Dear Parents and Carers,

This year’s preparation for our Feast Day celebrations (Tuesday 8\textsuperscript{th} September) are slowly coming together. Mrs Croughan has booked some special performers for the day and we have also invited some special guests to visit our school for the week of our Feast Day.

As you know, earlier in the year staff went to Darwin and attended a conference and also visited schools at the top end of Australia. This came about due to our school’s connection with a remote Aboriginal community school at Urapunga, some 8 hours south east of Darwin. One of our ex students, Hannah Robbins (Mrs Robbins’ daughter) has spent the last 2 years teaching at the school and because of the tyranny of distance we were unable to visit the school but we have been in contact via the internet with video links. Upon our return we decided to invite a group of the older students to be our guests at Our Lady’s for the week of our Feast Day. So we have 7 students and two staff coming down to Craigieburn. These boys and girls have never been to Darwin let alone been on a plane and been to a city such as Melbourne; so it should be a great experience for them. Just as important will be the opportunity for our students and our guests from Urapunga to meet and share their varied experiences of life in Australia and beyond.

Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrated their birthday during the holidays and this week: Ruta 3T, Jacob Prep E, Justin Prep M, Paul 1L, Zyon Prep M, Stella 2S, Shahani 4M, Mia 2K, Christian 3B, Gloria 3B, Matthew 4C, Derrick 1R, Maral 6V, Lucas 3S. Adrian 3b, Maggie Prep E.

Playground Construction: Our construction is now taking shape and the currently un-named pirate ship is slowly emerging from its grave. Thank you to the many students who have given their suggestions in naming our ship. If you haven’t already put in your suggestion; pop it in the treasure chest outside the Art Room. No it isn’t an Ark to get ready for the impending flood due to our rainfall!
School Advisory Council: At our August meeting last Monday we invited families who had completed our parent survey to attend and participate in a forum where we received feedback on certain areas of school performance. I wish to thank the 30 parents who attended and participated in lively discussions in regards to the operation of our school. Due to the success of Monday’s meeting we see this type of forum as one we will revisit later in the year.

This weekend our confirmation candidates are presented to the parish community. Last night they spent an engaging session with Sean from the Presentation Sisters Group. Sean facilitated some challenging activities for our candidates and their parents and I wish to thank them for their enthusiasm and input throughout the night. Best wishes for the weekend.

Enjoy the footy weather again this weekend,

Paul McEntee
Principal

CAPTAIN’S CORNER........Hey guys we are back! Last night, the year 6’s had their Confirmation Workshop. It was so much fun we did lots of cool activities. On Monday this week and last week the Preppies had their first ever excursion! They went to the Melbourne Museum, we asked a few of the Preps what their favourite thing was and most of them said the Dinosaurs!

WEEKLY QUIZ:
A window cleaner was cleaning a window on the 25th floor without any safety harnesses or anything to soften his fall, he fell but didn't get hurt, how?
The answer will be revealed next week! Tune in next week!

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE UPDATE
• So far 283 students have completed the challenge
• 14,680 books have been read
• 33 days are left to complete the challenge

KEEP READING !!!!
### IMPORTANT DATES

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### Religious Education News

**Mary McCormick, R.E. Leader**

**CONFIRMATION**

Sunday 30th August – 3pm at Kolbe Catholic College Greenvale.

**AUGUST 12th: Confirmation Retreat Day**

Students will attend a day of reflection and prayer in preparation for the Sacrament.

**AUGUST 15th or 16th: Presentation Weekend**

Students and families attend one of the weekend Parish masses and receive their Confirmation pin and a prayer scroll.

**School Masses:**

All families welcome to attend these masses. Morning tea is available after mass.

- **August 8th**  
  - Year 2
  - September 4th  
  - Prep
  
- **August 14th**  
  - Whole School
  - Feast of the Assumption mass
  - September 8th  
  - Our Lady’s Feast Day
  
- **August 21st**  
  - Year 5
  - Whole School Mass
  - September 18th  
  - Year 6

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![Image of a classroom scene]
Making JESUS Real Awards (MJR)

The Making Jesus Real award is awarded to students at assembly to students who do the ‘everyday’ things that make Jesus ‘real’ in our school. You will notice that none of the actions listed below are ‘heroic’ or ‘superhuman’! They are just ways that we make the love of Jesus present in our community. These students comfort, help, give dignity, show respect and make people feel included, just like Jesus did.

