Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven and the angels rejoice.

Alleluia

Tomorrow we celebrate The Assumption of Mary; on feast days such as this we identify with the significant role Mary plays in our Christian Faith. On our school emblem there is a reminder of our devotion to Mary who leads us to Jesus, Ad Jesum per Marium. It is important that we as a school acknowledge and respect our school name in honour of Mary and frequently engage in prayer with Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary. Tomorrow morning we have a school Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption and we welcome all families to join us. Mass will be at 9.30am at the Church.

This morning I had two excited teachers share their experience of taking a group of Year One students to the Zoo. This learning experience supported the many investigations taking place in the classroom around animal coverings and their habitats. Once again the feedback from the zoo instructors facilitating the sessions complimented the manners and behaviour of our children.

Father Joe and I are currently interviewing new families for 2015; this experience reminds me of the huge responsibility we have as teachers in caring for these little people families entrust into our care. Last week the Prep children celebrated One Hundred Days of School. This is hard to believe as it only seems like yesterday that we were interviewing the children and their families for enrolment at OLR. Congratulations to all our Prep children for their achievements over this time.

Please keep an eye out for exciting developments that are happening with the planning for the 2014 Fete. More details will be sent out to families this week.

We have had a great response to the children’s movie night and a number of the staff are looking forward to sharing this night with the children. Children can be dropped off after 7pm and must be picked up by 9.30pm. Please remember to send along something to create a comfortable space to watch the movie; this might be a beanbag, pillow, sleeping bag etc.

Mums and Dads don’t forget to book your seats for the screening of ‘FELL’. This will be screening on Friday August 15 and Saturday August 16 at the Mary Moloney Theatre at Sacred Heart College. Screening begins at 7.30pm on both nights. Details can be found in an attached flier.

The children continue to work on our 2014 production with Mrs. Mangan; tickets for this event will be on sale online through trybooking. Details will be sent to families at the beginning of next week.

REMINDER: Please remember school grounds are a non-smoking zone.

I hope you all have a good weekend, we will hopefully see you at the movies either on Friday or Saturday night; would be great to see as many families as possible supporting this fundraising event organised by our Parents and Friends. I know there are a few junior football finals on this weekend so best of luck to all the children participating in these.

Regards

Jenny
Assembly Dates:
Week 7    August 25    @3pm
Week 9    September 8    @3pm

School Closure Days for 2014
Religious Education Professional Development Day    Friday August 8
Inquiry Learning    Monday November 3
Inquiry Learning

Term 3 Final Day    Friday September 19 @ 2.30pm
2014 Final Day of School for Students    Thursday December 18 @ 2.30pm

Parents and Friends Meeting Dates
Thursday    September 18    @ 9.00am
Thursday    November 6    @ 9.00am
Thursday    December 4    AGM

Parents & Friends Movie Nights
Friday August 15 for children    THE LEGO MOVIE (PG)
Friday August 15 for Parents    FELL - www.trybooking.com/97628
Saturday August 16 for parents    FELL - www.trybooking.com/97628

Sacramental Program
Year 3 Reconciliation    Tuesday September 16

School Production
Wednesday September 3    11am & 7pm
Thursday September 4    11am & 7pm

Tickets on sale Monday Aug 18

Various Events
Fathers Day Breakfast    Friday September 12
Daffodil Parade    Sunday September 14
OLR Parish Fete    Saturday October 25

Upcoming Camps
Year 5/6    October 21—October 24
Year 3/4    December 1—December 2

To book tickets to FELL
Log on to www.trybooking/97628
Purchase as many tickets as required
Contact the office if you have any queries
Encouraging self-respect and protective behaviours

A key message at The National Centre against Bullying Conference was the need for schools to have a clear vision for safety which needs to be embedded into the culture of the school. Resiliency was identified as a key protective factor.

Research suggests that there are a range of protective factors that may buffer against the impact of stressful life events. Resiliency is one of the most significant protective factors (McGrath & Noble, 2003, 2011). Social skills, school and family are also found to be strong protective factors, such as strong social support, a high level of connectedness and participation in school and positive relationships with family members, peers and teachers (Beyondblue SenseAbility 2010, Spence & Sheffield 2003).

Every child has the right to feel safe all of the time. By developing a sense of self-respect and an understanding of protective behaviours, young people can become empowered, develop better communication skills, and build resilience, social skills and other life skills. Teaching these concepts to your child helps to promote positive rather than negative life experiences.

What is self-respect?

Self-respect is an attitude of acceptance of, and approval for, your own character and conduct. Children who have self-respect are more likely to:

- focus more on ‘Who I am’ rather than ‘What I have, what I look like, what I can do’
- have clear moral values and ethics, and show integrity by putting them into practice; they try not to let themselves down
- avoid mistreating others, because they value the rights of others to have dignity and be treated with respect
- act in self-protective ways; they keep themselves safe and act with dignity to achieve a positive identity and reputation
- believe that it is their right to be treated fairly and not to be mistreated by others; they take appropriate steps to protect this right
- consider themselves equal to other people while acknowledging differences; they don’t see themselves as either inferior or superior
- know their strengths and what they are good at and focus more on their strengths than on their limitations; they don’t focus on comparing themselves with others
- work hard and use willpower to try to achieve their goals and feel satisfied with their efforts even if they are unsuccessful because they know they did their best
- acknowledge, enjoy and feel satisfied with their efforts and achievements but avoid being arrogant about them
- accept themselves as imperfect and continue to be self-accepting in spite of difficulties, mistakes, and failures
- prefer to receive positive feedback; but they are not controlled by it
- weigh up what is said to them or about them and make up their own minds rather than assuming that if someone else says it then it must be true
- trust their own judgment and have faith in themselves; they consider other people’s views but are not automatically swayed by them.

