Dear Parents

When God Created Mothers

When the good Lord was creating mothers He was into His sixth day of “overtime” when the angel appeared and said, “You’re doing a lot of fiddling around on this one.”

And the Lord said. “Have you read the spec on this order?

She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable.

Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up.

A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair, and six pairs of hands.”

The angel shook her head slowly and said. “Six pairs of hands…no way.”

“It’s not the hands that are causing me problems.” Said the Lord. “It’s the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have.”

“That’s on the standard model?” asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. “One that sees through closed doors when she asks, “What are you kids doing in there?” When she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn’t but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and says, “I understand and I love you” without so much as uttering a word.”

“Lord,” said the angel touching His sleeve gently, “Go to bed. Tomorrow. . . ”

“I can’t said the Lord, “I’m so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick . . . can feed a family of six on one kilo of hamburger . . . and get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower.”

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. “It’s too soft.” she sighed. “But tough!” said the Lord excitedly. “You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure.”

“Can it think?”

“Not only think, but it can reason and compromise,” said the creator.

Finally the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. “There’s a leak,” she pronounced.

“I told you you were trying to put too much into this model.”

It’s not a leak,” said the Lord, “It’s a tear.”

“What’s it for?” “It’s for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride.”

“You are a genius,” said the angel.

The Lord looked somber. “I didn’t put it there.
HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL YOU WONDERFUL MUMS. I HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY ON SUNDAY.

**Mother’s Day Raffle & Morning Tea**
A big thank you to Summa for her generous donation of a cake to be used by the P&F to raffle for Mother’s Day. It was decided at the P&F meeting to place all the student’s names into a hat and draw out a winner. Many thanks for this kind offer. This raffle will be held on Friday 8 May after the morning assembly.

Please stay for morning tea after the assembly.

**NAPLAN**
Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will participate in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) on 11, 12, 13, 14 May. These standardized tests assess students’ reading, writing, language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy and are administered by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority [ACARA]. Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html). If your child is in Year 3 or Year 5 please ensure that they are at school on time and please do not remove them from class during this week.

**Principal Leave**
This year commencing June 1, I will be taking Principal Renewal Leave (PRL) and Long Service Leave. After being a principal for 10 years the CEO allows principals to the opportunity to strengthen their leadership qualities by undertaking substantial and significant professional development through a course of study or similar experience related to educational, theological, pastoral or administrative responsibilities.

I have been fortunate enough to be accepted in Kansas State University and Michigan State University. I will be studying Educational Technology and Curriculum Leadership for 5 weeks at Kansas and then 5 weeks at Michigan where I will commence studying a Graduate Certificate in Educational Technology course. I will complete this course ‘online’ when I return home during my long service leave. I will be on leave commencing Monday, June 1 through to Friday, December 18, 2015.

**OLC OPEN DAY**
The OLC Open Day is scheduled for Tuesday 19th May 2015, 9:30am. This is an important date on the OLC school calendar as it gives the school an opportunity to showcase to the wider community what we currently have on offer, and what our vision is for the future.

So please, if you know of any families who have recently moved to town, or others who you know may be seeking a ‘school sea-change’ then please let them know about the Open Day, or to contact the office or visit the OLC website ([www.ladyofcape.wa.edu.au](http://www.ladyofcape.wa.edu.au)) for further information regarding enrollments.

**Kindergarten 2016**
Applications for Enrolment are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2016. Children eligible for Kindergarten 2016 turn 4 years old on or between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016. Information regarding the school, enrolment criteria and procedures may be obtained from the office.

**Enrolments**
Please be aware that siblings are **NOT** automatically enrolled in the school. **You must enrol siblings.** If you have children who may be starting Kindergarten in 2016 please obtain an Enrolment Application from the office and return as soon as possible.
Carpark
Please be very careful when entering, parking and leaving the bottom carpark of the school. There have been a few concerns raised about care and safety in this carpark. Please be patient and LOOK for students and other cars.

