Dear Parents and Carers,

**Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) –**

**Parent/Grandparent Workshop**

During the year the staff have continued their professional development focus on Mathematics - EMU (Extending Mathematical Understanding) with a view to continually improve the learning outcomes of all students. Parents are often asking what can they do at home to assist their child in Mathematics. Therefore, we will be facilitating a parent/grandparent workshop to give you the opportunity to learn a variety of games and activities to support your children and grandchildren with their mathematical understanding. We are fortunate to have Melissa King, Teacher Educator from Parramatta Diocese, Catholic Education, who will be joining us for the day. We will be running two workshops to allow as many parents as possible the opportunity to attend.

You’re Invited to our

EMU (Extending Mathematical Understanding) Parent/Grandparent Workshop

Where: Multi-Purpose Learning Centre

When: Tuesday 21st August, 2012

Time: 9.30am – 11.00am

or

Wednesday 22nd August

Time: 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm

To assist with providing sufficient resources for our workshop it is important that you complete the acceptance slip in the newsletter and return by Monday 13th August 2012

Regards,

*Marina Hardy*

Principal

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**John XXIII Mass Times**

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**Parish News**

I need interested people, Young Adults or Married Couples to be on a roster to help run our GTK (Getting to Know) **Youth Group** (Ages 10yrs to 15yrs). I would like to have our Youth Group available to this age group every Sunday from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. **What is needed** is someone to welcome the children to the parish kitchen at 4.30pm on a Sunday and have afternoon tea with them. At 5.00pm to run a faith exploration and development program that I will have ready. Then at 5.30pm to distribute the list of jobs for the children to be involved in the 6.00pm mass. After mass the children need to be supervised while having something to eat till parents pick them up at 7.30pm. If we have a few who would be committed to this venture then you would only have to do it say once a month. At the moment I am running it on the first Sunday of each month. **Next week** I will write to you about how we will consecrate our church to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Part of Youth Ministry is to open our doors and let the children know that we are interested in them and that they are welcome in our church. This was very much the thinking of our Parish Saint, Blessed John XXIII. The children’s liturgy for 5yr olds to 9yr olds is on every Sunday at the 10.30am mass. The YAGS group caters for 16yr olds to 32yr olds and is on every two weeks after the Sunday 6.00pm mass. Youth For Christ caters for teenagers and has a set program. I am not looking for a skilled person (even though teachers and the like would be welcome) but someone who has a warm heart and likes kids. Please email me or phone me on 9852 0580 or FrDave@john23rd.org.au.

**School RE News**

**Grandparents Celebration**

Thank you to all our grandparents, mums and dads who were able to join us today and contribute to such a wonderful occasion. Special thanks go to our Year 1 students for leading our liturgy and to our Year 1 teachers who prepared our celebration. Our community is founded on our amazing grandparents, who have helped raise and nurture the wonderful families that make up our school.

In the same way, today we also celebrate and give thanks for St. Joachim and Anne the parents of Mary who, through their love, taught Mary to cherish Christ in her heart. May we look to them as examples of the wonderful role models that they are.

**Staff Reflection Day**

Throughout this year, the teachers and students have been particularly focusing on traditional prayer: in practice, in scripture as well as in a historical context. In alignment with this, the staff will be spending next Friday 10th August at Mary MacKillop House in North Sydney. We will be learning about the life of St Mary of the Cross, her life, legacy and inspiration to all Catholics. We will have a particular opportunity to pray as a staff and reflect on Mary’s life, and what significance it brings to our classes and teaching.

**KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION**

On Thursday 19th July Kindergarten enjoyed a fun filled day of exploration and learning out at Calmsley Hill City Farm in Fairfield. The children enjoyed a wide range of experiences on the day such as milking a cow, shearing a sheep, watching a sheep dog in action and exploring daily life on a farm. It was a fantastic way to start the term off together and to engage the children in their learning through real life experience. A big thanks to the parents who helped out on the day!

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**Captivate Performance – Choir Thursday 6th September**

The children in Year 3 and Year 4 continue to enjoy the visits by the tutors from the Australian School of Performing Arts as we prepare for our mass choir performance with other schools in the Diocese.

*We now have confirmation that the date for this performance will be Thursday 6th September at 7.00pm. The performance will be held at St Dominic’s College at Kingswood.*

At present, we are waiting on the details of our rehearsal schedule for the day, as well as details for the purchase of tickets for the performance. We will pass this on as soon as it is available. In the meantime please mark 6th September in your diary.

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**Parent Workshop – Extending Mathematical Understand (EMU)**

I / We ____________________________ will be attending the Parent Workshop (EMU) on

- Tuesday 21st August 2012 – 9.30 am – 11.00
- Wednesday 22nd August 2012 – 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm

Number of Adults attending ____________________________
Information required to determine the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools

PRIVACY NOTICE

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes:

—formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and

—assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from our website: www.acara.edu.au

SPECIAL CANTEEN DAY

WED 8th AUGUST

Cheese Burger & Juice or Cheese Burger & Milk.
GLUTEN FREE option available.

Online orders only. Order under SCHOOL SHOP.

No other hot options on this day all other menu items available.

ORDERS CLOSE Friday 3rd August at 11.45am.
No late order will be accepted.

SPORTS NEWS

Zone Athletics Carnival – help needed

To assist with the running of the Zone Athletics Carnival, we have been asked by the convener to request assistance, please contact the school if you are able to help on the day.

Netball Gala Day

Please be advised that the new date set down for the Netball Gala Day is Monday 27th August, 2012

Upcoming Events

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Mini Miracles will be open on this day. Please contact Kylie on 0412 835 284 if you require childcare
RAISING KIDS THAT COPE
BUILDING AN OPTIMISTIC MINDSET IN CHILDREN

Parents Representative Council
GENERAL MEETING

DATE: MONDAY 20th AUGUST
TIME: 7pm (doors open at 6.30pm)
Aengus Kavanagh Centre (AKC)
Railway Street,
MT DRUITT
(behind the hospital)

Research has found that an optimistic thinking style is associated with higher levels of well-being.
Optimism also helps to protect people from developing depression or anxiety during times of adversity.

This seminar will:
• examine the key aspects of optimistic thinking
• look at some practical ways that we can foster optimism in children
• consider how the language we use can have a powerful effect in helping children to see a way forward through their difficulties

About the presenter ...
Ruth Fordyce works at Alpha Psychology Services, in Sydney. She works closely with Clinical Psychologist Lyn Worsley, who developed the Resilience Doughnut model. Ruth has facilitated workshops around Australia in the area of resilience.

Find out more about Ruth at our website below.

Website: www.theresilencedoughnut.com.au