Prayer
Holy Spirit, be with me today.
Be my teacher, my guide, my counsellor, my friend.
Fill me with your gifts, especially the gifts of wisdom, discernment, knowledge, understanding, compassion, love, and awe in God’s presence.
In all that I think, say and do, let it be in accordance with your most holy and perfect will.
I ask this in Jesus’ name.
Amen

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Our prayers and best wishes are with our Confirmation candidates as the final preparations are completed for them to receive the Sacrament on Saturday evening. The feedback from Fr Ian, Fr Tony and Sue Barton (the facilitator of the retreat yesterday) has been about the responsible, mature and reverent way they have prepared themselves and responded to guidance and support. Well done to Mrs Delane for her much appreciated role as the coordinator of all the preparation.

May God bless all involved, including the prayer buddies. I encourage everyone in our community to consider attending the mass at 6.00 pm on Saturday, to prayerfully support and welcome those to be confirmed.

School Assemblies
I would like to thank and congratulate the students, teachers and educational assistants for the wonderful assemblies each Friday. Our year three class provided the most recent highly entertaining and skilled item.

It is amazing to see so many gifted students, who presented with such confidence and enjoyment. As a result, all the students in the audience were captivated and entertained. The response and respect shown by the students is exceptional.

These assemblies are always well attended by parents and community members. This further empowers the students to perform. Parents, your attendance is very much appreciated.
**Book Week Celebration – Wednesday 2nd September**

Mrs Meyer is working on an excellent day of fun and learning for this year’s Book Week celebration. The theme is: “Books Light Up Our World”. The day will start at 9.00am with a whole school assembly which will include a parade of book characters. Other features of the day will include:

- Book quiz questions on the 2015 Children’s Book Award Winners.
- A video message from members of the Wirripunda Foundation on the importance of books and storytelling in indigenous culture.
- A book week staff song, a parody of a popular song.
- An Aboriginal storytelling incursion presented by Charmaine Bennell and Denise Smith, Noongar people from the Goorambul Foundation in Bunbury.
- A Great Book Swap with buddy classes.

Please refer to the Library blog for more details and “save the date” on your busy calendars. The children need to bring in up to three pre-loved books in good condition suitable for their age group as soon as possible so the book swap can be organised.

** Initiatives to Improve Learning and Achievement Standards.**

The staff of the school are working on many initiatives to support learning and improve standards. Our current curriculum focus is on reading, comprehension and spelling. The staff have agreed upon, and implemented, common assessments in both spelling and reading comprehension to provide the data required to drive improvement.

In an effort to share curriculum direction with our families, I am going to outline an initiative in each newsletter.

**Class Cake Stalls**

This is another creative idea happening in our school which raises funds to be used directly in each class to provide extra resources. Thanks on behalf of all the students and staff to the parents who make the cake stalls possible.

**Enrolment Walk Throughs**

We have had extensive enquiry recently from families considering our school for enrolment of their children. At the completion of the walk through, the common response is that it is great to see students so settled and engaged in learning in such well presented and resourced learning environments. I must thank the teachers, and all the staff of the school, for creating and maintaining this positive and welcoming learning environment. Thanks also to the parents and the P&F for all your work in providing that very necessary extra support.

If any families have friends who may be interested in what is offered at Our Lady of the Cape, please encourage them to contact us for a no obligation inspection. We have vacancies in most grades.

**Class Mass**

The Year 3 and Pre Primary B Class Mass will be happening on Wednesday 26th August in the Church. Parents and community members are most welcome to join these buddy classes in celebrating the Eucharist.

**School Photos**

Our School Photographs will be taken on Thursday, September 10 (and Friday 11th September for KGL) this year. All students need to attend school in full winter uniform, including the school jumper. Long hair needs to be tied back with a school scrunchie. Hair needs to be combed and well groomed. Girls need to wear the uniform white socks not black tights for the photos. Please ensure that all uniforms are in good order and children are well presented on the day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the high standards of school uniform. Particular thanks to our wonderful uniform coordinators, Bec Smith and Alison Martin for all their work and contributions to our school.
Mission Market
With so much happening in the school at the moment, we have decided to move the Mission Market from Thursday 13th August to Friday 18th September (Week 9). We have moved the market so that we can prepare well for this opportunity to help those in need. More information will follow in future communications and newsletters.

