April 14, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 2 and the wonderful weather that greeted us this week on our return to school. I reminded the children that hats are to be worn until the end of April, as the UV rays do not go away at the end of a term but they lessen as the days go colder and winter approaches. Judging by the fun children are having playing with the Autumn leaves, winter is just around the corner.

Tomorrow we come together as a school community to celebrate the Easter experience, with a whole school mass at 9.15am. As Easter Sunday has been and gone what is the Easter message for the community of Our Lady’s in modern day Australia? Easter can remind us each year that our lives need the light of Easter and we need to look for that light so that our lives are illuminated by it each day. In this sense we become an Easter people at Easter and look to become more of an Easter person every day and we know we cannot do this on our own. We need and give thanks for the other Easter people who help us along our way. So when we join together tomorrow let us remember the Easter people in our lives: those who give us the warmth, light and strength to live our lives every day to the fullest. All who work here at our Lady’s wish to be Easter people for all our community especially the children in our care.

Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrated their birthday this week: Cecilia 4D, Sienna 4C, Mikayla 3H, Jelar 5B, Declan 3A, Tayla 1S, Anjas 3A, Marvin 3A, Christian 4D, Joshua 3T, Zekin 6L, Ethan 3H, Ryder Prep S - HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

Enrolments 2017: Prep enrolments are now open for 2017 and you can obtain an enrolment package from the office if you have a child eligible to commence school next year.

Premiers’ Readers Challenge: Please see form that went home yesterday that requires your signature to give permission for your child to participate in this worthwhile program that encourages reading for school age students. The letter will be going to all children. Information will also be available on our school website.

Naplan: Year 3 &5 students participate in National Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Program on 9th- 13th May. Please ensure there are no interruptions to your child’s school program on these days- e.g. no dental appointments.
Parent Advisory Council: Are having their April meeting on Monday 18th April in the school staffroom commencing at 7.00pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Don’t forget to check the school website and also the date section of the newsletter that highlights all the term events.

Looking forward to working with you this term

Paul McEntee
Principal

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**CANTEEN**

- All accounts must be paid by Friday 15th April, thank you
- Please return rosters as soon as possible, thank you
- Specials for Term 3 are:
  - Monday & Wednesday: Pumpkin Soup with dinner roll $3.50
  - Thursday: Potato Cakes $1.00 each
  - Friday: Chicken Burgers $3.50 or with salad $4.80
Welcome to Term 2

We trust that everyone had a great relaxing time catching up with family and friends over the last two weeks.

Over the holidays the Leader Newspaper informed the community of our students learning journey in the last week of Term 1 that centred on Jesus’ journey of pain and suffering. Tomorrow the school community comes together at 9.15am Mass to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

Save this Date… Proposed School Production

Wednesday 7th September
&
Thursday 8th September

Watch this space!!!!

School Advisory Board – Meeting Monday 18th April at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Everyone welcome.
Student Wellbeing @ Our Lady’s
...Providing a safe and supportive learning environment

Playground Awards Week 1

When children are playing on the yard all teachers have been very keen to catch children who are following our school expectations. The following children are this week’s winners:

Be **RESPONSIBLE** – Jessica 4D
Be **RESPECTFUL** – Emilia 3A

Grinners are Winners

It was great to see some great results from classes in term 1.

- In 3rd place with 157 points: 5G
- In 2nd place with 158 points: Prep E
- **In 1st place with 162 points: 2S**

Congratulations to 2S with such a pleasing result. This is a strong indication that this class has been working as a team to be safe, be responsible and be respectful. This class will now plan a reward session in the next couple of weeks. Great work!

Grinners are WINNERS
The Prep classes have been fortunate enough to be participants in a 5 week Mindfulness in Action Program. This week was their final lesson.

All Years 1-6 will begin an 8 week Mindfulness in Action Program commencing the week beginning 18th of April.

Mindfulness is the practice of being fully present to what is happening in the moment, without thinking about the past or imagining the future.

Each week qualified Life Skills teachers facilitate classes aligning lifelong values, fundamental movements, and positive psychology through various games, breathing exercises, guided stories and relaxation. Each stage is developmentally appropriate and carefully geared to each specific year level. The aim of the program is to support our children to grow, be inspired and build happy, healthy, and well-adjusted kids.

