What Is Ash Wednesday?
Ash Wednesday is the first day of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is one of the principal holy days for the Western Church. Most commonly observed by Catholics, Anglicans, Episcopalians, and Lutherans, Ash Wednesday falls on the seventh Wednesday before Easter. Ash Wednesday begins a season of fasting and repentance (commonly known as Lent) in preparation for the Easter celebration.

The Origins of Ash Wednesday
Ash Wednesday’s origins are tied to its history and the time of year during which it occurs. It follows the season of Epiphany, which culminates with Shrove Tuesday, which is also known as Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday). The solemn proceedings that occur on Ash Wednesday bring the focus back to the sacrifice of Christ and the mission of the Church. The observance most likely comes from the biblical Day of Atonement. In Leviticus 16, the Lord establishes an annual day of repentance for the Israelites as a lasting ordinance for all their generations. Since the blood of Jesus represents atonement, the heart of Ash Wednesday is a humbling of oneself through fasting and prayer.

On this day, Christians come before a priest to receive the sign of the cross, marked in ashes on their foreheads. Over the next month, they are encouraged to fast, pray, and seek repentance for their sins. Reflection upon one’s life during the previous year receives extra attention, and a greater commitment to God and the Church is offered.

This ceremony originated around the eighth century and extends back to the custom during biblical times of people humbling themselves with sackcloth and ashes. The prophet Daniel speaks of seeking the Lord for the release of his people from Babylonian exile with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes (Daniel 9:3).

ASH WEDNESDAY TRADITIONS
When studying Ash Wednesday history, ashes are often considered to be a symbol of man’s mortality and represent an attitude of humility, sorrow, and repentance (Genesis 18:27). The ashes used in the Ash Wednesday ritual come from burning the palm branches used to celebrate Palm Sunday of the previous year. After being blessed with holy water, the ashes sit amidst burning incense to take on a pleasing scent. The priest administers them, first to the clergy and then to the laity.

One of the major tenets of the Christian faith is living one’s life with humility and repentance. For many Christians, the origins of Ash Wednesday are the annual reminder of where our hearts should be in relation to God, and of the reason Jesus became our atonement.
**Staff Professional Development**
On Monday the staff were very fortunate enough to spend the day with Diana Rigg. Diana is well known within the education circles as Promoting Literacy Development (PLD). She assists parents and teachers to maximise the literacy potential in the early education of children. With a philosophy that every child has different abilities, PLD develops quality products to help teachers help every child achieve their full capability.

Enlisting the disciplines of Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, and Education allows PLD to develop a comprehensive and integrated system unlike anything else on the market.

Both educational learning resources and learning consultancy services are provided by PLD to assist learning in the home and classroom addressing three areas:

- Oral Language Skills
- Movement and Motor Skills
- Spelling and Decoding Skills

From this OLC will be adopting a ‘whole school’ spelling focus using PLD.

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**OLC Opening Mass**
On Wednesday, February 25 commencing at 9.00am we will be celebrating our Opening Mass for 2015. This Mass will be celebrated at OLC. At this Mass we come together as a community to pray for all the members of our school community and for the intention for the year ahead. We also induct our Year 6 students as our Student Leaders. All parents are invited to share this celebration with us.

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**Before and After School**
Please be aware and courteous to the teacher who is helping the students across the road at the crosswalk after school. Please slow down and be aware that students will be crossing here.

Please drive SLOWLY in the school carpark and be aware of students in and around the cars. We have had a few close calls this week. Thank you for your support with these matters.

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**Camp Fun Run**
How many sponsors have you got so far? Remember, next Friday, 27 February is the annual Camp Fun Run on the OLC Oval at 9:00am. All students in Years 1 to 7 are asked to obtain as many sponsors as possible for doing twenty laps of the oval. There’s one week to go to see how many sponsors you can get on board. Remember, the highest fundraiser in each class will receive a block of chocolate and all runners will receive an icy pole at the end of the run. Good luck everyone.

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**School Hours**
A reminder that the school takes responsibility for students between 8.30am and 3.20pm. **Students are not to arrive at school prior to 8.30am and parents are asked to ensure that students are picked up before 3.20pm.** Playgrounds are not to be used by students before and after school as supervision is not provided in these areas. Children who arrive late not only disadvantage themselves but also disrupt classes. Teachers mark registers first thing each morning and it is time consuming to make alterations for late arrivals. Being punctual is an essential life skill for all.

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Have a great week

Cheers

Alan Morrison
Principal
Family Data

Thank you to those who have returned these forms. If you have not returned your form, would you please do so, even if there are no changes or updates. Thank you.

Bus Services

For all queries about the local town bus, please contact Swan Transit 136213.

If you wish your child to travel via the free orange buses to the town outskirts, please contact Brian via wallysbus@bigpond.com or on 0407 916 933. Note: you will be required to fill out an application form on line.

Canteen

Volunteers required – please contact Fflur on 0409 104 409. Don’t to forget to complete and hand in your volunteer form – we are in need of more volunteers!

Roster

Tuesday 24th Feb  
Bec Edmonds 
Nicole Giglia

Friday 27th Feb  
Catri Jones 
Bernie Morrison

Tues 3rd March  
Leanne Verhoeff 
Fiona Duyvestein

Thursday 5th March  
Volunteers Needed

P&F News

OLC SCHOOL DIRECTORY

The final touches are being put on the 2015 OLC School Directory, however we still have 3 advertising spaces left. For a donation of $50 your business can be advertised in this publication. Please email tverhoef@bigpond.net.au if you wish to be involved. Deadline is 22nd February 2015.