What is a food allergy?
A food allergy is an immune system response to a food protein that the body mistakenly believes is harmful. When the individual eats food containing that protein, the immune system releases massive amounts of chemicals, triggering symptoms that can affect a person’s breathing, gastrointestinal tract, skin and/or heart.

Common symptoms of mild to moderate food allergic reaction
- Tingling of the mouth
- Hives, welts or body redness
- Swelling of the face, lips, eyes
- Vomiting, abdominal pain

Common symptoms of severe food allergic reaction (ANAPHYLAXIS)
- Difficult/noisy breathing
- Swelling of the tongue
- Swelling or tightness in the throat
- Difficulty talking or hoarse voice
- Wheeze or persistent cough
- Persistent dizziness or collapse
- Pale and floppy (young children)
MYTH: All children have their food allergies for life
Reality: Many children do outgrow their food allergies. Allergic reactions to cow’s milk, soy or egg in children often resolve during school age, but others (such as peanut, tree nut, sesame or seafood) often persist for life.

Have a great week

Cheers

Alan Morrison
Principal

Happy Birthday! –
Wishing you a very happy Birthday!

Owen James    Holly Kerr    Charles Hewson
Peter Rock    Lilly-Mae Phillips    Spencer Bateman
Sian Roberts    Olive Vollprecht    Sienna Currie

Please also see attached latest Parenting Ideas Insights by Michael Grose – Helping Students Get Ready for the NAPLAN Tests.

On behalf of the MacKillop Catholic College and especially the Year 12 students travelling to Timor this year, we wish to THANK the staff and students at OLC for the very generous donation of $900. (Note these funds were raised from our Easter Egg Raffle).

Our students are enthusiastic and committed in their fundraising of this very worthy cause and are truly grateful for your contribution. All supporters/donors will be acknowledge in the College newsletter and local community newspaper when the students return from Timor.

Yours sincerely
Ms Sherry Walker
Deputy Principal (Ministry
MacKillop Catholic College

Canteen
The Roster has now been loaded on to our website http://web.ladyofcape.wa.edu.au under quick links.
Please check the roster for the dates you have been allocated. We still require more Volunteers for Term 2 – please contact Flur if you are willing to help on 0409 104 409.
Note: Canteen will be held on FRIDAY next week. Volunteer still needed!
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**P & F News**

We are seeking an enthusiastic person to be part of a dynamic team, passionate about nature-based learning.

**Position Title:** Food Garden Co-Ordinator (Volunteer Position)

**Role:**
To liaise with volunteer parents/P & F Committee/ teaching staff and community members to ensure the smooth running of the school’s Food Garden Program,

**Hrs Per/Week**
1 hour (approximately) (mainly Terms 2 & 3)

**Main Duties**

Main duties for this position include:

1. Liaising with the Principal, Assistant Principal, teaching staff, parent volunteers, sponsors and community members to ensure the smooth running of the food garden program.
2. Organizing any busy bees specific to the school’s food garden.
3. Prepare parent volunteer rosters (each term) to ensure garden duties are carried out weekly. Email weekly garden duties to parent on roster, (some garden knowledge is required for this).
4. Booking lessons in the food garden.
5. Prepare monthly reports for the P & F Meetings (attendance at the meetings is not mandatory).
6. Organise the sale of any produce/products for fundraising.
7. Work directly with the Food Garden Supervisor (Neale Roberts) to ensure larger garden jobs are carried out.
8. Restocking garden materials (including liaising with our sponsor Mitre 10).

**Background Information**

This role has been changed considerably over the last year with more streamlined processes now in place. Lessons linked to the school’s curriculum will be run by the Class Teachers with the support of class parent volunteers. The Growing Food for the Community Program (Year 6) will continue to be run as a separate program facilitated by Alisa Allison (current Food Garden Co-Ordinator).
We currently have an awesome team of parent volunteers who work in the garden behind the scenes. The person who takes over the Food Garden Co-Ordinator’s role does not need to work directly in the garden (unless they wish to do so). This role essentially ties all aspects of the Food Garden Program together and ensures we can continue to offer this wonderful program at our school.

