Quote of the Week
Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.
Francis of Assisi

Annual Improvement Plan – Mass Parts and Rituals
As part of the school’s Annual Improvement Plan, under the section of Discipleship, we plan to share with the community, the different parts of the mass and the meaning behind some of the rituals.

The first part of the mass is known as the Introductory Rite and includes the Entrance Song, The Greeting, Penitential Rite, Gloria and The Opening Prayer.

Ritualistic Action
When people enter the church they dip their right hand in holy water and make the sign of the cross. This is a reminder of their baptism and their baptismal promises.

The Importance of Reading to Your Child

A VIVID imagination is the key to a child’s cognitive development, experts say. And parents are being urged to play their part by encouraging children to fine tune their creativity by reading to them from the moment they are born.

New research, commissioned by The Sunday Times, showed 80 per cent of children watched television and movies and 67 per cent played games on computers in the past six months. Most parents (82 per cent) had also encouraged their children to create artworks and finger paint in the past six months. When it came to reading, the research found 79 per cent of parents laid in bed with their kids to make reading more fun. Sixty-six per cent had encouraged their kids to read along with them and more than half read books in voices of the story’s characters.

State Library of WA director of community learning and discovering, Elizabeth Spencer, said encouraging children to use their imagination, specifically with picture books, developed their ability to experiment with ideas, solve problems, adapt to change and build resilience. “Sharing storybooks with engaging pictures and illustrations captures a child’s imagination and assists the development of creativity,” she said.

“Traditional stories, fairy-tales and nursery rhymes have rich language, while pictures and visual imagery enable multiple readings and interpretations. “She said it was important for children to be encouraged into a rich literary life from a young age. “The first few years of life are important for later learning, as 75 per cent of brain development occurs in the first three years of life,” she said.

Reminder - Long Weekend
Don't forget that next week, school starts up again on Wednesday, 3rd June. Monday is the Foundation Day holiday and Tuesday is our Catholic School Day (in Western Australia Catholic schools are granted one extra day's leave during the year, in recognition of their commitment to Church activities).
Signs Seen Near a Church
A singing group called "The Resurrection" was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the pastor fixed the outside sign to read, "The Resurrection is postponed."

Enjoy the coming weekend and Freo to keep winning by defeating Adelaide by 36 points.

Rob Palladino
Principal

Dates to Remember
- Monday 1st June: Foundation Day Public Holiday
- Tuesday 2nd June: Pupil Free Day – School’s Catholic Day
- Friday 5th June: Year 3 Assembly item (rescheduled from 29th May)

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 3: Johanan Milgin, Nathaniel Bunworth
- Year 4: Ralema Iga, Amber Newman-Martin, Juwaan Skinner
- Year 5: Pounamu Brien, Cailliam Carpio, Madison Atkinson
- Year 6: Jasmine Van Vugt, Mitchell Bradley

Health Care Card Discount on Tuition Fees
To access the discount, parents/caregivers will need to show a valid card and complete a simple Application Form.
If you have already supplied details of your health care card or pension card please notify reception of a current expiry date as discounts cannot be applied to school fees if your card has expired. Thank you.

‘Junior Tennis’ Coaching Clinic at Derby Tennis Courts
Run by Professional Coaches from Broome visiting Derby!
Saturday 13 June 2015 - $15 per child per session

10am to 11.30am - first session (5 – 7 year olds)
11.30 to 1pm - Lunch break (lunch available)
1pm to 2.30pm - second session (8-12 year olds)

3pm to 4pm - mini game with all kids (this is for all kids to join in, optional for younger kids to stay)

(All balls, racquets, coaching equipment is supplied) Lunch/inc drink is separate - $5 per child (please bring sunblock, a water bottle and hat)
For registrations or further info, please contact Sally Courtney 0429 963 756 (please indicate if you would like lunch supplied) or email courtney.marketing@yahoo.com.au

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: ____________________________