CHARITY WALK 9/3/2016

Last Friday our Year 3-6 students, with the support of their teachers and parents, completed a 5km walk around our school in order to raise money for Project Compassion. We are particularly proud of them as they participated with so much energy and drive! The motivation began with Mr Milne introducing all the helpers for the day and we are appreciative of all the parents who gave up their time.

Mrs Hall then spoke to the students about how their fundraising benefits those less fortunate than them. Pope Francis, in the Year of Mercy, has asked that Catholics display God’s love for all people through their actions. Mrs Hall spoke about the value of our fundraising dollars:

- $50 could build an energy-saving stove for a family, which uses less firewood to conserve the natural environment in Malawi
- $80 could provide potting soil and seeds, so that children with intellectual disabilities can enjoy gardening activities in Laos
- $100 could provide the educational resources to support a young woman to become a voice in her community in Papua New Guinea
- $250 could provide a young person with training on how to lead a Community Conversation to discuss issues they face in Papua New Guinea
- $570 could provide two days of training for health centre staff so they can share new knowledge about childhood nutrition with local communities in Cambodia
- $2320 could provide schooling for four children with an intellectual disability for one year in Laos

As the students began their walk, they were inspired with the music provided by Mr Landers and the supportive cheering of our teachers and Educations Assistants. It was also great to see how students cheered each other on and supported each other through the toughest times!! Congratulations to all those involved in the walk. Now is the important time of collecting the pledged donations in order to be ‘Faces of Mercy’ and help those in need.

‘Faces of Mercy’

Please take some time to visit the office to have a look at some new Faces of Mercy. Among some new faces, this week we feature Oscar Romero who became the ‘voice of the voiceless’ in his country, El Salvador where many people were being killed for standing up to an oppressive government. He said, “Aspire not to have more, but to BE more.”

Murphy House Mass – Wednesday 16 March

All family and friends are invited to share in the Eucharistic Celebration next Wednesday that will be led by Murphy House. The focus is Lent – Pray, Fast, Share.

Important Dates

- 24 March Holy Thursday Pupil Free Day
- 25 March Good Friday School Closed
- 28 March Easter Monday School Closed
SACRAMENTS

11 August    First Reconciliation
26 August    Confirmation
11 September  First Communion

Vanessa Alaniz—Assistant Principal

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With such high temperatures recently and lower rainfall than usual, this means we are fast running out of our most precious resource. At school, we can be Water Wise by turning off the tap and Mr Vince makes sure we only water on our special watering days. At home, there are heaps of things you can do to reduce your water usage, save our water and save some money as well!

• Remember to switch off your sprinklers when rain is forecast
• Sprinklers can only be used either before 9am or after 6pm on your allocated watering days and remember to only water once on your watering days
• Watering in the morning is best – water soaks into the roots and is available throughout the day
• Reduce your shower time by just 2 minutes and see big savings. We use around 22% of total household water in the shower alone so cutting shower times is one of the easiest ways to save. Four minutes is the ideal water wise shower time – use a shower timer to keep you on track
• Fix a dripping tap and save up to 10,000 litres of water a year
• Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth and reduce wasted water - 8/10 people have adopted this habit, have you?

For more great tips and ideas about how to reduce your water usage at home, visit http://www.watercorporation.com.au/save-water/

MISSING

SCHOOL HAT
BELONGING TO
LIAM HARDY
1W
It has his name on it.
Pair new Sport Shorts size 8 and also named, belonging to
CONNOR HARDY—6B
These went missing from the MURPHY house tent at the swimming carnival. Please check all clothing carefully.

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As we are now over the half way mark of Lent, what better time than any to sit down and reflect on our Lenten promises and goals.

Ask yourself:

· Have I made some positive changes in my life?
· Have I been more patient with others?
· Have I thought about those less fortunate and maybe put aside some money to help those who are not as well off, by supporting projects like our school walkathon, project compassion etc.
· Have I tried to help my family a bit more, by helping with the chores?

In last Sunday’s Gospel, we heard about the story of ‘The Lost Son’, also known as ‘The Parable of the Prodigal Son’ or ‘The Story of the forgiving Father’.

Again we are reminded through this parable of the importance of CHANGE!

