Let us pray together.

Father, we are grateful for the kindness and generosity you show us every day and we ask that you help us to see those around us in the same way that you do—as loved and treasured people. Help us to be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity. Let us be fair in judgement, and guarded in speech. Help us be a lamp to those who walk in darkness, and a home to a stranger. Conform our hearts to be like yours and activate our hands by your Spirit at work within us so as to participate with you in showing kindness and generosity to others today, and always.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

AMEN.
2016 AGM
On Tuesday evening the school celebrated a productive year through a well-attended Annual General Meeting. Vision and school improvement planning for 2016 was presented with some exciting and purposeful ideas. We would like to thank all attendees for their enthusiasm and positive responses to the meeting. All P&F and School Board positions have been filled with very capable people and we congratulate and welcome new members:

- P&F: 
  - President: Mark Delane
  - Vice President: Leanne Verhoeff
  - Secretary: Nicole Vernon
  - Treasurer: Alicia Higgins
  - P&F Board Rep Lauren Bidesi

School Board:
- Mike Valmadre
- Eloise Jennings
- Sue-Ellen Phillips
- Tracey Barnard
- Anton Smith
- Amanda Prestipino

Our Parish Priest, Fr. Ian Johnson spoke highly of our AGM in this week’s Parish Bulletin:

Last Tuesday evening I attended the Annual General Meeting of our School Board and our Parents and Friends. Within that gathering reports were presented and election of office bearers, where needed, took place. AGM’s usually don’t rate highly on peoples “to do” list, but those who missed this gathering missed a great deal. What was revealed in each report was a wonderful testimony to the goodness of all who are associated with our school. The level of parental involvement is a signature characteristic of our school and one area where this is revealed is in the wonderful financial support given to our school by the P&F. The ongoing commitment and developing of the excellence in teaching by our teachers and the demonstrable improvement in each student’s work were features that were covered by our Principal Des, and Assistant Principal Adrian. Our school enrolments have risen, and our school will begin 2016 with 55 young people enrolled in Kindy. Great results have been achieved and will continue to be achieved because of the great work being done by so many.

-Fr. Ian Johnson

Kindy Orientation
This morning our new and existing families participated in the 2016 Kindy Orientation. Great thanks to Mrs. Maureen Horrocks and Miss. Katie Horrocks for their informative and helpful presentation that reflected the wonderful OLC care and warmth. Many thanks to our Kindy Educational Assistants, Rachel Sweeny and Letitia Jackson, for supporting and supervising our new students during the orientation.

MacKillop Orientation
Yesterday our Year Six students who will be attending Mary MacKillop College had their own Orientation Day at the College. Students reported on a very informative and exciting day that included science and cooking activities, team games, a tour of the school and some testing to keep the students on their toes. We would like to thank our parents for delivering the children to the College in the morning and great thanks to MacKillop for providing the opportunity to the students.
Year 3 and 4 Choir
Another great example of our students having opportunity to live our OLC values! Tomorrow the Year 3 girls and all Year 4 students will sing at the Senior Citizens concert at the Dunsborough Hall. The students sounded wonderful and of course our talented music specialist, Mrs Maureen Horrocks, has prepared the students with excellence.

Year 5 Leadership Speeches
OLC has always taken pride in using our school values to foster a sense of individual leadership in our students. As part of the nomination and voting process, the Year Five students today presented their leadership speeches for selection of Head Boy and Girl and Deputy heads of the school this morning. The students voted in the hall and staff were given the opportunity to vote. The results will be shared at the OLC Awards Presentation Evening on the 7th December. Good luck and congratulations to all our Year 5s for preparing well written speeches, and thank you to Mr. Ben Danaher for coordinating the process.

Year 6 Graduation
A reminder that the Year 6 Graduation will be held on Friday 4th December. The evening will begin at 5:30 with a Mass and Presentation at Our Lady of the Southern Cross church, followed by the Graduation dinner at the school hall.