Making JESUS real awards have been awarded to:

**Madison (Prep G)** for the way she always helps in the classroom.

**Rozine (Prep E)** for the way she was helping her friend in maths.

**Derrick (1R)** for the way he welcomed a new student into our school.

**Alyssa (1L)** for the way she acts respectfully, by always listening carefully when others are speaking.

**Nathan (1B)** for the way he helped and supported others who were feeling sad.

**Kristian (2K)** for the way he led and helped his classmates during maths this week.

**Anikan (2A)** for the way Anikan quietly assists others without being asked.

**Yousif (2S)** for the way he allowed another person to play with him when they had no-one to play with.

**Aarav (2M)** for the way he is considerate of the needs of others.

Social Justice at Our Lady’s

JUSTICE LEADERS CORNER

Hey it’s the Justice Leaders,

Here’s a quick question for you...

*How lucky do you really think you are?*

Yeah we know what most of you are thinking, because you may not have the coolest clothes or latest technology you are not lucky, but in most countries having clean water, food and a roof over your head is considered lucky. So really you’re luckier than you think you are.

Earlier this week the year 5 students were involved in a day session with Caritas Australia.
What is Caritas Australia you say? Caritas Australia is an organisation that helps bring awareness of what’s happening around the world. It also helps younger kids to understand and raise money for the poor. This is what some of the year 5’s had to say after spending the day with Caritas Australia.....

**Mary**
*I learnt that everyone can make a difference.*

**Vinuki**
*If someone doesn’t have a voice, we should stand up for them.*

**Rita**
*Not everyone is good at the same thing. Everyone has his or her own strengths. If we work together we can use everyone’s strength.*

**Kaitlin**
*I learnt that CARITAS teaches people how to help themselves – not just giving them money.*

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**Science Corner**

In Science this week, the Year 1 students were learning about the moon. One thing about the moon they learned was that the moon does not make its own light, it reflects light from the sun back to earth. One of the joys of teaching is to see the looks on the student’s faces when they learn something like that for the first time. I don’t think I found this out until I was in Year 7 when Science became a regular subject for me. During my primary school years I experienced very little science, typical of the school curriculum in those days long ago!
Visual Art Learning News!
This term Our Lady’s Primary School in conjunction with the Zart Student Gallery is showcasing the talent of some of our budding young visual artists. Montel Telepe, Jack Condidorio, Tayla Allen, Demi Albon, Alannah Ellul, Anns Varughese, Shane Hettiarachchi, Gianni Capomolla, Rachel Colosimo, Mark Isho, Rhiannon Buntine, Joshua Kelly and Paige Fowler from Year 6 are to be congratulated for have their observational drawings this term.

This exhibition will be showing until September 9th 2015 and can be viewed at 4/41 Lexton Road Box Hill North 3129

Gallery opening hours are as follows:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm
Thursday 8.30am to 6.30pm
Saturday 9.00am to 2 pm

Alternatively student artworks can be viewed by accessing the following link http://www.zartart.com.au/1/2389/galt315_OurLadysPSCraigieburn_01.aspx

CAR PARKING & LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY LEAVERS
The car park is for staff only. Please do not park in the car park during the day, even if you are just calling into the school briefly. Also, where possible, please do not attempt to collect your child early from school during lunchtime (1:40-2:30). Preferable collection time is either 1:30 or after 2:30. The office staff cannot guarantee being able to get children up to the office during lunchtime as the children cannot hear the PA system clearly. Children must be signed in late by parents only – children cannot sign themselves in to school. Finally, a reminder that children must not be dropped off at school before 8.30am – early arrivals prior to 8.30 will be taken to Before School Care. Similarly, if a child is left at school after 3:45pm, they will be taken to After School Care.
Get into Tennis – Term 3 Special!
The NEW Hume Tennis and Community Centre is offering half price tennis lessons, for anyone who starts tennis in Term 3.
More info: call 1300 486 382
Email: office@humetennis.com.au www.humetennis.com.au