It is week 5 and the days are really ‘flying’ past. As we approach the half way mark of this term I hope you are all keeping warm and in touch with the many events coming up.

Orientation Day - Year 6
It was with a ‘buzz’ of excitement that the Year 6 class returned to school today with many and varied stories from their Orientation day at Kearnan College yesterday. Well done to everyone on taking their first step so bravely into a much larger school. We know they will love the experience. Another day has been planned for Term 4.

Hearts Orphanage India
We are so lucky to have a link with Hearts orphanage in India in so many ways. Not only can we keep in touch with the many things that happen with our new friends but we also plan to start up some lines of communication. This week, every child in the school will receive a book mark which has been hand made by the children of the Orphanage. Take the time to look at the work which has gone into the bookmarks - they are very intricate! Thank you to the children of ‘Hearts’.

First Holy Communion
Parents and First communicants are invited to come to our after school workshop this Tuesday 26 May at 5.00pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Cross Country
A reminder the Interschool carnival will be held this coming Friday 29 May at East Manjimup Primary school. If your child has been selected to be in the team, they will receive a letter and permission slip tomorrow.

Kindy/Pre Primary Assembly
The class are really excited to be presenting their assembly to you this Thursday 28 May at the new time of 2.30pm. Please come along and join us.

Mass time - Sacred Heart Church
We sent a flyer out last week but in case you missed it, please be aware Mass will be on Saturday night this week at 6pm. There will be no Mass on Sunday morning due to the Targa rally.

Pupil free day
Once again, another reminder (as I would not want anyone turning up to school on a pupil free day!) but there is no school on Tuesday 2 June following the long weekend. I hope this means many of you can enjoy the benefit of an extra long weekend!

Enjoy this nice ‘spell’ of weather and I wish you all a happy weekend.

Carlo Pardini
Principal
Classroom news

**Kindy/Pre-Primary**
This week is all about our special families and the wonderful things they do for us to show how they care. We have made a class graph to compare how many people in our families and have made ‘family trees’. The children have enjoyed sharing some interesting items that are special to their families. Zara brought a beaded elephant from South Africa, Alexis brought a silver spoon handed down from her great grandmother and Shelby brought a handmade horse and cart brought back from Sicily by her nanna!

This week we complete our study of each letter sound! Hooray! Next week we will change our timetable slightly to accommodate extra reading and maths group work.

We are also busy practising for our assembly which is next Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm in our classroom. Today the PPs will be bringing home some readings in their communication books to practise and details regarding what to wear will be noted in our class newsletter on Monday.

**Pre Kindy**
Our Pre-kinders enjoyed making Incy Wincey spiders this week and playing in our ‘Baby Nursery’. It was a bit chilly outside but we had fun painting and playing on the obstacle course.

**Art**
Thank you to all the Mums and Dads who have sent in art shirts with their child. It would be great if everyone could have one within the next couple of weeks.

In art this semester, we are concentrating on ‘art in society’. The children continue to amaze me with their ability to create and produce their own individual style within the guidelines and themes they have been given.

Some examples of this can be seen in the window next door to the Real Estate Shop in our main street. Please take the time to have a look.

The 4/5/6 class made MJR ‘Good Choice’ lanterns. The class listed all the good choices they have made recently... powerful stuff!

**Year 1/2**
This week we have started to learn some very interesting facts about penguins. Did you know that the male Emperor penguin incubates the egg for two whole months while the mother penguin goes swimming. We can’t wait to learn some cool facts next week!

In maths we are starting to learn about money. In class we have been spending lots of time creating shops and buying things. We are learning lots about adding cents and dollars. Why don’t you get your child to show you and help you with adding coins at home.

This week we also spent some time learning about the history of the school. Did you know that our school was actually old wooden buildings until they were demolished and rebuilt between 1991 and 2001! The students loved looking at old pictures of the school.

Our week has been very busy and looks like next week is going to be just as busy as we continue to learn about money, reading time and of course practicing our reading each and every day. Have a good weekend everyone!

**Year 3**
It seemed like the first "normal" week we have had so far this term; no public holidays or NAPLAN testing. Now we can back into the routines of spelling, reading, maths...... the list goes on!

