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## Harrison Herald Newsletter

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Week 7  
Assembly:  
Kinder Magenta

#### **TOMORROW**

**Friday, 10 June**

9.05am  
Grandparents Day

**Friday, 8 July**

Last day of Term 2

**Monday, 25 July**

Term 3 commences

**Thursday, 11 August**

7:30pm  
Literacy and Numeracy  
Evening

**Thursday, 18 August**

Pupil Free Day

#### **Just For Fun**

Q. What goes ha, ha,  
clonk?

A. A man laughing his  
head off!

Q. What did  
the letter say  
to the stamp?

A. Stick to  
me and we'll  
go places.



Dear Parents

We have certainly been hit with a blast of winter this week. It is important that the children come to school with enough warm clothing to protect them from the elements. On very cold days we have the children eating lunch inside and if it is not too cold they go out to the playground for a run around and a play. If we have a misty cold day like Tuesday, we have the children play in the warmth of the hall. We encourage the children to wear beanies (with names inside) and warm jackets to school to help with the windy weather.

Our theme for this week has been on forgiveness. The assembly on Wednesday reminded the children of the importance of being truly sorry when we have done something wrong or we have hurt another person. True forgiveness means being truthful about what happened, fixing up what went wrong and then trying not to make the same mistake again.

#### **Grandparents Day**

Tomorrow we welcome grandparents to Mother Teresa School. We shall begin with a special assembly in the hall at 9.05am. Grandparents can then visit the classes to have a look at what happens in a twenty first century classroom. We have a theme of games and toys for this year. The children in the classes will show their grandparents some of their games and we hope some of our visitors will be able to share some stories with our children. At 10.45 there will be soup and bread rolls for the adults served in the hall. The

children will have their lunch at 11.00am as normal. Some grandparents may wish to take their grandchildren home as a special treat for the afternoon. If this is the case then there is a sign out sheet in each classroom that needs to be completed by the grandparents.

#### **Staffing Matters**

We informed staff and parents this week that we will say goodbye to Tammy Adams at the end of this term. Tammy and Pete will move to Townsville where Pete has been posted with the Australian Army. Tammy has been a wonderful preschool and kinder teacher and she will be missed by staff, parents and children. Advertisements for a replacement teacher have been posted this week.

#### **BBQ**

A big thank you to all the cooks and organisers who assisted with the Magnet Mart BBQ on Sunday. Despite very cold weather, we managed to sell lots of sausages and made in excess of \$1100. My thanks especially to Susan Christie and her team for their hard work in organising this event.

#### **Uniform Award**

Congratulations to Jesse Pumpa on receiving the uniform award for this week. Each week the teachers decide on a child who wears the correct uniform to school each day with pride.

## Red Rosellas

Red Rosellas have been making pizzas. Each child chose what type of pizza they wanted to make and put their topping on their pizza base. Our pizzas tasted delicious!



We have also been using the hall to develop our spatial awareness and to do some dancing. The children joined in with a country dance and moved to the rhythm of Caribbean music. We looked at different types of dance on the IWB and joined in with them.

## Green Rosellas

The Green Rosellas have been practising their balancing skills with the stilts and balance ball. We learnt the song 'Five grey elephants balancing' and balanced along our own string on the ground.

The children are looking forward to Grandparents Day and sharing some activities with someone special.

Thank you for all your support,  
Hazel Haydon and Robyn Raward

## Playgroup/Parents Morning Tea

The last Parents Morning Tea/Playgroup for Term 2 will be on Thursday, **23 June**.

Term 3 dates are:

- 4 August
- 18 August
- 1 September
- 15 September
- 29 September
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from 9.00am in the ELC at Mother Teresa. If you would like further information please contact Kristie Leehmuis on 041294170 or by email at [kristie.leemhuis@gmail.com](mailto:kristie.leemhuis@gmail.com).

[Everyone welcome.](#)

## Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to Isabella Ciampa, Nicholas Verco, Joshua Dawes, Joshua McIntyre and Gracie Kelso. Have a great day birthday people.