Please contact Alisa Allison (Food Garden Co-Ordinator) on 0448 567369 for further information or to advise of your expression of interest.

Thank you for supporting this program.

“Silent Auction” for the Car Parking Spot.
Want a Car Park Spot that you can call your own for Term 2 & 3; all you need to do is put your bid in and make sure you keep checking to ensure that someone else hasn’t made a higher bid. Silent Auction sheet is on the School Office Door, with bidding to close at 8.30am this Friday (8th May). Good luck.

SCHOOL DISCO – Friday 19th June 2015………………Details to be released closer to the date.

FAMILY CAMP (16, 17 & 18 October 2015)
Booking forms will be placed in your eldest child’s bag on Wednesday 20th May. Forms must be handed to the Front Office and will be placed in order of receiving.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Custom Kids Cakes
DIY Cupcake Parties
Themed Kids Party Catering

Contact Summa 0411 438 639
eatcake@sweetstylin.com.au

Our fun run is offering a $200 prize to a local school for showing outstanding ‘School Spirit’ in entering the fun run as a school team.
Nominations close Friday 5th June and there will be NO RACE DAY NOMINATIONS.

Booking Travel
For any OLC Family or Staff Member who makes a new booking from 1 MARCH to 31 DECEMBER 2015, the Team at helloworld Dunsborough will donate 1% of the booking value (excluding taxes) to the OLC P&F.
Indoor Soccer for Kids in Dunsborough
Qualified coach teaching new soccer skills and match play
Fun program for 6 to 8 and 9 to 12 year olds, Tuesdays from 3.45pm and 4.30pm.
$70 for an 8 week Program includes your own new soccer ball.
Vacancies available - Join Now
Naturaliste Community Centre. Phone 9755 3966 ncc@busselton.wa.gov.au

FUNDRAISING AND FRIENDRAISING is the theme of this year’s AGM and mini conference, being held at St Peter’s Catholic Primary School, 103 Wood Street, Inglewood on Wednesday 27th May 2015 from 5pm-8.30pm.

We have Mandy Weidmann, CEO, The Fundraising Directory coming from Queensland to speak to us on how creative fundraising builds strong communities. The Fundraising Directory book will be complimentary for each parent who attends the evening.

We also have Allan Blagaich, CEO, School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA), coming to outline the changes to the curriculum from pre-primary to year 12. Allan is a wonderfully engaging speaker and is very happy to answer any questions you may have. We promise to squeeze the formalities of the AGM between our two guest speakers.

Light supper and drinks will be provided and there is plenty of on-site parking available. For more information and to register please go to http://pffwa.eventbrite.com.au/ Registration is free for parents of affiliated schools, however everyone is welcome to attend. Please register for catering purposes by Friday 22nd May.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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BRONZE MEDALLION COURSE
When: Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th May
Time: 8am till 5pm (approx.)
What to bring: Towels, long pants, long sleeve shirt, food and water. Pen and paper.
Cost: $170.00.
Age: 14 years and over.
*Learner guides will be supplied.
There is potential for successful candidates to gain work experience within the aquatic and recreation industry. At the Geographe Leisure Centre there is opportunity for exposure to many different career paths such as swim teaching, personal training and group fitness.
The RLSSA bronze medallion is a pre requisite to the RLSSA LIFEGUARD COURSE.

RLSSA LIFEGUARD COURSE
When: Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th.
Time: 9 till 5
Cost: $245.00
Age: 16
A St John’s Senior First Aid course MUST be completed before starting the lifeguard course. To book for the lifeguard course you must enrol online via the RLSSA website or contact RLSSA on 93838200. Please be aware that the Geographe Leisure Centre cannot take bookings but can assist with enquiries.