Kind Regards and God bless,

Des Wilkie
Acting Principal

Happy Birthday!
- Wishing you a very happy Birthday!
Grace Bateman  Rhavi Howard
Amelie Lambert  Matilda Lambert
Tara Tutt

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Merit Certificate
Flynn Eastaugh, Lilly Demarchi, Paige Maslin, Sophie Summers – Green Room (PPH)
Lachlan Hayhow, Remy North – Orange Room
Leila Campbell, Taj Edmonds – Blue Room
Jesse Barnard, Lochlan Darlington – Red Room
Tayla Verhoeff, Charlie Parker – Yellow Room
Coco Morris, Ardi Kartana – Purple Room
Tom Meyer, Lily Omodei – Silver Room

Late Arrivals and Absences
Parents, please ensure that if your child arrives at school a few minutes late, you stop in to the office and sign him/her in. This is necessary as class rolls are completed first thing in the morning and you will receive a text from the school if your child is not marked as present at this time.

- If you are aware that your child will be late to school due to an appointment, etc. Please call the school absentee line on 9755 3866 to advise.
- For periods of extended leave, please complete an extended leave form (available at the office), and leave at reception.
- When your child returns to school from any absence it is necessary to complete an absentee form, either available from your class or the school office.
- Short term absences can now be advised via our website, by clicking on Information, and selecting the Absentee On-line Form. If you chose to notify us via this form, you do not need to ring the school as well. However, we will still require a signed note upon your child’s return to school.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter
Lost Property
There are several jumpers in the lost property at school. Please check when you next come to school to see if one of these belongs to your child. Also, when washing uniform items, please check to see that it is in fact your child’s name on the label, as some children’s jumpers and hats have gone missing.

Spare hats: We have had several hats available for children to loan if they have forgotten/lost theirs. However none of these have been returned. Would you please check your child’s hat to make sure does it not belong to the school. Unfortunately, some children have been unable to play at recess and lunch due to the fact that other children have not returned these hats.
Canteen
Please check the Term 3 roster for the dates you have been allocated.

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**P & F News**

**“OP SHOP” BALL**
Saturday 5th September at Dunsborough Country Club. Tickets $30 available from school or JHY Realty, or you can contact Mel Kent or Leanne Verhoeff directly to organise. Please make your payment in cash or cheque made out to OLC P&F. Poster attached to newsletter. We are planning a fantastic night, so call up your family and friends, book the babysitter and grab the outfit from the back of Wardrobe (we know you have it). Look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 5th September.

All proceeds going to Our Lady of the Cape.
IMPORTANT NOTE: Tickets are now open to the community, so invite your friends and family!

**Next CAKE STALL**

FRIDAY (28th August) From 8.30am
Hosted by red room

**Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015**
Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school. Last year more than 14,500 schools and Early Learning Centres benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs.

It's simple to participate. From NOW to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when your staff and parents shop at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once each sticker sheet is completed, simply place in the Collection Box located in the school office.

The school will then be able to redeem the Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources for your school or Early Learning Centre. Thanks for participating and don’t forget WOOLWORTHS DELIVERS.
We are holding a Parent Forum on Tuesday 1st September 2015 at Bunbury Catholic College, this is a FREE event. Please see attachment to newsletter.

Sarah

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We're celebrating 20 years
This year, the John Hughes Big Walk celebrates 20 years. We can’t thank you enough for the role you’ve played in the event’s success. Since the Rotary Club of Mosman Park partnered with the PMH Foundation eight years ago, you’ve helped raise $1.7 million. Great work team! Thank you very much. We’re aiming to bring that total to $2 million this year.

Register now to secure your team name and start fundraising - scroll down for info on this year’s epic prizes.