**A** **Preschool:** Harry Rossiter (Blue Kingfishers), Elisha Kawal (Yellow Cockatoos), Gracie Kelso (Purple Pelicans), Amelia Chalker (Red Rosellas)


**W**

**A** **Kinder:** Michael Paragalli (Aqua), Ryleigh Barton (Magenta), Hannah Toohey (Lime)

**R** **Year One:** Isabella Mencshelyi (Amber), Gabriel Comacchio (Orange)

**D** **Year Two:** Michael McAviney

**S** **Year Three:** Elias Murray



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS:

Help Us Grow  
in responsibility  
to one another



Our value for the next two weeks is: **Forgiveness**

Dear Parents this Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. You might be aware of the T.V. programme, "Extreme Makeover", in which people are given the opportunity to undergo cosmetic surgery to help them to "look better". This "makeover" process promises to make people happy and to feel better about themselves. Millions of people worldwide undergo cosmetic surgery, botox injections as well as decorative tattooing and body piercing to make themselves look special, more appealing, more "unique".

Many people seem to be not satisfied with themselves the way they are. They want a "change for the better" and these procedures offer change, "happiness" and above all transformation. Of course, appearance is important but it is not what life is all about.

Two thousand years ago a small group of Jewish people was very much wondering what life was all about. They were hiding in a small house, anxious, perplexed and in fear of their own lives. Their leader, who had been their inspiration, had been executed, had come back to them in a mysterious resurrected form and then, had ascended into the clouds before their very eyes. Their lives were in turmoil. Things had been going so well for the past three years and now disaster. And what were they to make of Jesus' words to them, "I am going to the Father but I will send you the Holy Spirit"?

Little did the Apostles realise they were about to have their very own "Extreme Makeover." When the Spirit did come to them, they heard the sound of a rushing wind and saw tongues of fire above each other's head; but what they felt was a total internal transformation. From their mouths came words they had never heard before and understanding that came from a source beyond their means. They were filled with joy, their fear was gone, all negativity had vanished and they were completely unconcerned about themselves. They

were flabbergasted but totally inspired. They left their hiding place and relished the crowds that came to them; by the end of the day, they had baptised three thousand people. They had become other Christs in the world and would continue to do His work till, like Him, most were executed.

"We Christians, who bear the name of Christ, who were baptised into Christ, we are to become Christlike. The only way to become Christlike is to act like Christ, to have Christlike character traits and Christlike ideals. We are called to be people of mercy and forgiveness, people of compassion and generosity, people concerned about others and not just about ourselves where we are always the centre of attention." Father Don Ware C.P.

Our own Confirmation needs to be understood within the context of our whole life. Confirmation does not produce instant transformation but the Spirit helps us to become mature witnesses to Christ. Confirmation is a Sacrament of process, of change and growth; it is kept moving by the way we call on the gifts of the Spirit to help us to overcome the negative influences that daily enter into our lives.

Jesus,  
come into our hearts this Pentecost Day,  
give us the gift of your Spirit.  
Help us to be Your people in our world.  
May Your Spirit "transform" us this day and help us  
to become more like You. Amen.



## THANKYOU

2 Silver and Mrs Travers presented a meaningful focus assembly on 'Forgiveness'. They used the Gospel story of the 'Loving Father' and presented a thought provoking version of the 'Hurt'. The children sang a beautiful song and had great actions to 'Do To Others'.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to lend their support.

Peace and best wishes  
Anne Leet (REC)



## FIRST RECONCILIATION

Parent Information Session:

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> June at 1:00pm or 7:00pm

Parish Church, Burdekin Ave, Amaroo





# News from the ELC



## Blue Kingfishers

This week has been another hectic one in the Blue Kingfishers. Monday saw us making sushi with the help of our CIT student Amy. The children enjoyed the process of making the sushi, and were very excited to try out their chopsticks when it was time to eat! There were definitely some interesting techniques! We also started a project on volcanoes. Last week one of the children built a volcano in the sand and this triggered our investigations. We brainstormed what a volcano is, where the lava comes from and what causes it to explode. We 'googled' pictures of volcanoes, before we planned and started to make our own. We are hopefully planning an eruption next week!

Thanks for your continued support, and all the tissue donations!

Clare Addinell and Jacqui Watts

## Yellow Cockatoos

The Yellow Cockatoos have been very busy this week with excursions taking place. The children participated in an excursion to the Post Office which entailed catching a bus, walking to the Post Office and then seeing behind the counter and the process of the mail system. The children were well behaved and asked wonderful questions which the lady kindly answered, she also commented on our well mannered children and their great questions. We purchased our stamps and correctly placed them on our envelopes, we then went outside and posted them in the "red" post box. Thank you to the parents who helped on this excursion.