2016 Booklists
Details were sent out this week regarding the ordering and delivery of the 2016 booklists for K-6. Please refer to the school website: http://www.ladyofcape.wa.edu.au/communication.html. An amendment to the email sent to families is an $8 delivery fee as opposed to free delivery.

Pre-Primary Students
A reminder that Pre-Primary students, along with all other Year levels, finish on the official last day of school – Friday 11th December. All students (PP-6) are required to attend all and full school days until the end of term.

Riding Safety to and from School
The school encourages all physical activity that promotes a healthy lifestyle and it is wonderful that we have many students riding to school. We ask that parents clearly outline to their children that when riding to school there are safety requirements that are vital. These include wearing helmets as well as being alert and paying attention to traffic and obstacles. Most importantly, all students that cross Cape Naturaliste Road to get home do so with supervision by an OLC teacher at the end of the school day. This is a scheduled duty. The teachers are rostered on to ensure children crossing Cape Naturaliste Road do so safely. Students are asked to not go down Sloan Drive and cross further down the highway. Thank you parents for your ongoing support in this area.

Classroom Transition for 2016
As part of the yearly transitioning process, our students from Kindy to Year 3 will have an opportunity on Friday 4th December to interact with their 2016 teacher and classroom. We will welcome our new Year 1 teacher, Karla Lissiman, to meet her 2016 class. Double stream Pre-Primary and Year 1 classes for 2016 will be announced to the community next week.

Advent Reconciliation
Over the past week our Year 3-6 students have had the wonderful opportunity of receiving Reconciliation from Fr. Ian. This sacrament has been offered in Our Lady of the Southern Cross Church and have been respectful and reverent. We thank Fr. Ian for his guidance towards the students.
One to One Digital Learning Meeting – Year 3 Parents

Parents of students moving into Year 4 in 2016 are invited to an information evening on Monday 30th November at 7.00pm in Yellow Room (Year 4 classroom). The Digital Learning programme has become an integral part of the learning programme in our school. This will be an opportunity for parents to become more informed on the use of Digital Learning and how it assists with student achievement and progress.

Future Enrolments

We are experiencing on-going demand from families seeking enrolment of their children in our school. This has resulted in our classes from Year One to Three for 2016 being full, with a waiting list for some grades. If any families are planning to enrol their children elsewhere for next year, please notify us so we do not have to turn away families seeking an education in our school.

We still have vacancies in classes other than Years 1, 2 and 3. If anyone knows of any families seeking a Catholic Education for their children, please encourage them to enquire.

School Fees

As a growing and developing school, we need school fees paid promptly so we can continue to provide the resources and facilities to promote learning for all students. The prompt payment of fees by families is much appreciated. Could any families with overdue fees please pay them as soon as possible to help us balance our budget for 2015.

If parents need help, please contact Sandra or Des for a confidential meeting to arrange a payment plan.

Kind Regards and God bless,

Adrian Torrese
Assistant Principal

Happy Birthday!
Wishing you a very happy Birthday!

Ruby De Marchi   Jasper Moyes   Zahra Love
Amelia Pritchard   Nathan Gilbert   Elsie Cross
Tae Brice   Tayla Verhoeff   Isabella Bidesi
L ella Williams   Cooper Bidesi   James Jensen

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Merit Certificate

Haylee Jordan & Lilly Demarchi - Green Room (PPH)
Tieg Whitcombe - Green Room (PPB)
Ruby Eastaugh & Angus Carty - Orange Room
Sam Rolfe & Rhys Antonio - Blue Room
Ben Maslin & Jonah Lynx-Whiteland - Red Room
Brady Edwards - Yellow Room
Jude Bowler-Wright & Lil O’Connor - Purple Room
Zac Morrison & Banjo De Marchi - Silver Room
Vinnies Christmas Appeal
It’s that time of year again when we ask each class to collect non-perishable food donations for the St Vincent De Paul Society.

