Dear Parents and Staff

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!”


Mothers play a crucial role in determining the adults that we become. This Sunday we have the opportunity to remind them just how special they are and how much we appreciate the myriad of things that they do for us, so I hope all families really spoil their mums over the weekend.

When visiting the classes recently I have enjoyed seeing the care and attention to detail that the children have put into making their gift and card. The mums are in for a great surprise when they receive their wonderful creations on Sunday. I feel the following poem by Helen Steiner Rice sums up how we all feel about our mothers.

A Mother’s Love Is a Haven in the Storms of Life
A MOTHER’S LOVE is like an island
In life’s ocean vast and wide,
A peaceful, quiet shelter
From the restless, rising tide ... 

A MOTHER’S LOVE is like a fortress
And we seek protection there
When the waves of tribulation
Seem to drown us in despair ...

A MOTHER’S LOVE’S a sanctuary
Where our souls can find sweet rest
From the struggle and the tension
Of life’s fast and futile quest ... 

Thought for the week
“I dream of a church that is a mother and shepherdess.”
Pope Francis

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A MOTHER'S LOVE is like a tower
Rising far above the crowd,
And her smile is like the sunshine
Breaking through a threatening cloud ...

A MOTHER'S LOVE is like a beacon
Burning bright with FAITH and PRAYER,
And through the changing scenes of life
We can find a HAVEN THERE ...

For a MOTHER'S LOVE is fashioned
After God's enduring love,
It is endless and unfailing
Like the love of HIM above ...

For God knew in HIS great wisdom
That HE couldn't be EVERYWHERE
So HE put HIS LITTLE CHILDREN
In a LOVING MOTHER'S CARE.

Helen Steiner Rice

FIRST COMMUNION
The Year Four children attended their Commitment Masses over last weekend which officially marks the beginning of their journey towards receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist in early to mid June. Please remember to keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this significant time in their Faith journey.

DR IAN LILlico
Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the presentation by Dr Ian Lillico last evening. Ian shared his vast knowledge of education, particularly for boys, with us and provided many practical examples of things that we can do and put in place to support our children to succeed both at school and in life in general. Many thanks to Holly Melvin and the PRC for hosting this important event.
NAPLAN
These assessments will be completed by the children in Years 3 & 5 next week. It is pertinent to remember that, while these are important assessments that provide useful information, they are only one assessment on one day and that the results should be considered alongside all other assessments that are carried out throughout the year. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school programme, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

The programme of the assessments is:

- Tuesday 10 May  Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 11 May  Reading
- Thursday 12 May  Numeracy

Please remember to be quiet as you move around the school on these days so that the children are not distracted.

NATURE PLAYGROUND
Those parents who offered assistance with the construction of the playground should have received an invitation via SMS earlier this week. I look forward to meeting with them and any who would like to join us on Monday evening at 6.00pm in the school library.

SHADE COVER
The cover above the adventure playground, near the courts, was damaged earlier this year. It has now been replaced with, what we hope will be, a more durable option.

CHANGE OF DATE
The staff Professional Day scheduled for Thursday 22 September has been changed to Tuesday 11 October. I apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause. The Professional Development days for the remainder of the year are as follows:

- Tuesday 7 June
- Monday 18 July
- Friday 23 September
- Monday 10 & Tuesday 11 October

Darryl Winsor
Principal
Year 3

It has been a busy start to Term 2 for our Year 3 students, as we settle back into school after holidays. During week one our main focus was to keep preparing for our upcoming NAPLAN testing which will take place during week three. We have also been busy creating something beautiful for our precious mums to thank them for all they do for us.

In Geography we are investigating Australia, during art we will also look at Australian artists and artworks. We are very excited to be going on an excursion in Week 8, to The West Australian Art Gallery.

Mrs Achmad & Mrs Pirie
Our School Photos will be taken on:

**Tuesday 17 May 2016**

**Wednesday 18 May 2016**

Personalised Envelopes have been sent home to parents. PLEASE NOTE you now have the option of placing your photo order ONLINE instead of filling in the pre-paid envelope, refer to your child’s personalised envelope for details about online ordering, or phone MSP Photography on 08 9342 3465 if you have any queries.

