



Wednesday 2nd March 2016 Term 1

Week 6

Religious Education Matters

In Religious Education this term, Year 5 students have been learning about Lent is a Time for Reconciliation.

Year 5 have been exploring the question what does the Parable the Prodigal Son teach us about Lent?

Dear God,

I praise you because you are so merciful and forgiving of us, no matter how lost we might become.

I am sorry for the times I have been selfish and put my own desires above the needs of others.

I ask you to help those people who have squandered your gifts, that they may hear about your forgiveness and turn back to you.

I want to become more like Jesus by using my gifts to spread your messages of love and mercy to the people around me.

Amen

Lent is a time to repent to God for our sins



Lent is a time to show mercy to those who have wronged us

Lent is a time for us to prepare for Jesus' sacrifice by praying, self denial and almsgiving



Lent is a time to think about our sins



Lent is a time for us to sacrifice small things to repent for our sins and seek God's salvation

Who in the parable reminds us of God? Why?

The father reminds us of God because he forgave his son even when his son did something bad just like the way God forgives us when we sin. The father reminds us of God because the father forgave his son and didn't get mad just like God forgives us no matter what happens. The father reminds us of God because he celebrated and cut the fattest calf for him. He even gave him a robe, ring and sandals to wear.

The father reminds us of God because in verse 19 the father ran and put his arms around his son and kissed him.

Who in the parable reminds us of ourselves? Why?

The younger son reminds us of ourselves because in the bible passage he sinned against God and his father and we sin to God and our fathers sometimes. The younger son reminds us of ourselves because when the younger son, disobeyed his father, take his son's net to go he went anyway that's like us. Sometimes we disobey our parents and we ask for forgiveness.

This can be found in verse 13 because when the younger son got his share of the property he reported to a distant country and here he squandered his money.

Jesus Told a parable.



What Does The Parable Of The Prodigal Son teach us about Lent?

Lent is a time that we have to prepare for the Sacra sacrifice of Jesus.

Lent is a time to convert back to God if we have lost him.

Lent is a time to repent just like the Prodigal son did in the Scripture passage.

Lent is a time to give up small things in our lives to become more like God and Jesus.

Lent is a time to show respect to others to become a better person so that we can have eternal life in heaven.

Lent is a time to forgive other people who have wronged us in a terrible way.



Student Awards

We congratulate this week's Student of the Week Award recipients:

Kindy Semisi Saulala & Charelle Agito

Year 1 Anweshi Ghale & Amarise Koroma

Year 2 Nicholas Anjoul & Shaun Kynoch-Kelly

Year 3 Chanel Jekki & Prince Nyakoi

Year 4 Taylor Yacoub & Mansour El Boutty

Year 5 Chris Mamari & Daisy Habib

Year 6 Jacob Georges & Richard Niulala



Principal's Message

Catholic Schools Week

From 6-12 March, our school will join with more than 620 Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate the annual Catholic Schools Week. We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage, and are committed to celebrating and showcasing the achievements of students in our school.

This year's theme is **'I belong. You belong. We belong.'**

This week you have received an invitation to join us during this very special week, as we celebrate many events starting on Monday the 7th of March. On Monday we will begin the day in prayer, followed by Open Classrooms and Student Led Conferences and finishing with a picnic on the grounds. At 11.45am, we will stop to pray the Angelus and begin normal class lessons by 12 noon. I am looking forward to a morning of prayer and community building.

On Thursday we will conduct our first Parent Walk for the year. If you would like to participate in this event please meet Mrs Baird in the Hall at 9.15pm. Our Parent Group Representative meeting will commence at 10am and conclude at 10.30am. All parents are welcome to join us.

School Photos

Next Tuesday we will have our annual school photo day. A letter went home this week asking parents to ensure that the new school uniform is worn on this day. It also asks parents, wishing to have sibling photos taken, to collect a sibling package envelope from the school office. Just a reminder that this is a school day and hairstyles must conform with our school policy.

Student Behaviour

As you know we are very committed to ensuring quality uninterrupted teaching and learning time. On occasions, a child may make wrong choices and disturb the learning of others and their own learning. It is important at these times that school and home work together to change behaviour. If a child is disturbing the learning in class, the child will be sent to my office for counselling and a green behaviour note will be sent home. This may be followed by a formal meeting with the parents and Mrs Baird. I thank you in advance for your continued support in this area. We must work together to make student learning a priority.