This year we are asking for donations that can be used beyond Christmas time. We have allocated and are asking for specific donations from each year level.

- Kindy – Christmas food items.
- PP, Years 1 and 2 – Packets of food (biscuits, pasta, rice, soups etc.)
- Years 3, 4 and 5 - Cans of food.
- Year 6s - Toiletries (shavers, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner).

We ask if all families please contribute to the boxes made available in each class. Maybe the children could use some of their pocket money to buy something to place in the box. This is our opportunity to make a difference for others less fortunate.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

We look forward to an exciting, event-filled but calm end of to the 2015 school year that celebrates the wonderful growth by the students and school over the past twelve months.

Adrian Torrese

MOVIE NIGHT – 1 Week to Buy Tickets!!

We still have a few tickets left for the Movie Night, so if you would like to purchase some please contact Leanne Verhoeff on tverhoef@bigpond.net.au. Tickets are $25 each with everyone receiving a small drink and popcorn.

SUNDAY 6th December at 6pm - Orana Cinema in Busselton

P & F Committee

Canteen
Please check the Term 4 roster for the dates you have been allocated. If you are unable to make it on your allocated day, please swap with someone else.

Coconut oil is on sale at the Canteen $20 for a 1l tub

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As the end of the school year is drawing to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to express sincere and heartfelt thanks, to everyone who has supported the Food Garden Program in 2015. The running of this program would not be possible without the combined efforts of parents, teaching staff, students and community members.

A big THANK YOU to all those parents listed below for being part of the Food Garden Maintenance team. It has been, as always, an absolute pleasure to volunteer alongside you all.

Neale Roberts    Anne Hall
Michelle Kerr    Michelle Summers
Nadia Murphy    Sherylee & Michael Tutt
Michelle Carter    Alix Smith
Anne-Marie Cliff    Lisa Knight
Lauren & Byron Bidesi    Donna Trigwell & Ben Penny
Michelle Baker-Adams    Amanda Prestipino
Mitch Hayhow    Nic Love-Van Es
Leanne Verhoeff    Michael Hutton
David Topham

A special thank you also, to all those parents who helped their class teachers with the various garden related activities, throughout the year. These lessons would be unable to be held without your support.

A big thank you to Trent and Kristen Wilson (Dunsborough Mitre 10) for being our major sponsor in 2015, supplying the school with much needed seeds, seedlings, manures and other soil improvers and a new retic timer.

To all the families who supported our stalls held before assemblies, a big thank you. Your support not only provided encouragement to us, but also helped fund various projects within the school.

Many thanks to all teachers for ensuring the smooth running of this program and for your continued positive support.

Thank you also to Mr Alan Morrison, Mr Des Wilke, Ms Eloise Jennings (School Board Chairperson), Mr Mark Delane (P & F President) and the P & F Committee for your support and encouragement for this program. Special thanks to Mr Adrian Torrese for actively promoting the Food Garden Program and for uploading the Food Garden Program’s resources to the internet.

Thank you also to Mr John Hogan for assistance throughout the year.

Finally, a big thank you, to all students for always giving their best in garden related activities and for providing hands-on help throughout the year.

If you would like to be part of this rewarding program in 2016 please contact Mr Adrian Torrese for further information.

Wishing you all a safe and happy festive season ahead.

In gratitude,
Alisa Allison, Food Garden Co-Ordinator
Parents using kids as bargaining chips
By Michael Grose

It’s been said that children are the unwitting victims of a breakdown between partners, but it doesn’t take a separation for kids to be caught up in their parents’ disputes.

In particular, kids of all ages can be impacted by games of one-upmanship that can be played out even when parents are together.

It happens when one parent criticises the other parent’s child-rearing either verbally or non-verbally: a raised eyebrow can send a strong message. This type of criticism creates doubt and uncertainty in children.

It happens when one parent intentionally overindulges children by buying them toys, gadgets and clothes or granting them excessive freedom out of spite. Competitiveness and disloyalty cause confusion and unhappiness in children.

