LIWARA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

PREAMBLE

Which type of person are you, a risk-taker or a security-seeker? Some people really love taking risks as is instanced in the emergence of extreme sports; these participants love the rush of adrenaline and the feeling of escaping the ordinary. However, most of us are not risk-takers but security-seekers committed to a lifestyle of playing it safe. Playing life too cautiously could have us fall into the following description:

“There was a cautious man
Who never laughed or played;
He never risked, he never tried,
He never sang or prayed.
And when he, one day, passed away
His insurance was denied;
For since he never really lived,
They claimed he never died.”

Author Unknown

REFLECTION

Risk-taking is actually part of everyday life and is taken for granted in matters from food consumption to travelling by car. The great motivational speaker and author, Zig Ziglar, put it neatly when he said, “It’s risky when a plane leaves the runway, but that’s what planes are for. It’s more risky for the plane to sit there and accumulate rust.” There are shades of the Parable of the Talents in that statement. The Season of Lent is upon us again and it is a time for us to focus intentionally on what helps or hinders our commitment to Christ. It may be better not to give up something but to take on something, to build up our spiritual muscles.

Maybe this Lent we could take part in some minor risk-taking. One more quote from Zig Ziglar: “You will get all you want in life, if you help enough people to get what they need.”

PRAYER

“Father in heaven,
may Your love be the foundation and motivating force for my life.
Help me to step out of my sheltered life and take
your love to other people in a way that is personal to me. Amen.”

Dear Parents,
Thank you to the parents who attended the information sessions on Monday evening. These are a very important way in which the home-school partnership is renewed or established at the beginning of the year. It is important for at least one parent to attend the meeting. At each meeting your child’s teacher outlined their programs, procedures and expectations for the year ahead. I ask that if you missed your child’s class meeting you make contact with the teacher to discuss the information that was presented.

Good communication plays a vital role in creating and sustaining an environment that is conducive to productive learning and achievement. This includes making a commitment to keep in touch with your child’s teacher and to build a relationship based on trust and respect. Research confirms that when parents are partners with the school in providing educational opportunities, their children improve their achievement levels. Remember we are on the same side and have a common goal to meet the children’s developmental needs.
**PUPIL FREE DAY**
A reminder that Tuesday March 8th is a pupil free day to enable staff to participate in Professional Development. This is the Labour Day weekend.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS**
On Wednesday March 9th at 9.00am we will join the parish community for the Ash Wednesday Mass. Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten journey. Ashes on our foreheads marks us as Christians, as the people who carry Christ’s message in the actions of our lives. Actions hopefully that give those whom we make contact with an insight into Christian behaviour. Observing Lent can help us to accentuate the positive influence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**PRAYER SERVICE**
The prayer service on Monday February 28th will be led by the Year 3 students in the All Saints Church. Parents are welcome to join us for the prayer and the presentation of awards.

**PUBLICITY AND USE OF STUDENT IMAGES**
A publicity and use of student images form was sent home to all families. This form is giving/not giving permission for photos to be taken of your child/children for use in school publications. Please fill out and return by Friday March 11th.

**LIBRARY SHELVING**
The old shelving in the library is being replaced. If you are interested in purchasing any items of furniture on a 'make an offer' basis it will be for sale on Friday March 4th and must be picked up by Friday March 11th.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**
All students making their First Reconciliation at the All Saints Parish will attend a workshop with their parents this week. The workshops are designed for parents to be able to work with their child on understanding what the Sacrament can mean to them. The workshops are facilitated by the classroom teachers and All Saints catechists. I thank Oliver Banks for organising the preparation program and Mrs O’Malley, Mrs Venaille and Mrs Keating for their efforts in leading and presenting these workshops. Congratulations to the students who are working hard to learn about forgiveness.

This weekend is the commitment weekend for students and their families. Families are asked to attend one of the weekend masses to make a commitment to help their child prepare for this special sacramental event. This commitment is made as part of your families membership of the All Saints Community.

**NEW PARENTS NIGHT**
I express an appreciation to the P and F team for hosting a social evening for parents who have joined our Liwara Community this year. I thank the large number of new families for taking the time to attend this event. It was an opportunity for us to welcome these families to our community as well as for them to meet each other and for them to meet members of the P and F Committee. I also thank Anthea Pickering and Leeanne for providing a crèche to assist parents with baby-sitting arrangements.

**PARENT WORKSHOPS**
A number of workshops will be held in Term 1 for parents who wish to either volunteer in classrooms or learn a little more about their child’s learning and how to help them reach their potential. Please note the following dates in your diary. More information will be sent home via your child’s class teacher for specific workshops.

**Early Learning:** Monday 28 February at 9 a.m. in the Reading Room (behind the current Library)
For parents of Kindy and Pre Primary children. We will look at the early years of schooling and how you can help your child develop their early learning skills. An evening session will also be scheduled in the next few weeks.

**Volunteers in the Classroom:** Wednesday, 2 March at 7 p.m. in the Library.
For parents of children in Year 1 onwards who would like to volunteer to help in their child’s classroom. This workshop covers how parents can help in the classroom, school expectations and children’s developmental learning. The Volunteer workshop must be completed if you would like to help in classrooms from Year 1 onwards. If you have done this workshop previously you don’t need to repeat it.

