459 4459
Website: www.thornlie.perthcatholic.org.au

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
15-19 FEBRUARY 2016

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**GOING HOME THIS WEEK**