Reflection:

We’re usually surrounded by so much inner and outer noise that it’s hard to truly hear God speak to us. We’ve become deaf, unable to know when God calls us or understand in which direction He calls us. Thus our lives have become absurd. In the work absurd we find the Latin word *surdus*, which means “deaf”.

A spiritual life requires discipline because we need to learn to listen to God, who constantly speaks but whom we seldom hear. But when we learn to listen, our lives become obedient lives. The word obedient comes from the Latin word *audire*, which means “listening”. A spiritual discipline is necessary, if we’re to move slowly from an absurd to an obedient life, from a life filled with noisy worries to a life in which there’s some free inner space where we can listen to God and follow His guidance.

Jesus’ life was a life of obedience. He was always listening to the Father, attentive to His voice, alert for His directions. Jesus was “all ears”. That’s true prayer: being all ears for God. We need to concentrate on preventing the world from so filling our lives, that there’s no place left to listen.

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

I congratulate the year 4-6 students on the way in which they enthusiastically participated in the swimming carnival on Friday March 8th. A feature of the carnival was the endeavour of all students to do their personal best in the events they were involved in. There were many examples of students accepting the challenge of swimming in events at the outer limits of their ability. A great atmosphere was created by the cheering and war cries of the children in their faction bays, by the support the children expressed to each other and by the encouragement given by parents and extended family members.

Neil Morrison is acknowledged and thanked for organising and conducting a very successful 2013 Liwara swimming carnival. A special thank you to the staff and parents who helped out with the running of the events on the day. A further wrap up of results will be in the next newsletter.

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**HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

On Thursday March 28th we will focus our attention on Christ’s Passion story by walking and praying The Stations of the Cross. A time table for when your child’s class is starting to pray the stations will be distributed through the classes. You are most welcome to join us to be a companion with your child’s class as they reflect on the meaning of the Easter story. More information about these events will follow soon.

Our Easter celebration across Holy Week directs our attention to look further into the cross, to see in it and through it the mystery of profound love; a love that does not forget, a love that is sustained through the Holy Spirit. At Easter we remember the death of Jesus and we celebrate the new life of his presence within us. What we celebrate from Friday to Sunday at Easter is the core of our faith. I wish all the Liwara school community a joyful and life-giving Easter.
YEAR 6 CAMP
On Tuesday 12th March the Year 6 students travelled to Logue Brook to participate in an adventure style camp. I had the opportunity to visit the camp on Wednesday and I was impressed with the way in which the children were conducting themselves, meeting the challenges of the program and the personal achievements that were evident. I thank the staff and parent volunteers for the work they have done to ensure the success of the camp.

SCHOOL PRAYER
Parents are welcome to join us for our whole school prayer services held in the All Saints Church. Please remember prayer services are just that and are not to be applauded. I also ask that parents assist us in ensuring that there is respect and reverence when using the church by setting a good example. Year 4 will lead the prayer service on Monday 18th March. The whole school prayer services begin at 2.40pm.

ASSEMBLY
The next assembly for the year will be held on Friday 22nd March at 9.00am in the Ahern Centre. The Year 4 students will lead and present the assembly items. Parents are most welcome to join us for the assembly and the presentation of awards.

YEAR 5 CAMP
On Tuesday 19th March the Year 5 students will commence their camp at Point Walter Recreation camp. The children need to be at school by 8.30am on this day to be ready for a bus departure at 9.00am. The bus will return to school on Wednesday 20th March at 2.45pm. All details are on the website on the Year 5 page.

GATE AND MATRIX PARENT MEETING
Parents of 2013 Gate and Matrix children are invited to attend the 2013 REACH parent meeting to be held on Tuesday 19th March on 7.00pm in the REACH Room. We look forward to seeing you there. Please RSVP with your child’s name and year to Clare Magee REACH Coordinator.

KINDY 2014—SIBLINGS
Please check that you have your child’s name on the list for Kindy for 2014. Parents and siblings will be asked to attend a meeting later in 2nd Term. Please come to the office and get an Expression of Interest form if you haven’t already enrolled your sibling child for 2014.