Each week we will provide information in the newsletter to parents and carers with a weekly update on your child’s Mindfulness in Action Program. Please follow these snippets of information and practice the daily activities with your child. Remembering that the practice of mindfulness works best when it is ongoing, in small ways, throughout our lives. We can assure you it will be fun and a lovely way to spend a few minutes extra with your child.

The focus for Week 1 of Mindfulness in Action program is the value of:

**RESPECT**

Please note:

The program for Years 1-6 will be running from the Craigieburn Leisure Centre. Each week your child’s class will be accompanied to the centre to participate in the program.

1. Please ensure that your child’s excursion form has been completed and returned to their class no later than Friday 15th April
2. If you are available to accompany your child’s class to the Leisure Centre each week and you have a ‘Working With Children’ Card, please inform your child’s class teacher
OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Dear friends,

We have commenced a special program – a Parish Stewardship Program which recognises that “Parishes are the Heartbeat of the Church.”

Our Parish School
Our wonderful school is an integral part of our parish community and the mission of the parish. We have a strong commitment to Catholic education – providing our children with a strong faith as well as academic education.

As a school family why should I be involved?
By choosing to send your children to our school you have made the decision to be a part of our parish community. We welcome that commitment. This Program will reaffirm the core values of what it means to be a member of our parish community and has the potential to enhance our faith.

What is the Program about?
Over the course of the next few weeks we will ask ourselves what it means to be a part of our parish community here at Craigieburn and Roxburgh Park. With the assistance of a range of events and materials – speakers at Mass, banners, bulletins, brochures and the main event of the Program, the Parish Information Meeting - we will reflect on and discuss the three key areas that identify our parish as a special community of faith:

We are a parish that celebrates faith. We know the importance of coming together as a community to celebrate the Eucharist at Mass – it is the foundation of who we are as a Catholic community. But importantly, we don’t merely attend Mass, we celebrate our faith. As Pope Francis says, “.........it is a beautiful thing to do.”

We are a parish that values engagement. We recognise the importance of living our faith through involvement in parish groups and ministries. You are encouraged to be involved either through our parish school or in the other opportunities listed in the Program Time & Talent sheet, which has been sent home to all parish school families.

We are a parish that supports generously. We firmly believe in the need to plan and budget for our personal financial commitment to our parish – giving us the resources to sustain our parish today and to grow and respond to Pope Francis’ call to Mission.

We encourage your active involvement in the Program – read the materials, listen to our speakers at Mass each week and discuss the issues with your family and friends. We also invite you to attend the key meeting of the Program – the Parish Information Meeting – see details below.

Let us all use this Program as a wonderful opportunity to grow our special community of faith.

Yours in Christ,

Fr George Kurisingal       Paul McEntee
Parish Priest       School Principal
Everything we have and all we are is a gift from God. Life itself is God’s gift to us. Our family, our friends, the time we have and our talents have been given to us. Our ability to use these gifts to earn an income is also God’s gift.

Our Stewardship challenge is to develop and then share our gifts with others - no strings attached. We share these gifts out of our love for God and in gratitude to him.

PARISH INFORMATION MEETING

When: Wednesday, 27 April 2016 at 7:30 PM
Where: Our Lady's Church
Why: - Discuss our achievement
      - Hear about our plans
      - Learn more about Stewardship
Who: ALL SCHOOL PARENTS ARE INVITED!

“The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God’s word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey and a centre of constant missionary outreach”

Pope Francis
Evangelii Gaudium 28
Craigieburn Tigers Basketball is looking for under 8 boys and girls to play. For more information, please contact Jodie on 0421 196 813
WELCOME TO SUPER SCHOOLS!

The Super Schools promotion runs from 9am Wednesday 20 April to 5pm Wednesday 8 June 2016.

Craigieburn Central is excited to welcome you to the Super Schools promotion. This information kit has been prepared to provide you with all the information that you will need to know.

Participants

- Aitken College
- Al Siraat College
- Craigieburn Primary School
- Craigieburn South Primary School
- Hume Anglican Grammar
- Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School
- Mount Ridley College
- Our Lady's Primary School
- Roxburgh Rise Primary School
- Wallan Primary School
- Willmott Park Primary School

How does it work?