This is quite a well-known story but for those who are unfamiliar with the parable, it is about a Father who had two sons. One son was loyal...did all the work for the father, helped out around the farm and never complained. The other son was not as considerate. In fact, rather than waiting for his claim to his father’s inheritance, he went to his father and asked for his portion of the inheritance straight away.

The father, who loved his children very much did not question this and did as his son wanted.

After receiving this inheritance, his son left home and lived the good life. Bought some fancy clothes, stayed in expensive hotels, had wild parties...it didn’t take long before he had used up all the money and ended up living and eating with the pigs on someone else’s farm.

This son – known as the ‘lost son’ soon realised the error of his ways and realised that his father’s servants were better off than he was.

He decided to return home and ask for forgiveness. As he returned, his father saw him coming and ran towards him with outstretched arms. He didn’t care what his son did as he loved his son so much and would do anything for him.

This father is a bit like Jesus. Like the father in the story, Jesus loves all of us very much and is always ready to welcome us with outstretched arms when we have done something wrong and are ready to ask for forgiveness. During Lent, we are encouraged to think about the times when we have not been as good as we would like to be and say sorry to God. By doing this, we become friends again with Jesus and start afresh.

Lent is a great time to focus on these positive changes in our lives, let go of every negative thought and start afresh.

Things your child should know about Lent

· How many days are in Lent? 40
· When does Lent begin? Ash Wednesday
· When does Lent end? Palm Sunday
· What is Holy Week? Holy week is the week leading up to Easter. It begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Sunday.
· What events take place in Holy Week? Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday (Last Supper), Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

Graham Maher—Faith Co-Ordinator
Book Club is going home today.

Scholastic Book Club catalogue contains carefully selected titles sorted into year levels.

Each issue also includes a range of products to offer reading choices beyond the core year levels, for gifts purchases.

**All orders are to be finalised by Thursday March 17. (includes LOOP orders)**

Orders containing cash and cheque must be in a sealed envelope with the student’s name and class clearly marked on the front.

**LOOP orders must be done online.**

The **LOOP app for mobile devices makes ordering more convenient.**

Simply download on the App store or go to: scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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**EASTER RAFFLE**

It’s hard to imagine, but Easter is only a little over two weeks away! The EASTER RAFFLE tickets are going home today. You may purchase as few or as many tickets as you like – just remember to put your name, class, raffle tickets and the correct money into an envelope and give to your teacher. Each raffle ticket costs 50c.

The odds of winning are quite high as we have 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for EACH CLASS!

If you are buying tickets for more than one child, would you please place each child’s tickets in separate envelopes, as these tickets are drawn in the individual classes.

**All tickets need to be returned by Friday 18 March.**

KW – your tickets will be drawn, Tuesday 22 March.

KB-Y6 – your tickets will be drawn, Wednesday 23 March 2016.

You must be at school on your class’s draw date to receive your prize or there will be a re-draw.

**HEATHER BRAE SUPA SLICE AND BAKERY TREATS**

As the Heather Brae Supa Slice and Bakery Treats fundraising drive was a very popular and successful event last year, we will run a similar drive this year, please look out for your order forms in the next few days.

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**TREASURER VACANCY**

We are seeking a new Treasurer whose role is to:

- Be responsible for the receipt of money received by the P&F.
- Once approved, make payments from the funds of the P&F.
- Prepare Report on the financial position of the P&F.
- Keep all financial documents of the P&F secure.
- And lodge any monies in the bank as necessary

No formal qualifications are required.

All we need is for you to have the time to undertake this role and we will provide you with any training that is required. If you can see yourself in this very important role, please contact either Sue Fox or Ros Carroll via the office.

Thank you
MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Lumen Christi College are seeking applicants for the 2017 Music Scholarship. Applications close on Friday, 11 March and are available from our website http://web.lumen.wa.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships/year-7-music-scholarship

The Year 7 Music Scholarship/s are awarded on the basis of musical aptitude and according to the instrumental requirements of the College ensembles. Applicants may be offered a scholarship to study a different instrument. The Scholarship is tenable for Years 7 to 9, and will cover the College music tuition fees.

Applications

Applicants for the Year 7 Music Scholarship will need to download the application form on this web page. Please make sure a copy of the student’s most recent school report is submitted with the application. Other documents in support of the application are welcomed. Please do not include original documentation.

