



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS SCHOOL



VISIT US AT - www.olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au

School: 9380 5050 Out of School Care: 0430 112 743 Presbytery: 9380 1844

NEWSLETTER NO. 29

17th September 2015

Dear Parents,

We open the week with a 26° spring day.... Fantastic!
It has been a long, dreary winter and our bodies need a serious hit of Vitamin D. I hope this weather continues for the school holidays next week.

1 BARKLY STREET SALE

As most families will have seen in the Herald Sun, The Age and the Channel 9 news last Saturday, the house at 1 Barkly Street (that abuts our school) sold at auction for \$3.4 million. The Parish had a strong interest in purchasing the property not only for the children of today, but also looking to the future where our projected numbers through to the year 2035 are expected to grow to 470 (currently at 300).

The Archdiocese of Melbourne, that conducts all property acquisitions on behalf of schools, had the property valued in March 2015 and then again more recently by Charter, Keck and Cramer. Our bidder was then allowed to go to current valuation with a 10% discretion. Unfortunately for the school, the property sold well beyond this and for an East Brunswick record. Father Michael and the Parish fully supported the purchase and were happy to fund 50% of the purchase price. The other 50% would come from a 20 year loan paid for by the school.

The intentions for the property are not yet clear with mixed reports in the newspapers. However Catholics have always been people of hope and we will do our utmost to achieve the best outcome for the school. I will keep you posted with any further developments.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We had amazing weather this past Sunday for our 2nd annual Bunnings Sausage Sizzle in Coburg. We went thought almost all 80kg of sausages, 20kg of onions, 45 loaves of bread and raised around \$2,000.00! I'd like to thank all the volunteers that came out on Sunday: Courtenay Moxon, Michelle Suche, Jacinta Hunter, Tom Schulz, Ali De Araugo, Brenda Hughes, Colette Tobin, Paul Pinkerton, Matt & Isha Richards, Chris Morris, Ron Holmes, Mick Carrick.

LITERACY HELPER NEWS

Just a few reminders for the last term of the year:

· Sign in at the office before you come into the classroom

· Contact teacher in advance if you are unable to make your arranged sessions
· At all times follow the protocol of confidentiality
Thank you to those people who have helped with literacy sessions in the classroom so far this year.

Maria La Rocca - Literacy Leader

FOOTY COLOURS DAY - Friday 18th September

It doesn't matter whether your team is in the finals or even whether they have won the wooden spoon... Show pride in your team and wear your footy colours on Friday 18th to raise money for our Year 6 Graduation and celebrate the end of Term 3. A gold coin is all you need to bring.

MJR AWARD TERM 3 WEEK 9

Foundation C: Rose : being so positive and always trying hard with all class room tasks. You've made a wonderful start.

Foundation B: Amelie you have a knack of taking the good with the bad and whenever a problem comes your way you never give up.

1P: Gabriel for trying really hard to be the best person he can be. You have come such a long way. Keep it up superstar!

1S: Jovita for being so generous with her belongings towards her classmates.

2C: Vincent Vu for demonstrating the 'S' in WEST. Thank you for showing initiative and saying sorry straight away after you accidentally hurt someone.

2V: Madison for being so helpful around the classroom this week. Good initiative Madison!

3M: Tiana- for never seeing a need without doing something about it. We are lucky to have someone so thoughtful in 3M.

3T: Amelia for her amazing positive attitude to her friends and anyone she comes in contact with.

4C: Marvin Collins for his outstanding effort and determination in completing his Geo Expo project with such a positive attitude.

4T: Bipsara- for being ready to help others.

5L: Hamish for always being willing and able to assist in any way!

5B: Jade for being a kind and considerate member of the class.

6K: Joseph for his positive attitude and hard work this term.

WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH, LOVE AND LEARNING

6H: Inez for putting in a great effort during our maths lessons!

TERM 3 CAKE STALL!!!