SUPPORT A READER TRAINING
Wednesday 20 March, in the Ahern Centre from 9-11 a.m. The SAR program is an individual reading program for students from Years 1 to 3. Students read with a parent tutor for a short time each day to improve their reading and comprehension skills. We would love as many volunteers as possible to continue to make this a successful and effective program. We would also love to have anyone who has completed the program previously back on board. Notes will be sent home with your child (Yr 1-3) this week or contact Mrs Liebeck if you are interested.

NAPLAN
The NAPLAN testing will take place for Year 3 and Year 5 students in the week commencing Monday 13th May. NAPLAN tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy provide point in time information in relation to student performance. There are always a number of contextual factors that will influence how well a student performs on a particular day in these tests. NAPLAN tests are intended to complement the existing range of school-based assessments and it is important we ensure students are not overwhelmed by the experience or that the tests are given undue emphasis. The NAPLAN results assist in providing one part of the picture of your child’s demonstrated learning. I ask that parents avoid any disruption to the Year 3 and Year 5 classes during the week the NAPLAN tests are being conducted. A pamphlet was sent home today. If you did not receive one please call into the office for a copy.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Welcome back to another school year. If you have half an hour to spare at drop off time in the morning Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and would be willing to help with library book shelving, or covering no experience needed I will show you what is required. Please call 94483811 or call into the library and see Lorraine.

Lorraine Dominish
Quality Catholic Schools is a process that generates data which over time supports a school’s decision making. Much of the data comes from an annual survey which is distributed to staff, students and parents. The data not only identifies the strengths of the school but also highlights areas requiring improvement.

One of the benefits of yearly surveys is that we can see how our improvement strategies are developing. An external company manages all aspects of the survey for each of the 160 Catholic Schools in WA and the confidentiality of the whole process is protected. Accordingly a random sample of 60 families has been selected to take part in this online survey.

I would encourage families who have been invited to complete the survey to do so by 22nd March. The survey information will include a username, password and the internet address for the online survey.

CONGRATULATIONS

Will Hunter, Brodie Tardrew, Nicholas Whitbread, Flynn Campbell-Howard and Kai Armstrong were part of the winning team of the "Under 10 State Teeball Championships" competition held on the long weekend. They are now the State Champions.

2013 SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to the families who have either paid annual fees or put payment arrangements in place. A reminder that either the annual payment or payment arrangement was due by the 28th February. A reminder also that fee discounts are available for ‘family’ Health Care card and PPS pension card holders. Please see the Bursar, Mrs Hansen to arrange these discounts.

Families experiencing genuine financial hardship who do not qualify for either of the previously mentioned cards are also asked to contact Mrs Hansen to arrange a confidential interview with the Principal.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Your child has 24 hour accident insurance cover from Catholic Church Insurances Limited. Please see the last two pages of this newsletter for clarification or call into the school office and see Mrs Hansen.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL BORRE—WINNERS IN 2013

Full wrap up on the next newsletter.
TERM CALENDAR
The calendar is now on the Liwara Website please see below for the web address.

CANTEEN
Please come to the canteen to put your name down to help after Easter.
Please remember to write your child's class on their bag. Thanks Helen

Thursday March 14th—Sharon Pereira
Friday March 15th—Rebekah Sturniolo-Baker
Monday March 18th—Helen Holland
Tuesday March 19th—Diann Trichilo
Thursday March 21st—Rachel Harvey
Friday March 22nd—Louise Maidens
Monday March 25th—Diann Trichilo
Tuesday March 26th—Marina Heath
Thursday March 28th—Cathy Bacskai

NEW Slinky machine…10c to slinky your apple, 50c to buy apple + slinky.

NEW Vanilla Paddle pop available $1.00

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 the centre supervisors Deborah Salame or Jesse Walls on 0488 083 657.