Our city drawing is progressing well with the children drawing streets, houses, shops and the park. As a group we decided on names for our streets. We created a list and then voted by standing at the table of the name they wanted. Four names were selected and will be added to our map of the city. The children seem to be enjoying the black and white drawing, using their imagination and design skills.

As a class we have started a new 300 piece puzzle on our new table. This puzzle is a map of the world and the many animals found in each countries and oceans. It has taken several days but we now have the border and several countries complete. Children are working together, talking about animals, using their thinking and problem solving skills and fine motor skills. Keep up the great work!

Thank you for your support and comments

Janene Sadler and Sirima Jinadasa

## Purple Pelicans

This week Purple Pelicans have been busy making their chefs' hats for their restaurant. They have also designed and drawn their ideal cubby house. Next week we hope to make these in 3D and continue our preparations for our restaurant. The children have enjoyed exploring numbers 0-10 using some fun computer games.

We have also been talking about grandparents and the children enjoyed a very funny story about grandparents at Library. We hope to see many of you on Friday at Grandparents' Day. It has been another enjoyable week with your beautiful children.

Sincerely

Deb Hoffman and Angela Kelley



# Mother Teresa ELC

## Holiday Care Program

11/07/11 – 22/07/11

Children attending Mother Teresa School in the ELC and children eight years and under at Mother Teresa are welcome to attend. This program is run in the ELC during the holiday period. The centre will open at 7:30am and close at 6:00pm. The cost is \$50 per child per day.

Please note statements will be sent to you before the holiday period. This will allow you to confirm you have the correct days you selected. Any cancellations need to be made before the end of school term otherwise you will need to pay for bookings as staffing arrangements will have been made.

Please fill in the table below and return to the ELC Office or email

[alice\\_castrission@motherteresa.act.edu.au](mailto:alice_castrission@motherteresa.act.edu.au) before 1 July.

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I \_\_\_\_\_, would like to enrol my child/ren:

\_\_\_\_\_ into the Mother Teresa ELC

Week 1	Monday 11/7/11	Tuesday 12/7/11	Wednesday 13/7/11	Thursday 14/7/11	Friday 15/7/11
Please tick required days					

Week 2	Monday 18/7/11	Tuesday 19/7/11	Wednesday 20/7/11	Thursday 21/7/11	Friday 22/7/11
Please tick required days					

# 2011 Community Council

## Dates to Remember

CC Open meetings for 2011 (ALL Parents welcome)- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

## Magnet Mart BBQ Results



On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, we held our first Magnet Mart BBQ at Gungahlin. Despite the fog, cold wind and slow start, it was a successful day with a total profit of:

**\$1191.70**

A BIG thank you on behalf of the Fundraising Sub Committee to the following families and staff who volunteered their time and energy toward ensuring the success of the BBQ:

*Luke Hope and Caitlin Young, Marie Chalker, Stephanie Travers, Wing Au, Raj Hadinnapola, Teri and Steve Rodda, Trudy Thorpe, Ben Jones, Brett Bettiol, Renato and Lynette Gaspari, Pete and Simone Sharples, Bjorn and Toni Pfeiffer, Susan and Dion Christie, Shaun Muldoon, Mick Lowe, Jane Bourke and families.*

Additionally, thank you to those who stepped in ad hoc on the day who we may not have had a chance to meet and greet as well as those who volunteered materials which we did not end up needing.

Generous donations from the following local businesses assisted us with the purchase of all supplies for the day also:

*First Choice Butchery Gungahlin, Hewatt Earthworks, Bendigo Bank and Woolworths Gungahlin*

Finally, we offer a **HUGE** thank you to all staff, students and extended families and friends who supported us on the day. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and for our school spirit to be on display in the greater community.

Funds raised from this event, will go toward the school purchasing items for our children's education in three key areas:

1. New science equipment
2. Ongoing IT development
3. Library resources

This is all possible due to your support, so again our thanks and appreciation.

Trudy Thorpe  
Chairman – Fund Raising Sub Committee  
Mother Teresa School Community Council

It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing.  
It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving

**Do small things with great love**