Dear Parents and Carers,

The greatest challenge for Australian teachers is to implement best education practice and target their teaching to the needs of every individual student. A range of studies show that at any given year level there is a five to six year difference between the most advanced and the least advanced ten per cent of students. Streaming students or holding back low performers is not the answer. Research indicates that schools must give teachers the time, tools and training to collect the best evidence about what students need to learn next and use it as the basis of their teaching. The goal being that every student makes the greatest progress in learning, regardless of where they start from. This requires accurate information about what students know and are ready to learn next.

At Our Lady’s we have been fortunate to have two experts in the fields of numeracy and literacy, the foundations of our learning, working with our teachers. The focus of their work is to develop classroom lesson structures that allow teachers to cater for all students learning needs.

This is not only the responsibility of the teachers. As a school community our aim is to foster a culture of progress in which teachers, students and parents see learning success as being about effort and improvement, not just ability and attainment.

Making sure every child learns is the core business of schools, and a stronger focus on learning progress requires both a change in mindset and practice and it also takes time, money and consistent action. I am proud of the hard work our staff have undertaken in supporting change in their daily practice. On Friday 18th September (last day of term) we will be having a professional learning day focussing on assessment and reporting. That means school will finish for the term on Thursday 17th September at 3.30pm.

**Playground Program:** As you can see the Pirate boat is getting ‘shipshape’ ready for the addition of the playground equipment and preparation of the surface area. There are lots of extras that will be added to the area before it’s ready to be launched. I am sending out an SOS - for anyone who has access to a bob-cat or similar machinery that could assist in removing the tan bark. Please let myself or the office know if you can assist.
**Book Week**: Yes, go to the dress up box because next Wednesday is dress up day to celebrate Book Week. This year’s theme: ‘Books Light Up Our World’ provides you with endless possibilities and I know the staff are already considering their costume. Please check information contain later in the newsletter for further details regarding Book Week activities.

**Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrated their birthday during the holidays and this week**: Mafu 4M, Sebastian 4D, Bailey 2S, Codie 2K, Aujeen 1R, Balram Prep E, Nafanua 4C, Savinu 1L, Anns 6A, Sebastian 3S, Fabyan Prep M, Vincent 2S.

Looking forward to ice skating next week - I may need to brush up on my technique, have a great weekend.

Paul McEntee
Principal

**CAPTAIN’S CORNER**

Hey persons! (that is Anna’s favourite word) Morgan, Shane, Rachel and Anna here.

We are back from another week and the ship is really coming along now. On the 30th of August the Year 6’s are having their Confirmation.

Book week day dress-up day is on the 26th of August so dress up!

**Weekly Quiz**: I can see the roads but I can’t see the towns, I can see the cities but I can’t see the buildings, what am I?

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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**Please note that Term 3 finishes on Thursday 17th September @ 3:30pm**
CONFIRMATION
Sunday 30th August
3pm at Kolbe Catholic College Greenvale

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:

Rita (5C) for her enthusiasm in class and her effort in helping others.
Stephanie (5R) for the way she helped someone who fell over and she made sure they were alright.
Abraham (5B) for the way he respects teachers and his peers and how he always helps everyone.
Montel (6A) for the way he supports and encourages his friends to do their best in class.
Sam (6V) for the way he encouraged his friend to finish his work.

School Masses:

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

- Feast of the Assumption mass
  - August 21st Year 5
  - August 28th Year 1

  - Sept. 4th Prep
  - Sept. 8th Our Lady’s Feast Day
  - Whole School Mass

Social Justice at Our Lady’s

JUSTICE LEADERS CORNER

News from the Justice Leaders

Here is a question for you:

When might it be necessary for you to break the law?

Answer in next week’s page.
Here is a story about life for families in the Philippines:
Hi, my name is Roberta.
I am 21 years old. I am an American and I am married to a Filipino. I was in the Philippines for five weeks last year. I learned a lot about the Philippines. Many of the people are very poor. They do not have a lot like I have had in my life, but they are the richest people I have ever seen. When I say this it is because their family does not break up and all of them stay together forever. All the family pulls together to help each other out. The children do not have a lot but most of them have what they need and that is love.

Also another story but this time, a child wrote it:
My name is Regine. I'm 10 years old and I'm going to be 11 this year. I have a brother and a mom and dad. I used to live in Philippines but now I'm in the United States. My dad is American and my brother, my mom, and I are from Philippines. Philippines is a place. I see children on the street.

Please take a moment to look at this pictures and think to yourself “I am really lucky”

Now the real question is:

Mahatma Ghandi’s quote is a challenge to us to bring about change in our world.
So here is how you can help to make a change in the Philippines.

We have begun a fundraising campaign so that we can make the lives of the street children of the Philippines.

So, the challenge for our families is ... have you brought in a pair of socks yet??

Remember that each year level has been asked to bring different types of socks:

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Also REMEMBER Crazy Sock Day

On the 4th of September, Our Lady’s Primary school will be having Crazy sock day, where you get to wear a pair of colourful, crazy socks to school!
Make sure you still wear your full school uniform and bring a gold coin donation.
Year 4 LEARNING NEWS
Mathematics Project

In Year 4 we have been learning about multiplication and division, calculating the perimeter and area of 2D objects and drawing maps using a scale, compass points, grid references and a key. We then used our knowledge to design a playground. We started by measuring and drawing the perimeter of our playground. Next we added some equipment to our playground and measured the area and calculated the cost of each piece. We finished by adding a compass, scale, grid references and a key. Finally we gave and followed directions around each other’s playgrounds. Here are some of our designs:
PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE UPDATE

• So far 325 students have completed the challenge
• 15,915 books have been read
• 22 days are left to complete the challenge

KEEP READING !!!

CANTEEN will be selling icy poles on Our Lady’s Feast Day
Prices as per canteen menu

Personalised Bonboniere chocolates $2.50

For Confirmation & Other Special Occasion Cakes Please
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- Multiple positions available for an immediate start

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