Reflection - Lent
Next week we celebrate Ash Wednesday which signifies the beginning of Lent. During this time, God asks us, to prepare for Easter by acts of self-denial or by performing Acts of Charity. Jesus taught that we should care for one another; hence the opportunity presents itself during the season of Lent to really focus on helping those around us, either at home, school or in the workplace.

Tips for Making Lent More Meaningful
1. Slow Down. Set aside 10 minutes a day for silent prayer or meditation. It will revitalise your body and your spirit.
2. Read a good book. You could choose the life of a saint, an inspirational book or one of the pope’s new books.
3. Be Kind. Go out of your way to do something nice for someone else every day.
4. Volunteer at your parish. Whether it’s the parish fundraiser, cleaning the church or helping with the Children’s Liturgy, it will be a great chance to help others.
5. Pray. Especially for people you don’t particularly like and for people who don’t like you.
6. Tune Out. Turn off the television and spend quality time talking with family members or friends.
7. Clean Out Closets. Donate used items to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Reminder School Board AGM
The Catholic Education Commission of WA requires that all Catholic schools hold an Annual School Community Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is for the School Board to report to the Community on the overall management of the school. Where necessary, elections take place at this meeting to fill any vacancies for the coming year. This meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 February, at 4.30pm in the staff room. If you are interested in nominating for the School Board, please leave your name at the office.

Functions of the School Board
• Planning for the present and future operation of the school.
• Providing membership on selection panels for the employment of staff to the school.
• Passing on information about the school and about Catholic Education to persons and organisations in the community.
• Liaising in all matters relating to the financial management of the school with persons and organisations in the local Catholic community.
• Managing all finances associated with the school.
• Advising the Principal with respect to school policy that has financial implications.

Criteria for Membership of the Board
• Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board
• A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
• A desire to give service to the Catholic community
• A keenness to promote Catholic schooling
• An ability to work co-operatively and constructively with all other members of the Board
• A sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties

REMINDER CENSUS DAY (Tomorrow, February 13th)
The government funding we receive is determined by the number of students at school and unexplained absences can lead to the school receiving fewer funds. Please ensure your child is at school on Friday, February 13th and if they are not, then please notify the school in writing with a valid reason.

P&F AGM
The P&F AGM will take place on Wednesday 25th February, 2015 at 2:30pm in the library.
Year 4 Parent Information Session
This will be held on Thursday, 19th February at 3pm in the Year 4 classroom.

Letter from the Director
Please find attached a letter from the Executive Director of Catholic Education - Western Australia.

Ms Heather Away
Please note that Ms Heather will be away for the next two weeks due to Catholic Education Induction and Graduation Ceremony. We are in the process of finding a replacement.

EDI Fact Sheet
Has been included in this newsletter.

Junior Swimming Carnival and Lessons
Have been moved to Term 4.

Fr Paul Away
Fr Paul will be away for the next three weeks to undergo minor surgery. We pray for a speedy recovery. Fr John will assume responsibility for the parish in his absence.

Out of the Mouth of Children
A minister was asking a group of children, "Do you know where God lives?" One excited little boy raised his hand and replied, "In the bathroom!!" "In the bathroom?" questioned the minister. "Yes" said the boy adamantly. "What makes you think he lives there?" asked the minister. "Well, just this morning, my dad went to the bathroom door, knocked and said 'Good Lord are you still in there?'"

Enjoy the coming weekend

Rob Palladino
Principal

Dates to Remember
Wed. 18th February School Board AGM at 4.30pm in the staff room
Thurs. 19th February Year 4 Parent Information Session at 3pm in classroom
Wed. 25th February P & F AGM at 2:30pm in the library

Merit Awards
The following children will receive Merit Awards at Friday's assembly at 1.45 pm. Parents are welcome to attend our assemblies.

Year 1 Luke Bailey, Maliah Patrick
Year 2 Rebecca Bunworth, Jacqui Brooking
Year 3 Skyla Malay, Ginger Mardling
Year 4 Toby Mandziak, Leolia Jackstonburg, Layla Hunter
Year 5 Tyzeal Williams-Wilson, Susannah Kempton, Mia Hunter
Year 6 Mitchell Bradley, Rose Carter, Max Mardling

Newsletter Incentive
Please ask your child to return the Newsletter Incentive acknowledgement slip as it gives them an opportunity to win a prize.

I have received and read my child ________________________________ newsletter.
Parent / Caregiver signature: ________________________________