It happens when a parent withholds affection and attention to children to punish their partner for some transgressions they may have committed. Callousness leads to feelings of unhappiness and guilt in children.

**Consistency is the greatest gift parents can give**

Kids crave consistency from their parents. They love to be able to predict how their parents will raise them as this puts them in control, which is vital for their healthy development. When they grow up in a predictable, caring environment they are more likely to take the learning risks necessary to grow and develop. In unstable, unpredictable environments kids either go into their shells to keep safe or they rebel. Consistency requires parents to use predictable routines, to stick to a known set of rules and to act always in their children’s best interests when raising them.

**Avoid negative partnership spill over**

Families have many relationships within them. Parents have relationships with children as individuals and as a group. Children also have relationships with each other and with each parent, if there are two. Parents also have a relationship with each other, which can be compromised when there is family breakdown. The challenge for parents is to prevent a breakdown in their relationship impacting on their other relationships including each person’s relationship with children. Positive parent relationships also have a positive effect on children’s learning and wellbeing. Conversely, anecdotal evidence suggests that the spill over to children from their parents’ negative relationships is significant indeed in terms of negatively impacting children’s learning and their wellbeing.

**Kids are mood detectives**

If two parents are in dispute there is an absolute imperative for the parents to keep the breakdown or conflict between themselves and to minimise the negative spill over to children. Inevitably, children will experience a tension if it exists between couples no matter how well their parents try to keep a dispute private. Kids are mood detectives. They’re generally better than we think at picking up the nuances of relationship tensions.

**Stick to the business of parenting**

It helps if parents in dispute can stick to the business of parenting and don’t confuse it with the business of partnering. If a parent isn’t getting along with a partner, then this is a problem to be worked out between them. Acting in the best interests of children means that we separate the partnering from the parenting when it comes to childrearing. This means that parents may have to compromise about many issues ranging from the straightforward, such as bedtimes, to more complex issues such as how best to manage children’s behaviour. Giving some ground to the other parent maybe problematic when relationships are troubled, but it’s not impossible. Plenty
of separated couples do so successfully by consciously putting their children’s best interest before their own.

**Putting aside differences in children’s best interests**
Relationship breakdown can bring out the worst and the best in people. It brings out the worst when parents put their individual interest before their children’s, particularly when they interact with each other. Parents show their best side when they don’t let emotions rule their heads when they are in dispute with their partner. That means refraining from using kids as bargaining chips when interacting with their partner or ex-partner. Instead they stick to the business of parenting and make decisions in the very best interests of their children rather than their own interests. That’s the adult thing to do.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**Is your child starting high school in 2016?**

Enrol today in our HEAD START PROGRAM

**Help your child start high school with Confidence**

- English - Maths - NAPLAN - Coding - Science - Persuasive Essay Writing - learning skills

**Jan 18th – Jan 28th 2016**

- 6 hours per subject, 3 hours per day over 2 days

**Venues:** Churchlands SHS and Rossmoyne SHS

Cost: $180 per course. 10% discount for all enrolments received before 21st December 2016.

Head Start program to help students going into year 7 in 2016 gain confidence and transition successfully in their high school studies

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For further information, program and enrolment:

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**Email:** learn@academictaskforce.com.au

**Phone:** (08) 9314 9500

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Our local **Naturaliste Family Playgroup** (Gibney St) is holding its annual fundraiser and raffling some wonderful prizes including first prize of $2K CASH or a brand new Thermomix. It’s a great opportunity for playgroup to get help from our wonderful community! It’s also a great way in helping keep playgroup running, as it has been for the last few years. So please help contribute to keep our beautiful centre running. Tickets can be purchased from the school reception. Alternatively if you believe you can help sell a book then you can contact Nicky Taylor direct 0405 404 085. Thanks again for your support :-)

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Lost Worlds
At the Busselton Public Libraries

