



God of wind and fire, let your Spirit renew our lives and bring us tenderness and joy, openness to one another, and the courage to stand up for all that is right and just so that all divisions between peoples may be dispersed.

Pentecost Prayer from St Anne's Church, Kalinga

From the Principal:

Well, my travels are over and so I have enjoyed the challenge of returning to the busy rhythm inherent in every active school community. Exams and assessment activities are certainly the key focus at this time of the year. This week especially, we offer our support and prayers for our senior students as they complete the first round of VCE exams, including the General Assessment Test (GAT). The GAT provides VCAA with an independent measure of students' capabilities and also serves as an important safety net in the case of future assessment issues. Further details are in each student's Navigator booklet or via VCAA website.

Once again, we will be offering parents the opportunity to book their preferred meeting times for Progress Meetings. Not only are these Progress Meetings an integral part of our reporting procedures, but they provide a unique opportunity to affirm your daughter's progress and commitment to her improvement in learning. Students are becoming increasingly able leaders of this conversation, and I encourage all parents to celebrate their great efforts.

Where renewed efforts or alternative strategies are required, this three way conversation provides a platform for a shared understanding. Please do not hesitate to contact your daughter's Home Group teacher should you need assistance with this process.

I congratulate those students and staff who are attending regular sessions to prepare for our upcoming production, The Little Shop of Horrors, the Hybrid Car vehicles and our Debutante Balls. Thanks to those staff and student leaders who have developed an alternative time for the Year 12 Retreat, culminating on Friday 12 June with the Mater Christi and St Joseph Colleges' Social. I am delighted to share one parent's acknowledgement of the ongoing success of our TMR (Year 10 My Restaurant Rules) dinners with the following words: 'overawed by the presentation', 'absolutely fantastic', 'sensational evening'. In addition, we are all hoping that a third and final attempt to hold our Cross Country event will meet with success.

Finally, I wish to thank the many students who have responded positively to a renewed effort to improve the lunchtime clean up procedures. In addition to heeding the messages of student

Environment Group leaders regarding litter issues, let's all consider the message from this year's World Environment Day: "Your Planet needs you! Unite to combat climate change." What better action can we do to celebrate creation at the local level than take care of our beautiful environment.

We congratulate and pray for Vicar General Msgr Les Tomlinson on his ordination next week as Auxiliary Bishop, particularly responsible for the pastoral care of our eastern communities. May God bless him and his future work with us.

2009 marks the 50th anniversary of the consecration of St Thomas More as a Catholic Parish. Our College community has been enriched through our parish friends and we look forward to celebrating on 19 June, commencing with Mass at 11.00am.

And let us remember especially in our prayers the family, friends, colleagues, past school communities and especially staff and students at St Joseph's College Melbourne following the death of their principal, Maree Johnson.

Mary Fitz-Gerald Principal



Company Members and Board Directors gathered for the recent AGM

During this term Year 9 Science classes have been studying Astronomy. As well as looking at the Universe in general, we've explored our own Solar System. The highlight of this has been an excursion to the Victorian Space Science Education Centre in Strathmore where we had a simulated space flight and walk on Mars.

To begin the day the students in each class were split into two teams called Vikings and Mariners, and these teams were further divided into Astronauts and Mission Controllers. The astronauts prepared for the space launch by gearing up with full space suits, including space

boots, full helmets, oxygen tanks and various tools to work with while on the Martian surface.

While on Mars the astronauts gathered samples and communicated with their team members at Mission Control, reporting on their progress. Team members in Mission Control had the responsibility of monitoring the work and the safety of the astronauts. This included entering data onto the computers and solving problems, such as calculating whether there was enough fuel for the astronauts to return to Earth. Later in the day we swapped roles so that everyone had a

chance to work as both astronauts and Mission Controllers. At the end of the space mission all of the Vikings and Mariners met in the laboratory to run experiments and analyse some of the Martian samples we had collected. We even got to see water poured over a tub of dry ice, which was really amazing. Heavy pools of soft white cloud spilled over and fell to the floor, covering our feet.

Overall it was a great day. It's not every day you get to travel to Mars. Who knows, maybe we have some budding astronauts and mission controllers in our midst.



Maths Week

During Maths Week we held the Mater Kakuro Championship. A Kakuro puzzle is a cross between a Sudoku puzzle and a crossword. Each row or column of digits in the puzzle must add to the number shown on the row or column. Many puzzles were completed both in and out of the classroom and over 40 entries were received. The Championship Round was held at the end of the week. The Senior Champion was Sarah Wang and the Junior Champion was Cassandra Olive. Miss Denver was the teacher champion. Congratulations to all who participated!

Debby Gould Domain Manager, Maths

Year 7 students and their families participated in the Family Maths Night during Maths week also. At the start of the evening we had to measure ourselves before sitting at tables with other families. We played different games and maths activities. Afterwards we were given word problems and played some games on the electronic whiteboard. The student teacher who took our measurements at the start of the evening put that information into graphs. We had a maths competitions and families that answered the questions won prizes!! There was a yummy supper provided by the VCAL students and everyone really enjoyed the night!

By Emelia, Priyanka, Sabrina & Hayley Year 7



Mater Christi Calling!

It is time to remind everyone of our policy relating to the use of Mobile Phones and Electronic Communication Devices. The full policy is on pages 12 - 14 of the Student Planner and is sent out with the Student Details Updates each year for signatures.

In short

Mobile phones and electronic communication devices (eg iPods, MP3s) are not to be used or visible during school hours or while participating in school excursions, camps and extra curricular activities.

If brought to school, these items are to remain locked in the student's locker and out of sight and use for the duration of the school day.