The next cake stall will be on the last day of Term 3, September 18th at 1 pm!!! This term we are happy to receive sweet and savoury - anything goes!!! If you can please put your class name on the back of your ingredients list. Looking forward to another successful cake stall!! *Lucy Moxon (Mother of Roman 2 V and Stella 1P) Maria Denney (Mother of Grace 6K, Clare 4 C, Sam 2V)*

SCHOOL DIARY - TERM THREE 2015

- 18th September – Footy Colours Day Fundraiser for Yr.6 Graduation
- 18th September – School concludes for Term 3 @ 1pm
- 5th October – School commences for Term 4 @ 8.55am
- 5th October – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm
- 9th October- 2016 School Tour for Prospective families
- 9th October – World Teachers Day
- 12th October – 2016 Foundation Information Night
- 14th October – LOTE Day 2016
- 14th October – Sacrament of Penance Parent Info Night
- 15th October – 2016 Foundation Transition @ 2.15pm
- 17th October – Working Bee #2- L to Z families (*and others who could not make it to the working bee earlier in the year*)
- 19th October – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm
- 22nd October – 2016 Foundation Transition @ 2.15pm
- 23rd October – Children’s Disco @ 6.30 – 8.30 pm
Theme: Born to be Wild
- 28th October – Year 3 Sacrament of Penance @ 7pm
- 2nd November – Report Writing Day – School Closed
- 3rd November – Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
- 5th November – 2016 Foundation Transition @ 2.15pm
- 10th November – 2016 School Tour for Prospective families
- 16th November – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm
- 19th/20th November – Year 6 RACV Energy Breakthrough – Maryborough
- 21st November – Parish Market Day @ St. Ambrose’s
- 27th November – Twilight Athletics Carnival – Fairfield
- 30th November – Swimming – Foundation to Yr 6 #1
- 1st December – Swimming – Foundation to Yr 6 #2
- 2nd December – Swimming – Foundation to Yr 6 #3
- 3rd December – Swimming – Foundation to Yr 6 #4
- 4th December – 2016 School Planning Day – School Closed
- 7th December to 10th December – Swimming #5,6,7,8
- 11th December – Semester 2 reports distributed to families
- 11th December – Year 6 Graduation Mass & Celebration
- 15th December – Semester 2 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 16th December – 2016 Orientation Morning
- 16th December – Term 4 concludes at 1pm

Extend OSHC at

Our Lady Help of Christians School DON'T FORGET ABOUT VACATION CARE!



Dear Parents, Careers and Families,
I would like to let you know I will be away for 3 weeks starting in the second week of Vacation Care. I am getting married and going away for our honeymoon.

Mark will be here as Team Leader the second week of Vacation Care and hopefully for the first two weeks of term. If you have any questions while I am away, feel free to ask him or call Head Office. I hope you all have a great break and I will see you Week 3 next term.

Thanks, Kasey.

WEEKLY RECAP

Last we enjoyed being outside as much as we could. We had big numbers and were busy playing tiggly and our favourite netball game. The children enjoyed clay creations on Friday, creating different sand gardens and boats. We are all looking forward to the holidays next week, especially our incursions and excursions.

Our Extend Superstar this week is Greta. Greta is always offering to help staff prepare afternoon tea or help with other jobs. She is always willing to help others and always has a smile on her face.

Next week’s activities

- Monday 21st September:
Cooking and Lots of Sport games
- Tuesday 22nd September:
Construction Towers, Soccer & Incursion- Footy
- Wednesday 23rd September: Thursday 24th September:
Science, Balloon games, Craft Excursion- Werribee Zoo
- Friday 25th September:
3D Maps, Chinese Ball and PARTY AFTERNOON
- Monday 28th September:
Spice Dough, Sport & Incursion- Woodwork
- Tuesday 29th September: Wednesday 30th September:
Cooking, Volleyball, Craft Science, Painting, Touch Footy
- Thursday 1st October: Friday 2nd October:
EXCURSION- Inflatable World PUBLIC HOLIDAY- CLOSED

SIMONDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE
Imagine your son going to a school where he is known, supported and inspired

Our Open Afternoon is the perfect chance to meet with our friendly staff, students and parents about their experience at Simonds Catholic College. Alternatively, join one of our weekly tours conducted by our Principal.