Wandering Dinosaurs
Busselton Friday 8th January
Dino Fun (3-6yr olds) 10am-11am
Dino Explorers (7-12yr olds) 11.30am-12.30am
Dunsborough Friday 8th January
Dino Fun (3-6yr olds) 2pm-3pm
Dino Explorers (7-12yr olds) 3.30pm-4.30pm

Discover the amazing lost world of dinosaurs with Suzi Dolan from Wandering Dinosaurs. Two sessions at each Library: one for mini palaeontologists (3-6yr olds) with lots of song, crafts, stories and a special dino-hunt and one for our bigger dino-experts (7-12yrs) with real fossils to explore, hands on activities and a take home craft.

Lego Club
Dunsborough Tuesday 19th January 2-3pm
Busselton Thursday 21st January 2-3pm
Do you like building with Lego? Then come to our Lego Club where you can meet other Lego fans, build some great things, play games and have fun!

Tiny Terrariums
Dunsborough Monday 11th January 2-3pm
Busselton Thursday 14th January 2-3pm

These holidays why not create your own mini lost world? Come along to our Terrarium making workshop and you will be able to design, build and take home your own mini ecosystem.

BYO Glass Jar — ask for details when you book in.

Silly Storytime
Busselton Friday 22nd January 10.30-11.30am

Just for those aged 6 and under. A silly, wacky and crazy Storytime event as part of the Festival of Busselton.

Get your silly on and join us for some fun.

Ranger Red
One Show Only!!
Dunsborough Library
Thursday 28th January 10.30am—1.30pm

Come and meet Ranger Red at the Dunsborough Library. He has lots of friends, with feathers, scales and fur that he would like to introduce you to. Learn all about his special native animal friends before you get a chance to give them a big cuddle yourself! Plus a craft activity, book signing and sales of Ranger Red's newest picture book too.

These activities unless stated otherwise are suitable for primary school aged children.
All sessions are free.
Bookings are essential.
Phone the Busselton Library on 9754 1588 or the Dunsborough Library on 9750 7111 to make a booking.

Summer Reading Club

All Holidays
Why not join our Summer Reading Club and see how many books you can read over the holidays. There are incentive prizes for every 5 books you read and read just 20 books to go into the major prize draw.
Register now at the Library to collect your Reading Log Kit.

Summer Reading Club is proudly sponsored by:
IMPACT - YOUNG ADVENTURES (ages 12 - 16)

Adventures works will take you and your teenager into the beautiful outdoors, on a journey that will explore your connection and relationship as your child moves into adulthood. There will be no electronic devices, no distractions, just the opportunity to share an experience. Learn to communicate without barriers, acknowledge the brilliance of your child to be the ultimate guide, coach, mentor, friend and parent.

We move you out of your comfort zone in a safe but challenging environment, providing opportunities to explore, honour, listen and share stories. Parent and teen can attend multiple programs up to the age of 16.

A 3 day 2 night program based in South West WA. $650 + GST per person

- Father & Son
  - Friday 8th - Sunday 10th January 2016
  - Saturday 9th - Monday 11th of April 2016

- Father & Daughter
  - Friday 16th - Sunday 17th January 2016

- Mother & Son
  - Thursday 21st - Saturday 23rd April 2016

- Mother & Daughter
  - Friday 16th - Sunday 17th April 2016

IMPACT - RITES OF PASSAGE (ages 14 - 16)

This adventure based program continues the journey with your child. It provides a supported and facilitated environment to recognise the change, facilitate a rite of passage and celebrate the transition to adult. You will share a range of experiences and adventures to challenge on a physical, intellectual, emotional and a spiritual level.

Bring out the best in your child, creating a healthy, happy and balanced young adult today.

A 5 day 4 night program based in South West WA. $850 + GST per person

- Father & Son
  - Sept 24th – 28th 2016

- Mother & Daughter
  - October 4th – 8th 2016

Join us for an important journey  08 9796 1000  admin@adventureworkswa.com.au

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