Applications close Friday 11 March 2016.

Applications for the Academic Scholarship (tenable for Years 7-10) are also open until Tuesday, 1 March 2016. Click here for more info and to register online http://web.lumen.wa.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships/year-7-academic-scholarship

Aboriginal Bursary information coming soon! Please keep an eye on our website for details http://web.lumen.wa.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships
THE CARITAS 5km PROJECT COMPASSION WALK

Two guest speakers, Mr Clive Maher (father of Mr Maher) and Miss Amanda Banks, addressed Year 3, 4 and 5 students recently. Their main theme was ‘What does being poor really mean?’ in world-wide context. Year 6 students would have been aware from last year what this may mean. Miss Amanda Banks’ power point recounted her experiences working in a Philippines orphanage and Mr Clive Maher’s power point of his ongoing annual missionary work in India took us back to biblical times where Jesus encountered and embraced people with leprosy. Both presentations reinforced the need to protect the dignity of all people as well as trying to meet their physical needs. They also subtly suggested that some Australian ‘battling’ families still seem able to possess a car, a television, computer and a mobile phone. Of course you won’t find ‘battling’ families around the world having some of these items. Realising this, the commitment of our students and families to find sponsors and money has been sensational ... because we aren’t rich!

This Lenten project involves our students and families of Years 4, 5 and 6 completing three major components:

- Finding fundraising sponsors
- Completing the 5km walk
- Collecting the promised funds from our wonderful sponsors

So far we have successfully completed the first two components.

We had some wonderful people give up their Friday morning to man a safety post by a road or corner or process students’ cards as they progressed through the walk. They were Corpus Christi College Year 10 students (and former Sacred Heart students) Kaitlyn Munkelt, Nicolaas Ierino, Eden D’Sylva, Samantha Thomas and Alana Bocarro. They were assisted by former Sacred Heart student and Year 12 student at St Brigid’s College Isabella Creagh and her colleague Emily.

The following parents volunteered their time to process the students’ sponsor cards: Nancy Morabito, Roxanne Davis, Kathrin Agostino, Elizabeth Francis, Lorna Le Dain, Michelle Robertson, Joe Balducci, Emma Seaman, Veronica Gracias, Janine Eagles, Mike Kay, Amanda Powe, Karin Rochford and Maria Ierino. I am aware some of these people actually re-arranged work or family schedules to ‘work’ this event.

Finally, my thanks go to the staff of students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, Mrs Fox and the numerous staff of students with special needs for whole-heartedly performing various roles on the day.

The most important part now is the third component - collecting those vital funds to help people around the world. Ideally we would love to have all monies in before Wednesday 24 April (Week 8) prior to the Easter long weekend. The faster the funds come in the faster Mrs Hall can get the funds moving to where they’re needed most.

Hopefully students have their signed sponsor cards back now, proving the walk has been done. Start collecting your valuable funds students! Once again thank you students and families for making a difference!

POST SCRIPT: Driving home late last Wednesday night I stopped at a petrol station on Kelvin Road.

The attendant asked why I was so late. I explained I was doing some organising for our charity walk. He could see from my shirt that I worked at a Catholic school. Without question he took out $50 and gave it me and wished the kids all the best. His name is Inderpal Singh Gill and he belongs to the Sikh Faith.

Showing us that caring for each other has no boundaries of race or religion. Thank you

Mr Milne
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**

- **Monday**: 8.00-9.00 am
- **Tuesday**: Closed
- **Wednesday**: Closed
- **Thursday**: 8.00—9.00 am
- **Friday**: 2.30- 3.30pm

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.

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

**COMMBANK SCHOOL BANKING**

EVERY TUESDAY BUT BOOKS MUST BE IN ON MONDAY

**GOING HOME THIS WEEK**

- **Easter Raffle Tickets**: All students
- **Scholastic Book Club**: Closes next Thursday

**CORPUS CHRISTI OPEN DAY**

If you would like an information brochure about the Open Days to be held at Corpus Christi College in March 2016 then please enquire in Sacred Heart School Office. The Tour Days are 10 March and 15 March.

We invite prospective families and students to join us for a tour by registering attendance at www.corpus.wa.edu.au/tour-2016.