Bookings are essential, please register your interest online.
Open Afternoon: www.trybooking.com/LTQ
School Tours: www.trybooking.com/LTH or contact Nikki Williams on 03 9221 9206 or email nwilliams@scmeb.catholic.edu.au

St Mary's Campus
273 Victoria St
WEST MELBOURNE 3003

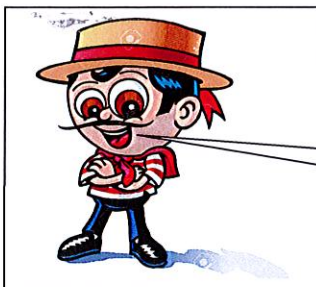
St Bridget's Campus
Cnr Alexandra Pde & Nicholson St
FITZROY NORTH 3048

T: 03 9221 9200
W: www.scmeb.catholic.edu.au

OPEN AFTERNOON
Monday, 12th October 2015
3.30pm to 6.00pm
St Mary's Campus, West Melbourne

Thanks to everyone for a busy and most successful term. I hope you have some quality family time over the school break.

Philip Cachia
Principal



ITALIAN DAY NEWSLETTER

Let's celebrate **Forza Italia Day!**

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. It will give you many details regarding this year's Italian Day festivities (**Wednesday, 14th October**) and hopefully will answer any questions you may have concerning your child's involvement on the day.

This term the students have been working on a unit in Italian with a focus on learning about Italian icons. Italy has many symbols that represent what is unique about the country, reflecting different aspects of its geography, cultural life and history. These icons have become famous worldwide and the Italian cultural influence is very much visible in this country too from Italian cuisine, fashion labels and products. Hence, I have tried to match the theme for the day – Forza Italia! (Go Italy!) to compliment what they have been learning in their Italian lessons and extend their learning in an entertaining way. In so doing we are celebrating and showing an appreciation of Italy's vast array of cultural icons! It is also a good opportunity to be reminded of the benefits of learning a second language and how it teaches us to respect other cultures and also enriches our understanding of our own language and culture.

Our Forza Italia Day! on October 14th will involve a variety of classroom activities and competitions for all the children. Please encourage your child to participate in as many activities as possible so that they are ensured of having a memorable and entertaining day!

The celebration day will begin with a costume parade in the assembly area around 9a.m. (weather permitting). You are very welcome to be present at this event and cheer the students on as they take part in the parade. Please support your child by helping them put together a simple costume for this event. This does not need to be anything expensive as children can make use of what they already have at home or they may even create parts of their costume with readily available materials. They are encouraged to wear a costume relevant to the theme (i.e. something related to Italian icons, of course you can throw in lots of green, white and red too!). See the list at the end of this newsletter for more specific ideas.

During the course of the day, students will also be exposed to some theatrical entertainment. The Comica Variety theatre group has been booked to perform the bilingual show "La Festa Italiana"; this show is provided for student viewing only. For the remainder of the day, students have an opportunity to engage in a variety of classroom games and activities appropriate for their level and related to the day's theme. Children who have placed an Italian-style lunch order will also be able to indulge in some pizza and gelato options on the day. All lunch orders should have been returned this week as orders will be processed and finalised during the holidays. **As indicated in a recent newsletter, I am seeking volunteer helpers for the distribution of Italian Day lunches on this day from approximately 12.20pm -130pm, so if you can assist, please email me at: dpiovesan@olbrunwickeast.catholic.edu.au or ring the school on 9380 5050.**

A number of Italian Day competitions have been put in place for students at no cost so if you hear your child talk about them at home, please encourage them to have a go at entering. It's all about participating and having fun! Each child has been asked to enter their level's colouring competition which focuses on a famous Italian icon. The Foundation children have completed their entry at school while the other children in recent weeks, were given permission to take their entry home for completion. All colouring competition **entries are now due** as it takes me many hours to put them all up on display and I would like to complete this task during the school holidays. This display will also form a visual and colourful backdrop for the day. Please take the time to admire the children's artwork once it is on display. All winners of competitions will be awarded a small prize.

The grade 5/6 children participated in an Italian Poetry Recital last week; this activity forms the basis for a competition as well as a formal assessment of their learning. Once the initial recitals are complete, a small group of finalists will then proceed to the next stage of the competition to be held early in term 4. Children will be notified of the date of this once finalists are announced. Buona Fortuna grade 5/6 students!

COSTUME IDEAS FOR FORZA ITALIA DAY! PARADE

Each year I encourage the children to dress according to the Italian Day theme. My aim is to add a different dimension of learning each year so they are not doing the same thing every year! It encourages the children to extend their classroom learning by thinking about an appropriate costume and perhaps even researching information about their selection. They could be encouraged to find out some facts about their Italian icon costume and share this with their class during the celebration day.

