Dear Parents and Community Members,

Prayer for Mothers

O Loving Lord,

You have created mothers in love and blessed them with children.

As they work tirelessly to support their families may they be showered with your blessings.

Give mothers strength to exercise compassion as they live each day under your care.

We thank you for the gift of Motherhood.

May our mothers face each new day with faith and hope in your abiding love.

Amen

Mother’s Day Mass and Morning Tea
The Mother’s Day Mass was extremely well attended last Thursday, and was a wonderful tribute to all the Mums, Nannas, Aunty’s and other mothering figures in our lives. Thank you to our P&F for arranging morning tea after the Mass. Please see the photo page that follows.

Facebook Page
It’s here! Today we are launching our new school-managed Facebook page. As part of a detailed planning process, we have undertaken research, developed a Social Networking Acceptable Use Policy, gained permission for images to be used, undergone a risk assessment process and contacted other schools for advice. The school page has been set up as a forum to communicate, celebrate, inform and remind people about important school dates and events. The page will be managed by the school Leadership Team, who will be the only people authorised to
post anything on the page. If people have questions or comments, they are able to send a private message to the page administrators, who will reply and post relevant information. This is an exciting step in maintaining communication with our community, as we seek to use the means that most people are already accessing on a daily basis. Please note that the school managed Facebook page is not intended to replace the school newsletter or website, simply to be another way to keep the communication lines open. Please ‘Like’ the Our Lady of Lourdes School Facebook page.

**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy) assessments were held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. This is just one of the many assessments used throughout the year to evaluate student progress. Please see the classroom teacher to discuss your child’s academic progress if you have any queries. Results will be sent home some time in Term 3.

**Kindergarten 2017**

Just a reminder about the meeting for current families who have Kindergarten children planning to start next year. This will be held on Wednesday 1 June at 2.15pm. Interviews for new families are being held this week and next week.

**First Holy Communion**

Preparation continues for our Year 4 students and their families, who have attended meetings, made banners and will be sharing a meal next week. Please pray for our students as they prepare to take this important step in their faith development.

**Mrs Lynda Ursino**

After 23 years of dedicated service to our school and community, Mrs Ursino has announced her retirement in June. To thank and farewell Lynda, we will be holding a special assembly at 2.00pm on Friday 17 June, followed by afternoon tea, and finishing with a Sundowner. Please keep this date free as an opportunity to reminisce and wish Lynda well in her retirement.

**Mrs Colleen Lewis**

In order to thank Mrs Lewis as she retires from her role as Education Support Assistant after nearly 20 years of service to our school and community, we have invited her to attend the MJR Assembly on Thursday 19 May. You are invited to attend to thank her for her dedicated service and wish her family well for the future. We will also celebrate and reminisce with Mrs Lewis at the Sundowner on 17th June.

**Casuals for Catholic Care Day**

Our Bishop has requested that schools have a day where students are able to wear casual clothes for a gold coin donation in order to support CatholicCare. Their motto is “People Helping People”. It provides funding for people willing to assist those in need across the general community throughout the Bunbury Diocese, irrespective of their religious affiliation or non-affiliation. So far, these needs have included initiatives related to family crises, the special needs of the elderly, seafarers, drug victims, and women facing crisis pregnancy. Donations received by CatholicCare are used exclusively within the geographical boundaries of the Bunbury Diocese.

Please remember that casual dress day is not a fancy dress day and in keeping with this, the following casual dress rules apply for the safety of students and smooth running of the school day:

- Closed in shoes appropriate for physical activity, such as sports shoes/joggers (not thongs)
- Normal school rules regarding hair apply, hair tied up as on normal school days
- Hats, caps and other accessories need to be removed during class times, Masses and assemblies
- Appropriate length for shorts/skirts and tops need to cover the shoulders
- ‘Casual dress’ not ‘fancy dress’

**Footsteps Incursion**

Last Tuesday we had a dance incursion, where students participated with enthusiasm, as evidenced by these photos:
**SCHOOL FEES**

Term Two fees will be sent home today to families. These fees are due by **Friday 17th June**.

School fees can be paid on a regular basis eg: fortnightly or monthly, per term or in total as per the annual statement. Amounts due can be paid by BPay, cheque, money order, direct debit or cash. Unfortunately, we do not have Eftpos facilities.

**Merit Certificates**

Congratulations to the following winners

- **Pre-Primary**: Chace Cole, Seb Commisso, Molly-Rose Murray
- **Year 1**: Black Eccleston
- **Year 2**: Jess Barbetti, Ishaak Amat
- **Year 3**: Louella McDonald, Sebastian Stowe
- **Year 4**: Billie Barnden, Jack Ellis
- **Year 5**: Kassidy Lewis, Kyle Dewar
- **Year 6**: Albie Barnden, Eli Birrell, Lauren Carter

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**Staffing**

Mrs Abbey Thompson will be taking leave to welcome her fourth child into her family at the end of next week. We wish her well at this exciting time, and look forward to meeting her new addition. Mrs Clare Clarke will join our staff as Pre-Primary teacher for the remainder of the year.