Between Wednesday 20 April and Wednesday 8 June 2016, every dollar spent at Craigieburn Central by supporters of your school will convert to points. To allocate the points to your school; your supporters simply need to do one of the following:

- present their receipts at the Customer Service Desk located in the Big W Quadrant
- place their receipts in the collection boxes located in each of the Quadrants
- place their receipts in the collection box provided to your school
Points will be allocated to participating schools as follows:

a. Each full dollar spent at Fresh Food retailers will equal five points. For example, if you spend $20 at a Fresh Food retailer, this will equate to 100 points for your nominated school. Fresh Food retailers include:
   ALDI
   Baker’s delight
   Big fields Fresh Market
   Boost Juice
   BonBons Bakery
   Cibo Deli
   Coles
   Ferguson Parrre Bakehouses
   Fish Pier
   Healthy Life
   HS Quality Foods Indian Grocer
   Lindon’s Fresh Butcher
   My Chicken Rules
   Pinoy Tayo Asian Grocery
   Woolworths
   World of Nuts & Coffee

b. Each full dollar spent at non-fresh food retailers will equal one point. For example if you spend $20 at a Non Fresh Food retailer this will equate to 20 points for your nominated school.

Key an eye out for Bonus Point Days, where you can receive double points for every dollar spent! Bonus Point Days will be communicated on the Craigieburn Central Facebook page, website and in your weekly Super Schools update.

Leader Board

Weekly results regarding total points for each school will be sent via the recommended school email and can also be viewed at Craigieburn Central and on the Craigieburn Central website. (www.craigieburncentral.com.au)

PRIZE INFORMATION

Major Prizes

Each participating school is now in the running to win one of three major cash prizes.

1st Prize: $10,000
2nd Prize: $5,000
3rd Prize: $1,000
The winning schools will be notified by 22 June 2016. The final ranking of each school will be measured by the schools’ overall receipts collected during the promotion and divided by the number of students at the school. For further details on point calculation, please refer to terms and conditions.

**Weekly Prizes For Schools**

During each of the seven weeks of the promotion, your school has the chance to win a weekly prize! Stay tuned for more information in your weekly program update.

**Customer Prizes**

As part of the Super Schools promotion, those who spend at Craigieburn Central and nominate points towards a school can also enter the customer competition to win. To have a chance to win one of seven $100 Craigieburn Central gift cards, customers simply:

1. Fill in a partition form available from the Customer Service desk located in the Big W Quadrant and receive a unique membership number for the Super Schools promotion
2. Make a purchase at any store at Craigieburn Central during the promotion period and submit the receipt to the Customer Service desk
3. Nominate a participating school for which points will be allocated for each eligible receipt.
4. Customers will receive one entry into the competition for each eligible receipt they present.

For terms and conditions, please refer to www.craigieburncentral.com.au.

**SUPER SCHOOLS ARTWORK**

Showcase what your school has to offer! Participating schools can exhibit the following at Craigieburn Central:

- A4 colouring sheets
- Super Schools cardboard mascot
- A4 ‘What’s Super About My School’ craft form

Completed artwork can be submitted to the Customer Service desk until Wednesday 8 June 2016. All submitted works may be displayed within Craigieburn Central or photographed and placed on the Craigieburn Central website and Facebook page. Terms and conditions are available from cagrieburncentral.com.au.
WORKSHOPS AND ENTERTAINMENT

To celebrate Super Schools in Centre, Craigieburn Central will be hosting weekly workshops and entertainment. All parents, children and friends are invited to join in on the fun.

FREE Super Hero Face Painter
Date: Saturday 23 April 2016
Time: 11am – 2pm

Super Immunity Workshop
Date: Tuesday 3 May 2016
Time: 3pm – 5pm

FREE Super Hero Cape Making Workshop
Date: Thursday 12 May 2016
Time: 3pm – 6pm

FREE Batman Meet and Greet
Date: Saturday 21 May 2016
Time: From 11am

FREE Super Hero Dance Class
Saturday 4 June 2016
Time: 11am – 2pm

More information about each event will be communicated in the weekly update.

Craigieburn Central would like to thank you for your participation in the Super Schools program. If you have any further questions or enquiries, please contact Pauline Pham via email pauline.pham@lendlease.com or on 0439 284 331.