(Helen McGrath and Toni Noble, 2013)
Feast of the Assumption

Tomorrow August 15, we celebrated the special feast of Mary our Mother. In the Western church this feast celebrates the assumption of Mary into heaven; in the East it commemorates her dormition or her falling asleep. The readings used for this feast invite us to reflect on the role that Mary plays in the mystery of our redemption. Whatever it is we honour in Mary, leads in some way to her son Jesus.

Over the centuries devotion to Mary has been expressed in forms taken from the culture out of which it developed. Sometimes she is pictured as a humble peasant girl. At other times she is depicted as a queen robed in gold of Ophir who rules from heaven. Probably the most familiar pose is that of a mother with her child.

The gospel reading characterises Mary as a simple peasant woman intent on offering service to another. In Mary we see an ordinary woman who becomes extraordinary by virtue of her faith in what God makes possible in her life. We are challenged by these readings to consider in what ways we allow God’s message to be a part of who we are and what we do for others.

God says:
I have chosen you and called you from the ends of the earth. You are my servant. Do not be afraid for I am with you. Stop being anxious and concerned. For I am your God. I give you strength and bring you help. I have chosen you and called you from the ends of the world. You are my servant.

Recently our Year One students gathered with their parents to learn more about the Sacrament of Baptism.

Led by Sr Helen Carboon we explored the promises made at Baptism and the implications for us as Baptised Catholics. It was a very reflective and informative session that allowed the children and their parents to talk with each other and to pray with each other.

As the sun began to set and the last beautiful rays of light disappeared, we lit our candles from the large candle representing the Easter candle to be found in the church and sat quietly in the fading light.

We blessed our children with a sign of Baptism ‘Water’ and prayed our hopes and dreams for them.

We thank Sister Helen for her continued support in helping us to better understand the gift of our Catholic Faith.
News & Events

Canteen

Tomorrow we will have:
Cake of the Week: Blueberry & White Chocolate (YUM)
Soup of the Day: Pumpkin

Please join other parents for a free cuppa at 3pm at the tuck shop each Friday. Remember to add .20c to your order if you do not have a paper bag, to cover the cost of us supplying paper bags, thank you.

Student Awards 11/08/2014

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School Production 2014—tickets go on sale on Monday August 18

As you have probably already heard the school concert “A Heck of a Time” is happening this term! The children in the upper school have been given their roles and each class in the school will also be performing a song and dance item. The concert will be held at the Mary Moloney Theatre at SHC Kyneton. There will be four performances and every child will be involved in every performance.

The performances are as follows;

- **Wednesday September 3** 11.30am & 7.00pm
- **Thursday September 4** 11.30am & 7.00pm

On Monday August 18 tickets will be available via our school website. The theatre only seats 280 people and there is no standing room so it is “first in best dressed!” The cost of the tickets will be $10.00 for adults and $5.00 for children who require a seat.

Shortly we will send home a list of class dances, costumes and pick up times in the newsletter. The concert is a great experience for all of the children in the school and we ask you to take note of performance times so that children can be available for all performances.

There will also be DVD’s filmed of the 2 different casts, booking forms will be available soon.

Helene Mangan
KYNETON ANTIQUE FAIR 2014
Winner Excellence Tourism 2010 & Runner Up 2013
Powercor Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards
VENUE: KYNETON TOWN HALL, MOLLISON ST. KYNETON
FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 5:00pm - 8:00pm
SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 10:00am - 5:00pm
SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 10:00am - 4:00pm
Entry: $7.00 per adult. No charge for children accompanied by an adult!
On opening night, Friday 5th September - enjoy live music with a glass of Hanging Rock Wine!
The 18th consecutive year of the Kyneton Antique Fair will include an eclectic range of collectables: antique furniture, militaria, fine chinaware, glassware, vintage clothing, jewelry, home wares, silverware and more. As well, there will be an interest for dealers and collectors interested in the Vintage items available for sale.
Light lunches and refreshments will be provided by the Rotary Country Kitchen.
The Kyneton Antique Fair (featuring Vintage) is the major fundraiser for the Friends of the Kyneton Museum. All funds raised aid the conservation of the Kyneton Museum collection as well as assisting with the development of Museum projects.
Further Details: www.visitmacedonranges.com
Contact: Hanne Juul, Fair Coordinator 0428 87 8048
email: friendsofkynetonmuseum@gmail.com
Postal address: PO Box 604, Kyneton 3444
Concurrent with the Antique Fair there is the Kyneton Museum “Freemasonry Unlocked” exhibition which explores the history of Freemasonry. The exhibition draws on objects from the Museum collection and lodges within the Macedon Ranges. Refer to www.mrsc.vic.gov.au
Also, on Sunday 7th September at 2:00pm, there will be “A Walk, Talk & Tea” visit to the Zetland and Kyneton Lodges to discover some of the mystery and history of these Lodges. Refreshments will be provided at the Kyneton Museum following the walk and talk. A $10 charge to participate.
This Friends of the Kyneton Museum project is held during the Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival: www.knetondaffodilarts.org.au