Hopefully the following list will give you enough inspiration. You can make it a full costume or even create a simple headdress to represent the theme: A celebration and appreciation of Italian Icons! Your child may enjoy contributing to the creation of their costume! Please ensure that any accessories are safe and comfortable.

Encourage your child to show an appreciation for the great array of Italian icons by:

- Creating a replica of their favourite Italian icon and wearing it! (E.g. pizza, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Ferrari, Vespa, Lamborghini, Colosseum, gondola, the Italian flag, spaghetti and meatballs, Italy's boot shape, cappuccino, gelato, etc)
- Printing a copy of various Italian icons and pinning them to a wearable t-shirt Some Italian icons could include: famous Italian bridges, famous Italian churches, Italian art, Italian food, Italian fashion labels, etc)
- Painting the names of Italian icons onto a wearable shirt.
- Dressing up as a famous Italian icon character (E.g. Pinocchio, Arlecchino, Venetian gondolier, pizza maker, Roman gladiator, Nintendo's Mario or Luigi, La Befana, Calimero, etc)
- Dressing up as an Italian soccer player or representing an Italian Soccer team. (E.g. Gli Azzurri, Juventus, AC Milan, Roma, Gianluigi Buffon, Alessandro Del Piero, etc)
- Dressing up as a famous Italian historical figure. (E.g. Leonardo Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Marco Polo, Galileo Galilei, etc)
- Dressing up as a Ferrari racing driver
- Creating a mask and dressing up to depict the famous Venetian Carnevale
- Dressing up in a traditional Italian folk costume

Hope these ideas are helpful and inspire you! Of course you can browse on the Internet for many more ideas. Whatever your choice, make it easy, inexpensive and try to get your child involved so that it enriches their learning!

Kind regards,
Dalida Piovesan (Italian Teacher)