If you are placing your order through the pre-paid envelope please make sure that your child brings the envelope to school on photo day to hand to the photographer, otherwise your order will be missed. NOTE: If you have placed your order online, you DO NOT need to bring in your envelope to hand to the photographer.

If you wish to purchase a family photo, please come to the administration office to collect a Family envelope. Family Photos will be scheduled before school on each photography day. On delivery of the school photos the family photos will be left at reception for parents to collect, they will not be sent home with the children. NOTE: Family photos cannot be ordered online.

NO CHANGE will be given so please ensure correct money is enclosed in your envelope. We now offer online ordering for your convenience. Payment for photos can be made by cash, cheque or money order in your prepaid envelope or via Credit Card for Online Purchases Only.

All children will have an individual portrait taken whether purchasing photos or not for the school data base. If you have not placed an order on photo day you can still ORDER ONLINE up to 14 days after the last photo day. If you wish to place an order and it is after the 14 day period please phone MSP Photography on 08 9342 3465.

PLEASE NOTE: Orders placed after the 14 Day period will incur late fees.

All children will have the opportunity to purchase Specialist Group Photos, once the photos have been delivered to the school, at $25.00 each. The photos will be available to view and order online up to 2 weeks after the delivery of our photos for ordering. The school will send out a new newsletter with instructions once the photos are available to order. Any Special orders placed after the due date (featured in the second newsletter) will incur late fees. All Special orders will be sent directly to the parents address and not to the school.

**SPORTING NEWS**

**SPORTING SCHOOLS - BADMINTON (YEAR 1-3)**
Sign up sheets are available in admin for sporting schools this term. Badminton will be held Thursday mornings 7.10am to 8.00am in the multi purpose hall, run by Badminton WA.

**NOTRE DAME RUNNING CLUB - TUESDAY & THURSDAY mornings at Miles Park**
Year 3-6 students are invited to join the running club. The running sessions will be from 7.25am to 8.00am.
Next week’s roster

Monday 9 May: Luan Dique
Wednesday 11 May: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Friday 13 May: Dorina Hortin

Just a reminder that sushi orders need to be in on Wednesday morning for Friday.

Friday 13 May soup variety will be chicken noodle with vegetables and costs $3.50.

Fruit salad and jelly & fruit cups have been replaced with corn cobs and warm custard & apple cups for terms 2 & 3 but will return in term 4.

Hope to see you at the canteen soon.

Kayleen McLean
Canteen coordinator

The uniform shop opening times:

Monday 1.30 - 3.30pm
Thursday 1.30 - 3.30pm

Sharmane Dowse
Uniform Shop Coordinator

'Save the Date for the Walk or Ride to school day!

We are supporting the Travelsmart Walk or ride your bike to school day
on Thursday 19 May 2016.
Walk or ride your bike to support healthier habits! Watch this space for further information.'
CRAZY HAIR SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 20 May

Kindy-Pre Primary
3.45 to 4.30pm

Years 1-3
4.45 to 6.15pm

Years 4-6
6.30 to 8.00pm

There will be games and lots of fun so get your crazy hair on and come along!

NOTE TO PARENTS: * entrance via church park ONLY
Pre-Kindy to Year 3 – A parent/guardian MUST remain on the school grounds for the entire hour of their disco.
Year 4 to Year 6 – Children can be dropped off and picked up by parents from the MPH
Tea and coffee will be provided on the night for parents
*All areas of the school, other than the multi purpose hall are out of bounds. *Children to dress appropriately.

PICK UP IS 8PM SHARP
PARENT TALK BY NOTED AUTHOR AND INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER FR RICHARD LEONARD SJ
‘The World in Our Face: Faith, Young Adults and the Australian Media Culture.’
On average our young adults now spend almost six hours away from school each day looking at screens - large, small and smaller. Many of them have friends they have never even met; their big stories are often on discs. This presentation will look at the pluses and minuses of the role the media now plays in all our lives, anyhow we might help our young people to download the best and leave the rest.

Venue: Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre at John XXIII College
Time: 7pm-8.30pm
Date: Thursday 12 May

Bookings via TryBooking - https://www.trybooking.com/194340
RSVP by 10 May