



As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what “rising from the dead” could mean. Mark 9:2-10



Dear Parents,

For the past twelve months we have been exploring the building needs of the school. Following a great deal of investigation and discussion we have put together a Capital Development Plan (CDP) and presented it to Catholic Education Western Australia.

At the end of last year our CDP was approved, subject to funds being available. We will not know definitely if we will have the funds until August this year. The CDP has been broken into two stages. The first is the Year 2, 3, & 4 block and the second stage is the Year 5 & 6 block and the Under Cover Area. I will have plans for you to view on Friday 16th March. This is an exciting time for us with an opportunity to continue to improve the teaching and learning environment for our staff and students.

Today we will be sending home, to Year 3 and 5 families, NAPLAN information. The NAPLAN testing will be held early in Term 2 for all Year 3 and Year 5 students. If you have any questions regarding the NAPLAN testing please direct them to one of the Leadership Team.

Today we also launched our new look school website. A team of staff have worked very hard to overhaul the site and ensure we are providing the most relevant and up to date information about the school. I would encourage you to bookmark the website address to your computers and smart phones in order to stay in better communication with the school community and classroom activities.

On Saturday 17th March we will be holding a Busy Bee at the school. The Busy Bee will be from 8.00am—11.00am. The main focus will be the Garden Centre and the area at the back of the school. Your support, even if just for a short period, would be greatly appreciated. “Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” Helen Keller.

Each Friday morning, following the assembly we would like to invite parents to the staffroom for morning tea and a chat with the Leadership Team. This will start tomorrow so please come along and have an informal chat and meet some other parents.

I would like to extend my congratulations to our Canteen Manager, Tracy Skipworth, on having our school canteen rated 2nd in Western Australia by the Canteen Association of WA StarCap star rating. We are very proud that our canteen continues to provide a high standard of healthy eating options for our students.

Next week we will be holding our two swimming carnivals. The Junior Fun Carnival will be held at Rockingham Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 6th March and the Senior Carnival at the Aqua Jetty on Thursday 8th March. A note has already been sent home giving details of each event. Please support these events.

Tomorrow will be our final sports session at the beach. This week the Year 6 classes are having their turn. It has been an extremely successful initiative. The feedback from the students and staff has been very positive.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Pray for Us

Steve Dowie  
Principal

*Quote of the Week—“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character.—Martin Luther King Jr*



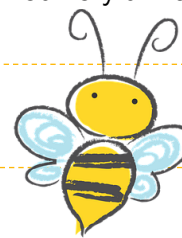
## Literacy Quote of the Week THE READING BUG

—PAUL JENNINGS

There isn't enough money in the word to lure a child who hates reading into putting in an effort if the material is not good. You need a Top Story. You need a subject that interests a child. You need something that they can read.

Finding the right book is critical. Believe me, there is something that will interest them. Many parents despair because their child rejects everything they offer. Somewhere along the line the child may have had a bad experience with reading. It is intelligent behaviour to avoid pain and seek pleasure. As far as kids books are concerned, what they want is what they need. One of my children learned to read from a recipe book. He loved cooking and was incredibly motivated to read difficult words like 'Margarine' because he need them to finish making his cakes. He learned very difficult words quickly because he was keen.

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## Important Dates

2 Mar	World Day of Prayer Friday Assembly Beach Year 6
5 Mar	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
6 Mar	PP – Year 2 Swimming Fun Carnival Maths Club
7 Mar	Mass Year 2
8 Mar	Year 3– 6 Swimming Carnival
9 Mar	Friday Assembly 6B
12 Mar	Monday Assembly
13 Mar	Running Club Reconciliation workshop 3B Reconciliation workshop 3W
14 Mar	Mass Year 1
15 Mar	Assembly—5B
19 Mar	PUPIL FREE DAY



## Busy Bee

Please join us on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March between 8am and 11am for a school community Busy Bee.

Bring along your gardening gloves and tools if you can. Many hands make light work and we need to do some necessary tidying and annual 'up keep' of the Garden Centre and the back of the school grounds.

If you can give up just 30 mins or more of your time we would really appreciate some hands to do the jobs that the

students are unable to do in the Garden Centre as part of their sustainability and learning activities. These facilities are a valuable learning resource for our students and many of them really enjoy their time in the Centre and contributing to the growth of the produce sold at the Friday Markets.