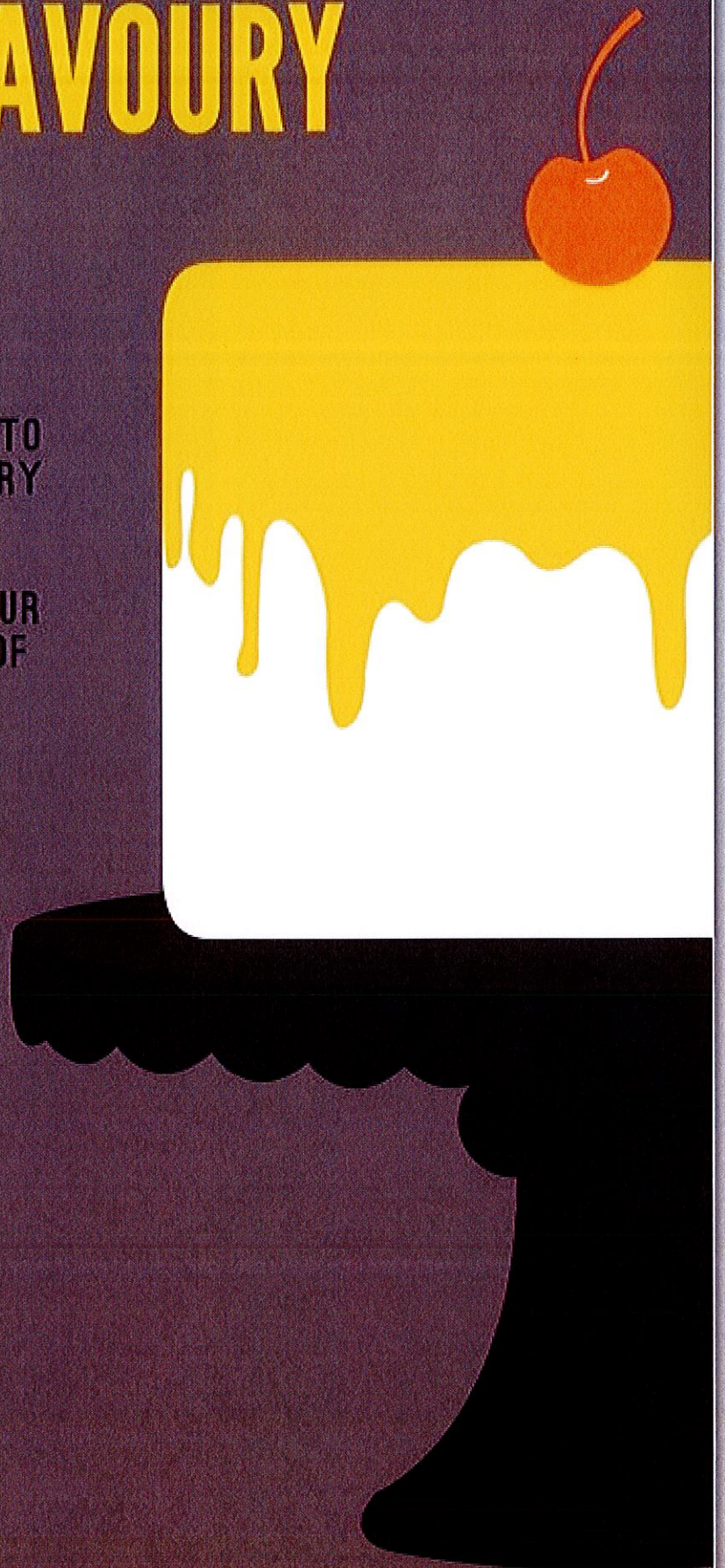
CAKE OR SAVOURY

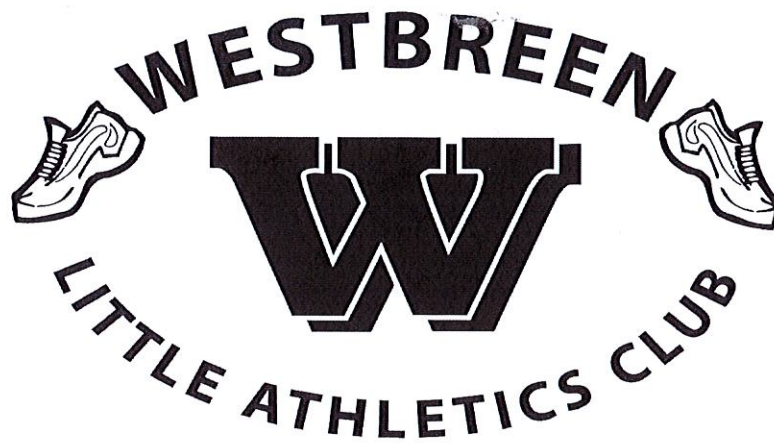
SEPTEMBER 18TH 1 PM

THIS TERM WE ARE HAPPY TO
RECEIVE SWEET AND SAVOURY
ANYTHING GOES!!!

IF YOU CAN PLEASE PUT YOUR
CLASS NAME ON THE BACK OF
YOUR INGREDIENTS LIST.

LUCY MOXON
&
MARIA DENNEY





Are you between 5 and 15 years of age?

Run, Jump or Throw yourself into Little Athletics for Westbreen, where FITNESS is FUN in a family friendly atmosphere. Learn new skills, get fit or keep fit over summer and make new friends. Westbreen is a family orientated club that prides itself on rewarding and encouraging all athletes. It is one of the oldest clubs at the Coburg Athletics centre with a proud tradition.

Skills learnt at Little Athletics will provide a basis for many sports. Running, jumping and throwing activities help develop balance, flexibility, strength and confidence. The main emphasis is on participation and improvement of individual athletes at all age levels.

Come and Try / Registration Days are on Saturday 17th and 24th September 2015 between 10.00am & noon, first time athletes will need to bring proof of age on registration day e.g birth certificate.

Competition is mainly on a Saturday morning and starts on 10 October at 8:30am. There is free general training available on Wednesday evenings 5.30pm to 6.30pm commencing 23rd September as well as specialised training. To make sure athletes are fit and ready to go we have Pre Season Conditioning Training which starts Wednesday 2nd September 5.30pm til 6.30pm

Fees are \$165 for the year including Winter Cross Country Season. Fees consist of;

LAVic & Coburg Centre Fee: \$135 per athlete for the first 3 children in 1 family with the 4th & subsequent children free

Westbreen Registration Fee: \$30; Uniform: T-Shirt & Cap \$30

Shorts: \$10 - additional

Only cash or cheque can be accepted on the day as there is no EFTPOS facilities available

Want to know more contact:

Westbreen Little Athletics

Rosa Scroggie Ph: 0412 624 407

Where to attend:

HAROLD STEVENS RESERVE

Outlook Road, Coburg