Congratulations to our Education Assistant, Haylea Harris, her husband Andrew and son Dante on the arrival of their baby boy Bradley Noah Harris. Bradley was born on 15th April weighing 8.8 pounds and 53cm long.

**1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Training Sessions**

A three session program to teach effective, well-researched ways to manage behaviour in children 2 to 12 years is being offered on Tuesday mornings in Weeks 6, 7 and 8 in the school hall, run by School Psychologist Ruth Gadd. See attached information. RSVP to school office by next Wednesday.

**P&F Constitution**

There will be a general meeting of the P&F held on Thursday 9 June at which the proposed updated constitution will be ratified. Please view the updated constitution on our website.

**Bishop Myles McKeon**

Last Monday Bishop Holohan announced the death of Bishop Myles McKeon, the Second Bishop of Bunbury. He was 97 years of age. Bishop McKeon served the Bunbury Diocese from 1969 with his resignation for reasons of health in 1982. Prior to this he was a priest of the Archdiocese of Perth from 1947 to 1962 when he was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Perth. He served in that role until his appointment to the Diocese of Bunbury. Our school will be represented at his funeral on Wednesday 18 May.

Have a wonderful week
May God bless you

Mrs Angela Hegney

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**Canteen News**

**TOMORROW - WEEK 3 - 13th May**

- **Leaders**: Graham & Clare
- **Helpers**: Nicole Vardaro
- **Recess**: $2.50 Smoothies
  - Green Slime or Banana
- **Lunch**: $3.50 Stuffed Spud
- **Extra**: $1.00 Icecream Smooze

**NEXT WEEK - WEEK 4 - 20th May**

- **Leaders**: Louise & Jasmine
- **Helpers**: Penny Melville
- **Recess**: $2.50 Smoothies
  - Green Slime or Banana
- **Lunch**: $3.50 Stuffed Spud
- **Extra**: $1.00 Icecream Smooze
Please keep the first Holy Communion candidates in your prayers as we approach this special time.

Tomorrow is Casuals for Catholic Care Day, an initiative by Bishop Holohan. Don’t forget to wear your free dress and bring in a gold coin donation.

Miss. Natalie Dillon
Assistant Principal

Pentecost Sunday  May 15, 2016

Gospel Reading John 20: 19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic Church, we learn how to forgive and we learn to accept forgiveness. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit that enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation.

As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting all to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting upon the concern and how your family might address it. Read together today’s Gospel, John 20:19-23. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together today’s psalm, or the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking that the Holy Spirit help your family. Share with one another the sign of peace.

Casuals for CatholicCare Day—Gold Coin Donation

TOMORROW

By supporting CatholicCare through the “Gold Coin” day you are showing Mercy to those in need. Your support helps church based organisations such as St John of God South West Community Drug Service Tem, St Vincent de Paul Society, Apostleship of the Sea and Centrecare provide care and assistance for people in our local communities.

The month of May, dedicated to Mary, is a fitting time to begin to recite the rosary daily—Pope Francis

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 18th May— 5.45pm, fHC Shared Family Meal, School Hall

Thursday 26th May— fHC Reconciliation

Sunday 29th May— first Holy Communion, 9.00am, Dardanup Church

Altar Servers

14 May—A. and F. Giumelli
15 May—J.Brookes & C. Davern
21 May—J. Pelusey & S. Congdon
22 May—P. Goater & Volunteer
**Kindy**  We are learning all about the weather and how changes in weather influence our actions, clothing choices and activities. We have made kites, rain gauges and weather collages. We can predict the weather just as well as “the weather man!”

**Pre Primary**  We had a lovely afternoon last Friday with our Mums coming in for a special Mother’s Day event. We surprised our Mums (and Nannas and Nonnas!) with a special song at the beginning of the afternoon and then participated in some fun activities together. We iced some cookies that we had made the day before for our Mums, we painted a picture together, made bookmarks, and even made a balloon rocket! Thank you to everyone who was able to come and made it so special. We all had a fabulous time!

**Year 1**  We have been talking about what makes us special in Religion. We have also been talking about how we can show mercy for others and have been learning about Mother Teresa and Mary MacKillop. In Science, we started the unit about Natural and Processed Material and have been experimenting with icy poles and spaghetti. In Sport we are learning how to play T-Ball. We hope that everyone enjoyed spoiling their lovely Mothers on the weekend.

**Year 2**  After our relaxing holidays, we are now back to work, work and more work! We are working extremely well in our reading and writing groups, and have shown a lot of cooperation and teamwork when working in our small groups. We created some very cute and colourful leprechauns when we visited Ireland last week, and we especially enjoyed creating our beautiful flowers and pots for our special mums for Mother’s Day.

**Year 3**  The Year 3’s have made an excellent start to Term 2! We had so much fun making our Mother’s Day necklaces, cards and artwork and learning about the forces of nature in Religion. We have written poems and letters to God, celebrating that He is Almighty. In Science we have become experts on animals groups and are looking forward to seeing what we will discover when we investigate the OLOL leaf litter this week.

