Reflection

The Mystery and Power of the Cross

The Cross is the central symbol of the Christian faith. It reminds us of the depth of God’s love, of Jesus’ suffering and death, as well as his resurrection. It is the symbol of God’s victory over death. Let us begin our prayer by joining in the simple ritual of Christian life, calling to mind the love of God.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel of John. (Jn 3:16-17)

God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost,
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world,
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.

For all who face difficulty and suffering at this time, may the cross of Christ inspire us.
For those persecuted unjustly, may the passion of Christ heal us.
For those who are afraid, may the love of Christ protect us.
For those feeling overwhelmed by their ‘crosses’, may the arms of Christ enfold us.

Compassionate God, may our imitation of the selfless loving of your Son Jesus Christ, lighten our burdens, strengthen our faith and inspire us to be hopeful witnesses to your saving love. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Dear Parents/Carer’s

As you read this, Mrs J, Mrs Hynes, Mrs Hall and myself will be experiencing life in an Aboriginal community, in the Kimberley. We will be staying in the Djarindjin and Lombadina communities, which are situated about 200km north of Broome, about 15 minutes from Cape Leveque. It is a beautiful part of the world and the aboriginal people are very hospitable.

It is an opportunity for the staff to gain an insight into the lives of these people and to meet and discuss many of the issues that are important to them. This experience will be extremely valuable for the teachers in their work with our children, especially incorporating Aboriginal perspectives across the curriculum.
We hope that everybody has a restful and safe holiday and that we are all refreshed when it is time to return for term 3 on Monday July 14th.

The first week back will be very exciting for our year 4/5/6 class as they head off to Torquay for their school camp, on Wednesday 16th until Friday 18th July.

LITERACY AT ANNUNCIATION

Literacy at Annunciation for Terms Three and Four, will be taking a new and exciting approach. During the second half of the year we will be reshaping our approach to the two hours each day that we focus on the teaching and learning of literacy. The children from Foundation through to year 6 will be catered for by five teachers – Mrs. Mary, Mrs. Hynes, Mrs. Dorothea Johnson, Mrs. Helen Johnson and Mrs. Hall.

In effect, each teacher will be responsible for about 13 children. This is a marvelous opportunity for the extra attention for each child and, we expect, a boost for each child’s learning. If you would like to know more about how this will work, please come along and talk to me about it.
CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN 2015?
Those families that have a child entering school next year are asked to collect an enrolment form from the office and complete it. If anyone knows of another family that wishes to enroll their child, or come and have a look at Annunciation, please encourage them to make contact also. We are always very eager to welcome new families into the Annunciation family.

CHANGE OF DATE – NEXT PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING
I hope it doesn’t inconvenience anyone, but the next P and F meeting has been pushed back by one week to Monday July 28th. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

SCHOOL FEES
Friendly reminder Term 2 school fees are now due. Could you please bring your accounts up to date as soon as possible? If you wish to discuss any matters about school fees, could you please see either Barry or Connie. Thank you. Also camp payment of $150 is also now due. All camp payments must be made before camp date.

LIBRARY BORROWING
A reminder that children, mums and dads, will be able to borrow books from the library on any day of the week. Katy Hall will be available at the start of lunchtime, each day, to supervise the borrowing of books for the children. Parents are very welcome to borrow books at any time during the day, before or after school. Please remind your child.

UNIFORMS
There have been quite a lot of problems this year with uniform items being misplaced, lost etc. Could you please make sure that you label each item of uniform with your child’s name. You must check on a regular basis that their name is still visible after a few washes. We have also had cases where an item has been labelled but unable to be found anywhere in the school. Could you please check to see if your child has brought home a windcheater/bomber jacket that is not theirs and return to school.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Thank you to all the families who contributed food items to the St. Vincent de Paul food drive. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Congratulations to our senior soccer team on their emphatic 3-0 victory over St Joseph’s College Geelong in the ACC Division 1 Grand Final. Best wishes to the team in representing the ACC in the Melbourne City Cup. Congratulations also to our senior netball team on their victory over Penola College in the SACCSS Grand Final and to Josh Hahnel on his selection in the ACC cricket team of the year.
HOBSONS BAY LIBRARY
Children’s school holiday program: Little Worlds
Explore the wonders of the Little Worlds around us with the interactive insects and minibeasts show, make your own bug or butterfly, enjoy A Little Bit of Blue puppet show and watch a mystery movie. Celebrate NAIDOC Week with the Didgeman and learn how to play the didgeridoo.

Monday, 30th June to Friday, 11th July
For bookings phone 1300 HOB LIB / 1300462 542 or please go to the library website http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/children

Youth school holiday program
Minecraft is back! A game about adventures with friends, breaking and placing blocks, building structures and watching out for nocturnal monsters. Bring your own laptop or use one of the libraries'. But get in quick as spaces are limited. Pizza and soft drinks provided.

Parental/guardian permission required for all participants on the day.

Two sessions: Wednesday, 2nd July and Monday, 7th July
2.30pm to 4.00pm
Altona North Community Library
Ages 12+

For bookings phone 1300 HOB LIB / 1300462 542 or please go the library website http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/youth

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