UNIFORM SHOP
Uniform Shop Hours
8.30am to 9.30am
TUESDAY MORNINGS
NB: The Uniform Shop will be closed on Tuesday Dec 4th.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH
7 Liwara Place, Greenwood, 6024 - Tel: 9447 6225
Fax: 9246 2692 - Mob: 0422 422 773
Website: www.allsaintsgreenwoodwa.org.au
Email: greenwood@perthcatholic.org.au
Parish Priest – Fr Vinh Dong / Assistant Priest – Fr Chris Webb
Resident Priest – Fr Tam Lai / Fr Tai Trinh
Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday - 9.00am. Wednesday evening at 6.45pm
Weekend Masses: Saturday - 9.00am (anointing every 2nd Saturday of the month) & Vigil at 6.00pm
Sunday - 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am & 5.30pm
The Church is open from 8.30am - 3.30pm weekdays (except school holidays)
Reconciliation: Saturday - 9.30am to 10.00am & 5.00pm to 5.30pm or by request.
Important information about accident protection for students*

Dear Parent,

Every day there are accidents involving children. To assist parents with costs associated with these accidents, we have SchoolCare Accident insurance provided by Catholic Church Insurances Limited. The SchoolCare Accident policy provides protection to all students attending our school.

The 24 hour cover includes accidental injury cover 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and provides lump sum benefits under Section 1 of the policy. Non-Medicare medical expenses are only payable in relation to activities such as:

- attending school
- engaging in a sporting activity
- a secondary student undertaking a work experience program
- voluntary services to a religious, charitable, educational or benevolent organisation
- youth activities organised by a voluntary association such as Guides or Scouts or
- travelling to or from the above activities.

Cover is worldwide.

Our policy covers three important areas of care and any one accident may be claimable under one or more of these areas.

Cover includes:

1. Up to $7,500 inclusive per accident for medical costs (excluding any Medicare expenses or the Medicare Gap) from the following registered medical practitioners:
   - Dentist
   - Chiropractor
   - Osteopath
   - Physiotherapist
   - Remedial massage
   - Podiatry
   - Acupuncture, and also costs from a
   - Chemist, and
   - Hospital accommodation and facility fees.

Please note:
Federal legislation in Australia prohibits Catholic Church Insurances from covering:

- the cost of any medical service for which a Medicare benefit is payable
- the Medicare Gap or
- the cost of any hospital treatment or other benefit unless the cost arises from an injury while taking part in certain activities, such as:
  - attending school
  - engaging in a sporting activity
  - a secondary student undertaking a work experience program
  - voluntary services to a religious, charitable, educational or benevolent organisation
  - youth activities organised by a voluntary association such as Guides or Scouts or
  - travelling to or from the above activities.
2. **Fixed amounts for defined events.** For example, when a student accidentally receives a fracture of the hand the policy will pay a fixed amount of $250. The full table of benefits lists all the defined events covered under the policy and the fixed amount payable. The full table of benefits is shown in the information sheet available at [www.ccinsurances.com.au](http://www.ccinsurances.com.au)

3. **Other benefits related to the injury sustained including:**
   - Emergency transport resulting from an accidental injury
   - Home tuition
   - Hospital inconvenience allowance
   - Nursing allowance
   - Professional counselling fees and
   - Assistance with payment of school fees in the event of the accidental death of a parent or guardian.

These are all limited to **specific amounts per accident.** These amounts are detailed in the table of benefits contained in the policy, and are subject to the policy wording, terms, conditions and exclusions.

Your child may have an accident so please cut out the information below and keep it on your fridge or in a handy place. Please personalise the text box beside the opening paragraph (Name of school: etc.) with your relevant policy information.

*Summary only. See the policy document for full terms, conditions and exclusions.*

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**YOUR CHILD IS PROTECTED BY A SCHOOLCARE ACCIDENT POLICY**

Name of school: <ClientName>
Policy number: <PolicyNo>
Policy type: <PolicyType> - <PolicyName>
Information: If you have any questions please call the SchoolCare Accident Helpline on 1300 138 496

Make a claim: You can print a claim form from [www.ccinsurances.com.au](http://www.ccinsurances.com.au)
Your child's school will need to endorse the claim form prior to it being submitted. You will need a Doctor's or Dentist's Certificate and original accounts or invoices for any claimable expenses.

Please note: Federal Health legislation prohibits Catholic Church Insurances SchoolCare Accident insurance from paying any Medicare service including the Medicare Gap. The SchoolCare Accident insurance only provides cover for accidental injury to your child. We are prevented by legislation from payment of benefits relating to illness.

*Summary only. See the policy document for full terms, conditions and exclusions.*