Dear Parents,

**Mid-Year Assessment and Reporting**

Our teachers have been compiling information about your child for the presentation of the Mid-Year School Reports, which will be handed out to parents on Monday 18th June 2012. Teachers regularly meet with their grade partners to reflect on the student’s work to analyse what the student is able to do and the next step in their learning. As the reports contain confidential information about your child, parents are asked to collect these in person from the class teacher on Monday or otherwise send a note addressed to the class teacher requesting that the report be sent home with their child.

Parents are reminded that the reports for children in Year One – Year Six will be written using the scale of E – A while the Kindergarten reports will use the school continuums to describe the children’s growth. Parent Interviews, during which the reports will be discussed, will be organised by class teachers to take place between Tuesday 18th June and Thursday 28th June. Parents are expected to meet with the teacher to discuss their child’s development. These meetings are a most valuable way for the school and family to communicate and work with each other.

Please be reminded that the distribution of E-A grading is allocated according to the children’s standard of work as measured against the syllabus standard. If you have any questions about the report please do not hesitate to approach your child’s teacher.

**Extending Mathematical Understanding**

There are many ways that parents can support their child’s mathematics learning at school. This support helps your child to practice their skills and gain confidence.

To “count” children need to match saying the number words with the correct number of “objects”.

**What can you do at home?**

Children should be given lots of experiences with counting quantities and then providing proof for the total that convinces others. These experiences assist children to notice that the number word represents the quantities and also to develop faster ways of checking the total e.g. grouping and then counting by 5’s, 10’s or 2’s.

**Here are two games that you can play at home with your child/ren:**

**“2 Minute Challenge”**

Roll the dice and collect that number of objects. Keep doing this for 2 minutes, and then count the number of objects you have collected altogether. Can you count them in a quick way (by 2, 5 or 10)?

**“Doubles”**

Roll the dice and collect double the number of counters. The person with the highest number after 2 minutes wins.

**Equipment needed: Dice, counters**

Regards,

*Marina Hardy*

*Principal*

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**John XXIII Mass Times**

- **Saturday Vigil**: 6.00pm
- **Sunday Masses**: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.00pm
- **Weekday Masses**: Mon, Wed, Thurs and Sat at 9.00am
First Holy Communion

Please remember in your prayers those children of our school who have been preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time. Over the past few weeks, children have been meeting at our parish and working at home to learn more about the mass and to ready themselves to receive the Eucharist. This is a significant time in the lives of Catholics as they are able to participate fully during mass. A special mass will be celebrated this Friday at 7:30pm and on Saturday at 11:00am. Similar times will be repeated next week. Congratulations to all children for their efforts in preparation.

Notices from Bishop's Office

Catholic Outlook – June issue
Launch of the Year of Grace with photos *Msgr McGuckin appointed Bishop of Toowoomba Fr Robert Riedling appointed Parish Priest of Glenmore Park Perpetual Monastic Profession of Tyburn Mother Mary Sebastian

News from our Catholic schools

Vocations Reflection Afternoon: 24 June
All young men who feel God may be calling them to the priesthood are invited to a reflection afternoon and dinner at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill. The afternoon starts at 2pm and concludes with pizza at 6pm. Any interested young men are welcome to come along. You do not have to be thinking of joining this year, maybe just wondering. Where: 1 Wellgate Ave, Kellyville. For catering purposes, contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocation Director, tel 0409 172 700, fr.warren@hotmail.com

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday: 1 July - NEW
Everyone is welcome to join Bishop Anthony Fisher OP for Mass on Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday at Holy Family Centre, 254 Luxford Rd, Emerton. Time: 10.30am. Lunch will be in the Aboriginal Catholic Services Centre. Please bring a plate to share. Hosted by Aboriginal Catholic Services, part of CatholicCare Social Services, Diocese of Parramatta: www.ccss.org.au

Schoenstatt Girls’ Camp: 8-11 July
Girls aged 9-13 are invited to a three-day camp at Mt Schoenstatt. The program includes discussions, prayer and singing, craft, outdoor and fun activities. Time: from 4pm on Sunday 8 July to 4pm on Wednesday 11 July. Venue: Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Cost: $120 (includes food and accomm). RSVP: 28 June 2012 (registration form and deposit required). Inquiries: Sr M Luka, sr.m.luka@bigpond.com

Primary Athletics Carnival

Our Primary Athletics Day will be held on Thursday 21st June 2012. Parents are warmly invited to attend the Athletics Carnival, to assist the teachers to walk the children to and from the park and to assist with activities at the athletics carnival. You are reminded to complete the online Child Protection Training prior to the day if you would like to assist.

Kiss and Drop Off In the Bus Bay
Thank you to those parents who often stop to assist families in the bus bay in the mornings. Please remember that this is a Kiss and Drop area and that cars are not permitted to park at all. If you are able to assist in the Bus Bay by opening car doors for families as they stop to drop off their children please contact the school office.

Simply shop at a Woolworths store (or Safeway or Woolworths Online) and for every $10 spent, you will receive one Earn & Learn sticker. (Liquor, tobacco and gift cards are excluded.)

What do I do with the stickers?
Place the stickers onto a sticker card and when the card is full, put it into the sticker collection box in our school foyer.

Where can I get more sticker cards?
You can collect a new sticker card from Woolworths or the school office.

Happy Birthday to all students who have celebrated their Birthday
Cameron Gornall, Thomas Porracin, Angelina Sekulic, Benjamin Murray, Jacob Szymoniczek, Luke Bebek, Anna-Caitlin Assam, Karen Hendra, Mark Mathew, Jessica Hope and Gideon Boachie,

Upcoming Events

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KINDER 2013 ENROLMENTS

Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2013. Please contact the school office for an application form

Story Time for pre-schoolers is held every Thursday @ 3.00pm in the library. All pre-schoolers welcome!