**Year 4**  We have had a busy start to the term. We are going around the world, this time looking at different biomes. We are in the process of doing our first project for the year, look out for some fabulous travel books very soon! We are also investigating why on earth early explorers ventured out to explore the world.

**Year 5**  Year 5 have lots to look forward to in Term 2 and it has been a busy start. This week we completed our NAPLAN assessments, where our focus has been on just doing our best! In Technology and Enterprise we have started a unit on Information and we are focussing on how information is presented to us in advertising. We hope to feature some of our learning in our assembly later this term and this is something we are all looking forward to. In English we are looking closely at Paul Jennings and using some of his great short stories to inspire our own writing. In Maths we have started a unit on Angles and to demonstrate our knowledge of angles we will be designing a mini golf course.

**Year 6**  We have had a very busy week. In Maths we have been learning how to multiply and divide decimals by multiples of 10. It is actually a lot easier than it looks as we discovered!!!! We are choosing an endangered animal on which to write a report in English. Today we celebrated Mass with Father Wayne in our class.
Last Thursday we celebrated Mums, Nannas, Grans, Aunties and other mothering figures in our lives with a special Mother’s Day Mass and Morning Tea. Artwork depicting our special Mums was on display. We sang a beautiful song giving thanks to God for our Mums. Fr Wayne gave a blessing to all Mums, then they stayed to enjoy a cuppa afterwards. It was wonderful to have so many people attend.
From Father Wayne … Hi everyone! There is so much going on in our Parish/School life at the moment! I thought this would be a good opportunity for an update:

Mother’s Day: What a special Mass we all shared for Mother’s Day last week! The artwork on display all around the Assembly Hall beautifully transformed it into our Church-space for the morning. It was also wonderful to see everyone participating in the Mass in such a joyful, prayerful way. A big thank you to all the Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunties and others who shared the Mass with us, so that we could thank and honour them for being the incredibly special people they are.

Class Masses: Today I celebrated our first Class Mass for the year with the Year 6 class. We reflected on the wonder of God’s presence in the beauty of creation – and especially in each one of us. We prayed that we will always be grateful for these gifts and use them with respect and care. In the coming weeks we will celebrate Class Masses and Liturgies with each class. Parents are most welcome to attend – so check the school calendar for the date when I will be celebrating with your child’s class!

Pentecost: This Sunday is Pentecost – the “Birthday” of the Church! – when we recall the Holy Spirit filling the lives of the Apostles and sending them out to the world to share the message and spirit of Jesus. We pray that the Holy Spirit will always bless, guide and strengthen our community.

This Sunday is also the Third Sunday of the Month, when our Parish 9:00am Mass is celebrated as a special “Family Mass”. Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be held for the younger children, and after Mass there will be Morning Tea for everyone – including (low sugar!) Juice-Boxes for the children!! All families are especially welcome to join in this Mass.

First Holy Communion: Please remember to pray for the Year 4 children who will receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time at our parish Mass on Sunday 29 May. This will be a very special day in their Journey with Jesus for these young members of our parish – and is therefore also a very special day for the whole parish. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for this special celebration.

Well that’s all for now … until next time!

Fr Wayne

Bunbury Dance Studio
Beginners Wanted
Boys & Girls 5-16 yrs old
Start THURSDAY during school term
5-7yrs old Fun Dance Doors open 3.50pm
7-16yrs Social Medal Class 4.30-5.30
Bring this newsletter for a “2 for 1” offer*
34 Lockwood Crescent
www.bunburydancestudio.com
SUZANNE: 0438 913 791

Bunbury Catholic College enrolment interviews for Year 7, 2017 are nearing completion and our Year 7, 2018 enrolments are now underway. We would like to encourage families that have not yet enrolled their child/children to do so and we would be grateful if the following notice could be included in your next school newsletter.

If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me on 9721 0019.

CHECK NAMES ON SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Could we please ask for parents to check all uniform items for correct names. We have had a number of garments go missing that do have the child’s name on them.

If you find any ‘extra’ items in your washing, please return to the office. Thank you
Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12

**1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching**

A three-session program for Parents and Carers to teach you effective and well-researched ways to better manage behaviour in children 2 to 12 years.

Session 1 Tuesday 31st May 9.00 am – 11.15am
Session 2 Tuesday 7th June 9.00am – 11.15am
Session 3 Tuesday 14th June 9.00am - 11.15am

Where: OLOL School Hall

Learn:

To engage your children’s cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them

To set clear expectations and help them develop frustration tolerance

To help children’s brains to develop filters for behaving well

To resolve family conflict quietly

Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent

The course will be conducted by
Ruth Gadd—Psychologist from the Catholic Education Psychology Team

Limit of 20 places, so book early.

Please complete this slip and return to the school office by Wednesday May 18th as places are limited

Parent Workshop

I/We--------------------------------- would like to attend.