In English we have been learning about the use of apostrophes and how tricky they can be. So far we have clarified that apostrophes are used for two main reasons; contractions and ownership BUT then it gets a bit confusing when looking at the ownership if plurals are involved!

We are determined to master it! Stay tuned for further updates on our bee focus - although learning about the ‘waggle’ dance this week was very interesting.

**Year 4/5/6**
Sacrament focus
First Communion families, please don’t forget our evening workshop this coming Tuesday 26 May commencing at 5.00pm. We hope to see you there with your First Communion child.

Wednesday sports uniform
Thank you to all our families who have assisted us with packing ‘both’ uniforms on Wednesday. We can appreciate this has been difficult at times and the children have done their best to remember. From this week, we would like to change our timetable and ask the children to come to school dressed in their sports uniform (Hooray I hear you say!). We hope this may make your Wednesday morning a little less hectic.

**Making Jesus Real**
Congratulations to last week’s MJR award winners.

Brodie Hastie for being a super talented listener! Well done Brodie for always listening to the teachers. It is truly a ‘superpower’.

Mia Bendotti for encouraging others to showcase their talents, as well as having many of her own. Well done!

Jordan Della Franca for being very talented at public speaking. Jordan is not afraid to speak in front of a crowd and has the gift of a clear and well projected voice which makes her extremely talented in this area. Well done Jordan on having this talent which obviously comes naturally to you!
From the office...

Office Hours
The office will be open on Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday next week.

NITS! NITS!
We have had parents report of the occurrence of nits within the school. Parents are asked to be vigilant in checking their child’s hair on a very regular basis and treat the hair before sending your child to school. Your support and assistance is greatly appreciated.

Charli Windberg – Today!!

CANTEEN ROSTER
26 May  Kai Flanders & Veronica O’Donnell
9 June  Sonia Barnsby & Lisa Ebsary

School News

FOOD ALLERGY WEEK
17-23 MAY 2015

Food Allergy Week is an important initiative that aims to increase awareness of food allergy in the community in an effort to promote understanding and help protect those at risk, whilst allowing them to have a good quality of life.

Be Aware - Australia has one of the highest incidences of food allergy in the world, which is growing at alarming rates. In fact, one in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy.

Know the signs and symptoms - Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia has created a poster explaining how to recognise allergy and anaphylaxis and what to do in an emergency.

Please visit www.foodallergyaware.com.au for further information.

Around Town...

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

With the Parents and Friends Federation of WA AGM / Mini Conference fast approaching on Wednesday 27th May, we would like to take the opportunity to remind parents in schools that are affiliated with PFFWA that you are eligible to nominate for the Federation Council.

PFFWA Council is keen to recruit two to three new council members this year and is particularly interested in hearing from parents with experience in the following areas:

- Post school pathways
- Vocational Education & Training (VET)
- Accounting
- Students with Disabilities

However as always we are keen to hear from committed and enthusiastic parents who have skills or experience that may contribute to the ongoing work of the Federation.

To find out more about this opportunity please email execoff@pff.wa.edu.au or call the office on 9271 5909 for an information pack or a chat.
Little Taddies is looking into the possibility of starting up a vacation care program in Pemberton.

It would be held in the Youth Zone room at the Pemberton Sports club, this would then give us access to the sporting facilities at the Club.

We understand that at present there are no vacation care programs running in our area and we feel that there is a real need for one.

We would cater for children in the 6-12 year old brackets and we are looking to get fully licenced so that families would then be eligible for Child Care Benefit and Child Care Funding through the Family Assistance Office. (this is determined by FAO not Little Taddies)

As we are including children in the Manjimup area also, we will look at the possibility of getting a community bus to transport children from Manjimup to Pemberton and back again.

Before this can go ahead we need to have some indication of who would use the service, and what the community needs are.

We are proposing to run the service initially for 3 days per week during the school holidays.

We need to know what days and times most people would need.

If you feel that you would use this service I need as much feedback as possible to see if this is a viable option for our communities.

Please feedback your needs to me by Friday 5th of June 2015. By mail or email so that we can put the wheels in motion.

We can’t move to the next step until I have a good idea of the need in our area.

Thank you for your assistance in this.

Kind Regards

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