Exceptions

These items are now an important part of the technologies available to students for the delivery of aspects of their learning.

Limited use of mobile phones and electronic communication devices will be permitted within the classroom when their use is deemed to be directly curriculum or learning related as determined by the classroom teacher.

In exceptional and defined circumstances, there may be other authorised uses (eg for medical purposes).

Health Centre contact

If a girl is unwell and needs to be picked up from school she must report to the Health Centre where the Nurse will ring home and authorise exit from school. Girls are not to ring home for this purpose themselves.

Uniform

It is now a requirement that when girls wear PE Uniform to and from school in Terms 2 and 3 they wear the tracksuit pants and NOT shorts. This is the winter PE Uniform. The requirement was announced nearly 12 months ago when we had a 50% sale of PE Uniform items and the requirement is printed in the Student Planner on Page 16.

Just as girls do not wear summer dresses to school in Terms 2 and 3, they are not to wear shorts to school in these terms. Shorts may be worn under the track pants or can be changed into at school for sporting activities.

Mary Close
Deputy Principal - Welfare

Year 9 Community Day

Last week the Year 9 girls travelled by train to St Joseph's College in Ferntree Gully for a community day. When we arrived our College Chaplain, Kathleen Ward led a short liturgy based on the Indigenous Community. We then enjoyed lunch which was provided by the boys.

After lunch we had the opportunity to socialise and participate in a range of activities organized by the Year Level Leaders from Mater Christi and St Josephs. Some of the activities included 3 legged races, the wheel to win prizes, chocolate squares and table tennis. To raise money for the Indigenous Community, there was also a food stall selling doughnuts, cupcakes, chocolates and popcorn.

Everyone had a great day making new friends and we raised over \$300!

Carla Bast on behalf of the Year 9 Core Group Representatives



Year 11
Macbeth Performance

Leadership Certificate Program

In preparation for assuming roles at school and in the community, Mater Christi has committed to providing leadership and mentoring opportunities in the form of the Mater Christi Leadership Certificate. Girls in Year 9 will be introduced to this program at a level assembly on 17 June. At this assembly, all Year 9 girls will be given an individual folder containing full details of the program and a letter asking them whether they are ready to commit to the program. We ask that parents discuss this with their daughters and sign and return the reply slip by 24 July.

Janine Bauman
Head of Middle School

The Edge excursion to Reading Matters

What could be better than going into the city to listen to four great writers and then spending the afternoon in Borders? I can't think of anything, so the Edge library group went into the city to Listen to Bernard Beckett, author of Genesis; Alison Goodman, author of The Two Pearls of Wisdom; MT Anderson, who has one of the best opening lines written in a book called Feed. 'We went to the

moon, but the moon totally sucked.' The last author was John Green who wrote Paper Towns. They were all very funny and there were two performances, one from Genesis and the other from Paper Towns.

After the performances and talks we enjoyed lunch in Melbourne Central and spent a leisurely hour browsing for books in Borders.

Helena Parker Library Captain





Changed Contact Details?

As a matter of safety, it is very important that we have accurate parent and emergency contact details.

Please advise any changes immediately.



Photographic Talent?

The local Bendigo Bank is running a Photographic competition, to capture the natural beauty of our local landscapes. This competition is open to anyone, students, parents and staff, with prizes, and the opportunity of having your photographs published in a 2010 calendar!

For further information, please visit the Upwey Bendigo Bank or see Ms Ricci for further information and entry forms.



Environment News World Environment Day – June 5 2009

Last Friday was World Environment Day and the theme this year was "Your planet needs YOU!" The United Nations Environment Programme asks us to unite to combat climate change by using less and acting more to make a difference.

At Mater Christi, the Environment Group is combating climate change by asking everyone to turn off their computer screens when they finish using them. Computers in classrooms and computer labs are automatically switched off at the end of the day, but monitors remain on stand-by. There are hundreds of

Belgrave Lantern Parade

Belgrave Big & Bright!
Saturday June 20, 2009

The Lantern Parade is a family and community participation event – so make your own lanterns or join in with your local school or community group to make a big, bright lantern to celebrate together. Music on the streets from 4:00pm, Street performers from 5:00pm

Lantern Making Demonstrations and Workshops are coming up soon – details below or to get your own free Lantern Making instruction sheets go to the lantern parade web site: www.burrinja.org.au/lanternparade



computers around the school and we can save many black balloons if they are all switched off when not in use. The Environment Group has placed reminder posters in all rooms with computers. They have also made posters asking classes to consider turning off lights and heating where appropriate.

Perhaps families could consider and encourage these actions at home also? Let's all act more to prevent drastic climate change.

<http://www.unep.org/wed/2009/english/>

Mater Christi
going green with solar panels



Important dates

- Friday 12
Start of VCE Units 2 & 4
MCC/St Joseph's Social
- Thursday 18
SCSA Cross Country
- Monday 22
Semester Reports Posted
- Tuesday 23
SCSA Hockey
- Music Camp Commences
- Wednesday 24
Last Day VCE Taster Sign-Up
- Thursday 25
All students dismissed at 1:00pm
Progress Meetings Years 7 - 12
2:00pm - 8:30pm
- Friday 26
Music Camp Concludes
- Sunday 11 July
Feast of St Benedict
- Monday 13
Staff Professional Learning Day
No Classes
- Tuesday 14
Term 3 Commences

Canteen Roster

- Monday 15 June
Frida Kassis
- Tuesday 16
Pauline Gibcus
- Wednesday 17
Angela Conner
- Thursday 18
Brenda Felton
- Friday 19
Robyn Carter
- Monday 22
Virginia Currie
- Tuesday 23
Robynne Lynch, Kay Murray
- Wednesday
Una Steele



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