Options 2014
It has certainly been the talk of the school in the past week! We currently have 7 Options that we will be running. It’s not too late to let us know if you are interested in running an option (you have until tomorrow!). We would love to hear from you.

First Holy Communion
The students have been prepared and all that remains is the Mass to celebrate this beautiful sacrament.

Please join with the school and Parish community as we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi and First Holy Communion on Sunday 22 June. Mass will commence at 10.30am.

This week, I know I am not ‘jumping the gun’ by saying a letter has gone out to all families (last week I was a little early announcing this!) calling for a plate of sweets for the luncheon following Mass. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated. Plates may be dropped off into the canteen prior to Mass on Sunday morning.

Primary Winter Sports Carnival
Just a reminder that if you can help with our winter sports carnival please let myself or Mr Kelly know. Thank you.

Dress up day
Thank you to all who joined in our theme day “What do you want to be when you grow up?” It was amazing to see what people came up with!

Kearnan College Year 7 2016
A final reminder that you have until the end of this week to lodge an application for Kearnan College for your child commencing in Year 7, 2016. First preference is given to students from St Joseph’s providing the application is lodged on time.

K/P/1 Assembly date change
Please note, the K/P/1 Assembly has been put back one week to Thursday 3 July (last week of school). Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause but we hope to see you there for the final assembly of this term. Assembly will commence at 9.00am.
Classroom news...

K/P/1
We have been busy writing letters and finding out how they travel in the post. Yesterday the Pre-primaries and Year 1’s dodged the showers of rain to walk down to the Pemberton Post Office. Each student posted a special letter to someone in their family that they had written and typed up in class. While at the Post Office the students also got to have a sneaky peak out the back of the Post Office to discover how all of our mail is sorted ready for delivery and collection.
A huge thank you to all the staff at the Pemberton Post and News for taking the time to show us around and helping us stamp our letters. It was a great time.

4/5
Daniel, Kieran and Sophia had a lovely retreat day in Manjimup on Monday to help them prepare for their First Holy Communion. A reminder to all families that it would be lovely to see you at Mass celebrating with these students.
A big congratulations to Kieran who received his first Reconciliation yesterday. Well done for your efforts in preparing for this.
The end of term is nearing, which means that our trip to Bunbury isn’t far off either. We need one or two parents to volunteer to drive a car load of students to Bunbury for us. If you could help with this matter please let me know as soon as possible.

2/3
Our mass yesterday was beautiful, all the children sang with gusto and read their readings like seasoned professionals! Well done to the amazing students in this class. In class, Miss Roper has introduced our times tables challenge and we are really enjoying the challenge of aiming for 100% every time.

We have also been working hard learning about place value and it is great using the MABs and learning about trading and regrouping. There are many games you can play with trading (it makes us feel like we work in a bank!) and it makes maths lots of fun.

Art
Over the last few weeks all classes have been working on improving their ‘stitchery’ skills and I have been amazed at the concentration and neatness of their work.
Pp/Yr 1 class have been learning how to do ‘running’ stitch and are making some lovely place mats. Some of the 2/3 children have already finished their pillows and the others are very close to finishing.
The Yr 4/5 class are producing either wall hangings or cushions and have introduced ‘back stitch’ and buttons to their projects.
And the Yr 6/7 class will finish up with a handy ‘carry bag’ to use as they wish.
I hope you all enjoy the end results which hopefully will come home before the holidays.
Mrs Ryan
From the P&F...
We would like to wish the First Communicants all the very best on Sunday. It is a very special day. Also a big thank you to Miss Pedulla, Jodie Omodei and everyone who has helped make this day successful.

P & F Executive

MANJIMUP DENTAL THERAPY VAN WILL BE CLOSED:
FROM: Monday 23rd June 2014
UNTIL: INCLUSIVE: Friday 18th July 2014
If your child requires emergency dental treatment please contact: West Busselton Dental Therapy Centre for emergency advice.
Phone: 9754 4460
Opening Hours: 8:15 am until 4:30 pm

Southerners Junior Football Club
Players Tea - 26 June 2014
All players and parents please come along to our players tea after training next Thursday.
Players $5 Parents $16
We are playing Imperials in Pemberton this weekend.
Normal game times. See you there!!

Office Hours:
The office will be open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday next week.

CANTEEN ROSTER
June 24 Tania Ridley & Jodie Omodei (Roche)
July 1 Kelly Cabassi & Jodie Omodei (May)

ALTAR SERVERS
June 22 Ella
June 27 Nick

Parents,
HELP OUR SCHOOL WIN CASH
The West Australian is giving schools the chance to WIN part of $10 000 cash in the Quick Cash for Schools promotion.

On Saturday 21st & 28th a coupon will be published in The Weekend West and each coupon collected will give our school an entry into the draw to win part of $10 000.

THE MORE COUPONS COLLECTED THE MORE CHANCES TO WIN!
Please collect as many of these coupons as you can from your friends and family and bring them into school to our front office.

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12 June 2014

Dear Parents

Re: Catholic Education WA to provide education services on Christmas Island

Catholic Education in Western Australia has signed a contract with the Federal Government to become the designated and sole provider of education to children detained on Christmas Island. The contract has resulted from an initial request by the Bishops of WA and has the full support of the Catholic Education Commission of WA.

I recognise that some members of our community may question this decision. The Australian Catholic Bishops recently made a statement requesting the Government’s Asylum Seeker Policy be more respectful of human dignity and basic human rights, noting the rights of those currently in detention are being seriously violated.

I would like to express my strong support of the Bishops’ stance and reiterate my firm belief that providing education to children in detention is our moral obligation as education is a fundamental human right and in keeping with the Church’s long tradition of supporting the poor and marginalised.

There is no doubt that this project will challenge us as a system. As a faith community we are called to radical discipleship and the situation on Christmas Island offers us a powerful opportunity to put rhetoric into action.

I have written to all Principals in Catholic schools in WA seeking their support in making their staff available should they wish to take up a short term contract on Christmas Island, which may involve the temporary secondment of staff from your child’s school. It is important that you know all costs associated with providing education and related services to children detained on Christmas Island, is being fully met by the Federal Government and will have no impact on your fees, nor the existing budget of your child’s school.

For the Government to consider Catholic Education as their preferred provider, is indicative of the high regard in which we are held and a powerful endorsement of our long and successful history in educating the children of Western Australia. I am very proud that our system has the capacity and capability to respond at short notice to an humanitarian issue that transcends personal politics.

I look forward to your support as we work together to deliver a first class education to children in need.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tim McDonald