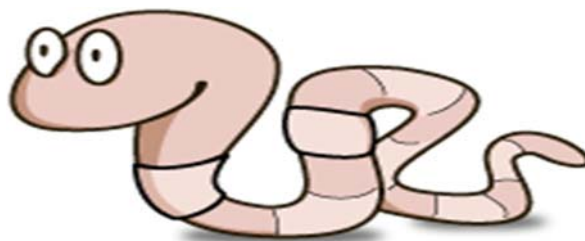
Student Attendance

As you are aware, every school day is filled with exciting new learning and experiences that the children need to have acquired in order to move along the learning continuum. When children are away for reasons other than sickness, the learning begins to be disjointed and some children find it difficult to catch up. School attendance is mandatory. Our system has clear guidelines and processes to assist families who struggle with getting their child to school each day. This is also valid for families that attend school late most mornings. I can not express enough the importance of children attending school each day on time. Children are confident learners when they know what is happening in the classroom. Constant lateness will cause your child to miss out on community building and learning time. I encourage parents to attend to this growing concern in our community.

Students with a high level of unexplained absences will have a letter sent home to parents next week. I thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Parents who have decided to travel overseas will need to apply for extended leave for your child. A certificate of leave will be issued once leave has been approved. Please keep this certificate with you when leaving Sydney as it may be requested by airport officials.

Reading Challenge



Welcome to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2016

The 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge will open on the 7th March 2016 and closes on the 19th August for students.

If you would like your child to participate in the Challenge for 2016, please collect a registration form from the library and return to Mrs Gordon.

Yours in reading
Mrs Gordon/ Library Assistant

Maths Minds

Salute'

You will need three people to participate in this game and a deck of playing cards. Take out the king, queen and jack, the ace represents the quantity one. Shuffle your cards. Two of the people take a card from the top and place it on their head without looking at it. The other person calls out the total. The players have to guess the number on their card based on the number their partner has and the total told by the caller.

This warm up develops students ability to complete addition sums without the use on concrete materials



School Fees

Please note that ALL statements have now been mailed.

Any school fee payment arrangement made in 2015 does not automatically continue.

This also includes those families that have automatic payments deducted from Centrelink.

Please contact Ms Ali in the office to make a new school fee arrangement or if you are having difficulty in paying your school fees.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPAY or at the Post Office. Thank you.

School Banking

A school banking service is available to students who hold Commonwealth Dollarmites or Youth Saver accounts. Encouraging children to make small regular deposits to a bank account helps them to develop good savings habits and awareness of the value of money. Students who wish to deposit money should bring bank books (with the deposit slip filled in) and money to school on Tuesday morning. The deposits are processed on Thursday during the morning and the bank books returned to students by their class teacher. Please note that we are unable to process cheques. For every deposit you make, you will receive a token. When you receive 10 tokens you can redeem them for a prize.

Any parent wishing to open a Commonwealth account for their child may collect an information package from the school office.



Calendar



February

Thursday 3rd March	9:10am Yr 5 & Yr 3 Parish Mass
Monday 7th March	Catholic Schools Week
Thursday 10th March	Catholic Schools Week -Parent Learning Walk

Birthday Wishes!

*Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week
Angelina Wehbe, Ngor Mathiang, Tony Soukhar, Ying Chen,
Joe Arida & Luciana Arida*



Diocesan and Community News

CERDON COLLEGE MERRYLANDS

Aspire to Great Heights

OPEN DAY

Tuesday 8 March 2016

Come along anytime between

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Sherwood Road Merrylands

Telephone: 8724 7300

cerdon.nsw.edu.au



Enrolments for Year 7 2017

Cerdon College is currently receiving applications for Year 7 2017. An Enrolment Package may be obtained from the College. Packages will also be available at our Open Day on Tuesday 8 March.

Priority of enrolment is given to Catholic students from local schools and parishes.

All applications should be received at the College Office by **Friday 20 May**. Applications received after this date may not be successful.



In Christ we Live, Love and Learn.



DELANY COLLEGE

Grimwood Street, Granville 9637 7788



Primary boys & girls and their parents
are warmly invited to our

OPEN DAY

Tuesday, 8 March 2016
3:00pm - 5:30pm

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ENROLLING NOW FOR 2017

Catherine
McAuley



Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.



OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 15 March 2016 4.00pm - 7.00pm

This school open event will give visitors the opportunity to tour the school and view facilities as well as meet our School Principal and School Leadership Team

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 1ST APRIL 2016

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead

| www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au

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YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

CCSS Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age whether you are a parent or not.

Next gathering: 16th March. **Please note change of Venue:** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, 1 Canyon Rd, Baulkham Hills. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

CCSS Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those struggling through a separation or divorce. **Next Gathering:** 23rd February **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 38 Prince St, Blacktown. **Time:** 7.30 – 9.30. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



PLAY GROUP

Every Tuesday Between 9-11:30am play group is run at Holy Family Primary

All welcome !

please bring your toddlers & preschool children along for some great fun play & learning .

