A message from Mr Pardini...

Confirmation Update

Workshops
Don’t forget all Confirmation parents together with a parent / sponsor needs to be present at our two after school meetings - Monday 18 and Monday 25 August. Meetings will commence at 5.30pm.

Music
Suzanne Moynihan introduced people to one of the new songs we are singing at Confirmation Mass. There will be another short ‘run through’ after this week’s 8.30am Sunday Mass.

Bishop’s Visit
Bishop Holohan will be coming to St Joseph’s this coming Monday 18 August to chat with all the Confirmation candidates. This visit is always an opportunity for the Bishop to meet the students before the ‘Big day!’

Catering
We are still on the lookout for a year 5 parent to help coordinate the food for morning tea following Mass. Please let us know if you can help out.

Spellademetic
Congratulations to the following students who represented our school in the regional Spellademetic competition on Tuesday. There were some very challenging words spread over five rounds. They gave their best effort which was excellent! Well done to William Omoei, Emma Ebsary, Jack Cabassi, Cameron Moltoni, Nicholas Batticci and Oscar Omodei.

P&F and Board Meeting
Please come along to the P&F meeting (we have lots of draws for our 100s club to do!). We will meet this Tuesday 19 August at 6.00pm. School Board will follow at 7.30pm.

Casual dress day
Today we presented Mrs Lyn Stevens with $70 which was raised at last Friday’s casual dress day. Well done everyone for your simple efforts to raise money for Youth International.

MJR
Included in each edition of the ‘In Touch’ you will notice a Making Jesus Real section (MJR). Miss Pedulla is coordinating this

Paying It Forward!

Primary Winter Sports Carnival
Thank you to our coaches (Mrs Ridley, Mrs Cabassi and Mr Kelly) who are preparing the teams as the carnival approaches. We continue to ask for help to mark the soccer oval on Thursday night / Friday morning so please call the school if you can help me out. The PWSC is on Friday 22 August.

Swimming Lessons
Swimming lessons commence in just over two weeks. The first lesson is Monday 1 September. Included with today’s ‘In Touch’ is the enrolment form. Please return this as soon as possible. Thanks.

Have a sensational weekend!

Carlo Pardini
Principal

What’s Coming Up?

Mon 18 Aug  Confirmation workshop #1
Tue 19 Aug  P&F (6pm)
Wed 20 Aug  Early close
Our topic in action! We have had an exciting real life addition to our topic of the term this week with the start of construction of a new shelter area to the side of the classroom. We have been very busy writing and investigating things we love about our homes and classroom and now we can watch some building happening for real. A little noisy but very interesting! Also we had a great start to our Hands and Fingers program this Monday afternoon. It was great to see some parents come along. We would love to see you in some comfy clothes so you can join us in our animal moves next week!!! Thank you all very much for coming along and I hope you got some ideas how to help your children at home develop their muscles so they can have further success with their writing at school.

Week Four has seen us continue to work hard and learn a lot more about potatoes. This week we made potato salad, which involved peeling the egg, chopping the bacon, mixing in the dressing and stirring very gently to make sure the potatoes did not flick out over the edge of the bowl! There were a few spillages but nothing that a few pieces of paper towel could not fix! We have also been looking at different ways of categorising fruit and vegetables, with many of us working out that a tomato is a fruit and a banana is actually a herb! The things you find out at school........

Thank you to all those that were able to come to today’s assembly. The students enjoyed a lovely ‘rainbow’ coloured cake afterwards. Remember that we are all the same on the inside, no matter what we may look like.

Next week we should get back to some sort of normality within the classroom with no assembly practices. Last week we went back to the beginning of our Math Mastery program and are going over the lessons again. It is fantastic to see that every single student is making leaps and bounds with their maths and have shown a real improvement in their daily scores. Well done!

Week four has seen our class slipping along through what is turning out to be a very busy term three. Confirmation is not too far away now with plans for a visit from the Bishop and a day visit to Kearnan organised for us in readiness for our preparation. In class our focus has been looking into the concept of ‘Heroic Love’ and what it means to us, the novel by Shel Silverstein titled ‘The Giving Tree’ has been a great focus.

In art this term we are looking at famous artists and their work. Each class will study one artist and a piece of the artist’s work.

We have been so lucky over the last two weeks to have our own very special local artist, Tony Windberg (Amelie and Charli’s Dad) come into the classroom to talk about and show us some of the great work he has been doing with dinosaurs.

The children really enjoyed these sessions and learnt so much about how to approach sketching and then producing drawings on an extinct animal using only their imagination.

Thank you Mr Windberg for taking time out of your very
Office Hours:
The office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday next week.

CANTERBURY ROSTER
August 19    Sonia Barnsby & Lisa Ebsary
August 26    Vanessa Roche & Veronica O’Donnell

ALTAR SERVERS
17 August    Louis Ratcliffe
24 August    Emma Ebsary

Making Jesus Real
You may or may not have heard of ‘Making Jesus Real.’ It is a program that we use school wide. It is all about teaching the students how to live like Jesus in all that we do. This week our focus has been about having a positive attitude. In our classes we have been talking about what a positive attitude looks like. We said that to have positive attitude we need to; smile, encourage, help others, listen, be cheerful, say sorry, include others and take the good with the bad.

As part of our program we will award a weekly MJR certificate to a student from each class group. Keep an eye out in next week’s ‘In Touch’ to see who received our very first MJR certificates.

I hope you have a great weekend and don’t forget that our attitudes are contagious. Is yours worth catching?

Southerners Junior Football Club

Saturday 16 August
Vs Imperials @ Imperials Oval

Game times

Year 4/5    8am for 8.30 bounce down
Year 6/7    9am for 9.30 bounce down
Year 8/9    10.15am for 10.45 bounce down

See you all at training today 4.30pm!
Rhyme Time

At Pemberton Library
10am Wednesday
(During school terms)

For babies, toddlers and pre-Kindergarten children
Bring your little one/s along to our free, fun Rhyme Time session! We sing songs and nursery rhymes, share a story and you can choose to stay at the end for an enjoyable, easy craft activity.

Run by local volunteer and mother of three, Samantha Stadon
For inquiries, please call Sherril at Pemberton Library: 9776 1311