New Basketball Rings

A Huge thank you to Matt Dollison for designing, manufacturing and installing new basketball rings for the school. Great job Matt.

2015 WELCOME SUNDOWNER

Friday 13th March 2015 from 5pm to 8pm. $20 Per Family
More info to come – watch this space!

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Parents are reminded to wash their second hand items before placing in the second hand uniform container please.
Are you wondering whether or not to put up your hand to join the P&F Association/Parent Group? Wondering what the benefit to your child might be?

Significant research over the past 40 years shows clearly and consistently that if you are involved/engaged in your child’s education, that the benefits will include:

- Improved school readiness
- Higher academic achievement
- Higher graduation rates
- Greater ability for your child to self-regulate their behaviour
- Better social skills
- Enhanced student wellbeing
- More consistent completion of homework
- Better transitions to high school and beyond
- More realistic planning for the future
- Better attitude towards school
- Better attendance
- Higher retention rates

Hopefully you will agree that even one of these outcomes is worthwhile attending a meeting for. Come along and help to build a positive, vibrant community at your school and watch your child reap the benefits!

**Music for Toddlers.**

*Music for Babies and Toddlers,* meets at the Catholic Church, Naturaliste tce, every Thursday 9.30 - 10.30. The term starts February 5th - 2nd April.

Singing, dancing and playing instruments in an unpressured learning environment.

$3 per adult, children free, bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea.
Hi everyone, hockey enrolment time is coming around again. If you cannot make the muster and would like to join the Dunsborough hockey club please complete an enrolment form (available from the school office) and return me at anitatim@westnet.com.au or call me on 0400567797.

We are looking forward to a great year of hockey and welcoming both existing and new players to the club.
Thanks, Anita ness,
Coordinator of Dunsborough hockey club

Junior Hockey
“Have a Go” & Registration Day
Friday 20th February 5pm - 7pm

*Come-along-and-“have-a-go”-on-our-amazing-synthetic-turf.*
*Lots-of-fun-games-to-play.*

**SPORTFIRST SHOP OPEN**
SportsDirect will have a shop open at the Muster.
Stock-up on sports gear for the coming season.
Great deals available.

**2015 Season Grades**
Ages 6-17
- Pre-primary/year 3 (Mixed) modified rules $60 incl. including all games and insurance.
- Equipment packs available - optional.
- Years 4-6 (Boys & Girls) $59
- Years 7-8 (Boys and Girls) $69 set by Club.
- Years 9-12 (Boys and Girls) $79 set by Club.

Year 12’s not playing A2 or SW1 may be eligible to play Yr 9-12.

**Existing Players**
You can register on registration day, through your team manager or school hockey co-ordinator.
(Stadium situated at Busselton Park, Vasse Hwy Busselton behind the footy grounds)

Please support our Major Sponsors

[Advertisement logos: Retravision, Just Hockey]
BUSSELTON JUNIOR SQUASH CLUB
62 West Street, Busselton – FRIDAY’S
DURING SCHOOL TERMS (app.10 weeks) 4.00PM – 5.30PM
$5.00 PER WEEK (plus $1 racket hire)
RACKETS, BALLS, EYEWEAR, COACHES & SUPERVISION ALL PROVIDED
PLEASE WEAR APPROPRIATE SPORTS SNEAKERS

Junior Rugby Club

Busselton Jets Junior Rugby
21st March 2015
10 – 12 noon
Busselton Foreshore
(End of West St)
Ages 4 – 17 welcome
Birth certificate required.
busseltonjets@gmail.com
**DUNSBOROUGH X FACTOR**

Sunday March 1st 2015, 10am-11.30am - Dunsborough Foreshore

*Do you love to sing or dance or both? Can you play a musical instrument? Then you should think about trying out for the 2015 Dunsborough X Factor! Auditions may be held*

13-18 years: 1st - $300, 2nd - $100, 3rd - $50
7-12 years: 1st - $75, 2nd - $50, 3rd - $25
**COST:** $10 per entry and you can do multiple entries, and even enter as a group!

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

1. You must live in the region of Dunsborough, Eagle Bay or Yallingup.
2. You must be aged between 7 - 18 years of age at the date of competition.
3. You must complete the application form and register your interest with payment of $10 before the 1 March 2015 to the JAMFACT Inc. - address below.
4. You must be able to perform on Sunday 1 March 2015 at the Dunsborough Foreshore.
5. Groups of duets are allowed. Prizes will be given to the group to distribute, and there is no increase in the prize allocation should a group win.
6. Any form of talent can be included:
   - Dance
   - Song – own or other
   - Musician – own or other
   - Comedy
   - Acting
7. Your act must be limited to 5 minutes.
8. The Judges’ decision is absolutely final.

Payment: Cash or cheque to JAMFACT Inc. 16 Teddy Place Dunsborough 6231

For more information: Stuart Sibbald
M: 0417177230 or E: stuart.sibbald@westnet.com.au

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The Astronomical Society of the South West (Inc) will conduct Astronomical Classes for Beginners at their Observatory, Keble Heights, College Grove, Bunbury for six consecutive Wednesdays commencing on Wednesday the 16th of February 2015 at 6.00pm. This is a great chance for anyone keen about the stars to learn all about the wonders of astronomy!

**FEES:** for the six weeks course are: Adults, - $80.00; Full-time Students, - $40.00; Family (Under 9yrs free), - $150.00; Taster (First Night Only), - $30.00 per person. **BOOKINGS are essential.**

For Bookings or further information: Phone: Cameron - 9795 8204.