**Support A Reader Program Training Workshop:** Wednesday 16 March and Wednesday 23 March from 9 – 11.30 a.m. The SAR program is an individual reading program for students from Years 1 to 3. Students work with a trained parent tutor for a short time each day to improve their reading and comprehension skills. We would love as many volunteers as possible!
Information regarding this wonderful program was presented at your child’s Parent/Teacher meetings.

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**Parent Workshops**

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Please circle workshop/s you wish to attend, and return to the office.

**Early Learning**

**Volunteers in the Classroom**

Support—A—Reader
**SCHOOL FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

:DATE– Friday 11th March, 2010

:TIME:–9.30am to 2.15pm

:YEARS-4/5/6

:LOCATION-Bold Park Aquatic Centre

The emphasis for the carnival is on student participation and enjoyment. Students to take recess, lunch, sunscreen, hats, and plenty of drinking water with them. Parent helpers will be contacted prior to the carnival.

Students have been placed into races according to their swimming levels. All 50m races will be timed and the students with the fastest times will qualify for the Interschool Swimming Competition.

Neil Morrison (Physical Education Teacher)

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**P AND F MOVIE NIGHT**

Please see end of this newsletter for details regarding the Movie Night on Friday 25th February.

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**REMINDER**

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENTS - YEAR 7 - 2013**

MATER DEI COLLEGE

Applications need to be forwarded immediately to the College.

Please access the College website of www.mdc.wa.edu.au for enrolment application forms or email babra.moyle@mdc.wa.edu.au to request an enrolment booklet.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

We welcome baby Lucas Campbell to the Liwara Community. Lucas is a brother for Madison 2G and Jake PPR.

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**DENTAL THERAPY**

The new Dental Therapy Centre at Greenwood Primary School is still not completed.

All dental appointments will we at the Dental Mobile at Dalmain Primary School, Dalmain St, Kingsley.

Phone: 0417183458

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**Can you lend a hand?**

Our Library is on the move - next Wednesday March 2

Dear Parents

We require the assistance of parents next Wednesday March 2 between 9am and 3pm to relocate the resources from the old library to the new library. This will consist of packing, stacking and reshelving of books. We need a team of approximately eight parents to help us with this exercise. It is important in volunteering you are able to stretch and pack without restriction and that you are wearing suitable attire for the job (closed in flat soled shoes). We would also like volunteers to help with the transport of boxes and crates from one building to another. Because part of the pathway will be over an uneven building site work boots would be a requirement for this part of the operation. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Please contact the school office on 9448 3811 if you are able to help.

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**NEWSLETTERS**

It is important that we have an up to date email address for you. A small number of paper copies of the newsletter will be available through the school office for families who are experiencing difficulties receiving them via electronic means. No newsletters will be distributed through the classes. Normally our school newsletter is published on the even numbered weeks and the P and F newsletter will be published if needed on the odd numbered weeks of term.

**Email address for Newsletters**

Family Name__________________________________________________________

Mother’s Email________________________________________________________

Father’s Email________________________________________________________

Please fill in and return to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you Anthea Pickering
The calendar is now on the Liwara Website please see below for the web address.


The Canteen opening days are changing. For 2011 the Canteen will be open Mondays & Tuesdays and Thursdays & Fridays. The Canteen will be closed on Wednesdays. NOTE: Macaroni Cheese now comes with Bacon and not Chicken.

Thursday February 24th  Gabrielle Vautier
Friday February 25th   Maria Udall
Monday February 28th  Jennifer Beaman
Tuesday March 1st     A. Rocke and M. Fuller
Thursday March 3rd    Natalie Berriman
Friday March 4th      Jennifer McAullay

Canteen Helpers Reply Slip
Name: .................................................................
Eldest Child's Class: .........................................
Phone Number ..................................................
I am interested in helping in the Canteen. I am available on the following days:
Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday
I could do....... shifts per term ( ie 10 shifts would be one per week)

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

BEFORE SCHOOL/AFTER SCHOOL/VACATION CARE SERVICE
If you are interested in finding out more information about the service or expressing an interest in enrolling your child contact the school office or Leiza Brooks the centre supervisor on 0488 083 657.

Please see following page for Pupil Free Day March 8th OSHC activities.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Hours

8.30am to 9.30am

TUESDAY MORNINGS
8th March

Liwara O.S.H.C. are going to Chipmunk’s Fun Factory

Cost: $65

Includes morning and afternoon tea plus an afternoon of mosaics and slip and slide fun

Bus departs Liwara 9.30am Returns 3.00pm

Please bring a pack lunch, water bottle, some socks, your bathers and spare clothes
Help Required

I am available to help:
- With setup of the night from 4pm
- With selling drinks and icecreams before the movie
- With Packup at the end of the night

Name: ___________________________ Contact No: _______________________

or email availability to liwarapf@gmail.com

An outdoor cinema Experience

Friday 25 February

Gates open 5:30pm

Movie starts 7:30pm

$5.00 per person - Tickets at door
BYO Drinks, blankets, chairs, picnic dinner, extended family and friends!
Soft Drinks and Ice-creams available for sale

Liwara School Oval, Liwara Place Greenwood