Dear Parents,
Welcome back after the refreshing break. It was wonderful to see the smiling happy faces of our children at school yesterday. Term 4 is only 9 short weeks, so much to learn and do so many questions to ask and solutions to discover, it is going to be a great term of learning.

I would like to inform you that this term we are going to mail the student reports home to you in the last week of school. All student reports will be mailed home; to ensure your child’s report arrives, it is very important that your postal address is correct in our system. If you have recently moved, please inform the school of your current contact details as soon as possible.

It is pleasing to let you know that Mrs Rebecca Caddy has given birth to her first child Darcy Michael Caddy on the 1st of October. I know you will send your thoughts, prayers and well wishes to the Caddy family, currently residing in Darwin.

I would like to share with you a beautiful poem that one of our mums presented to me yesterday. You may be aware that one of our students in Year 1 is undergoing chemo at present, and I ask you to keep this precious child and his family in your thoughts and prayers for a full and healthy quick recovery.

Kind regards, Jo Scott-Pegum.

A Pair of Shoes

I am wearing a pair of shoes. They are ugly shoes. Uncomfortable shoes. I hate my shoes. Each day I wear them, and each day I wish I had another pair. Some days my shoes hurt so bad that I do not think I can take another step.

Yet, I continue to wear them. I get funny looks wearing these shoes. They are looks of sympathy. I can tell in others that they are glad they are my shoes and not theirs. They never talk about my shoes.

To learn how awful my shoes are might make them uncomfortable. To truly understand these shoes you must walk in them.
But once you put them on, you can never take them off. I now realise that I am not the only one who wears these shoes. There are many pairs in the world.

Some people are like me and ache daily as they try and walk in them. Some have learnt how to walk in them so they don't quite hurt as much. Some have worn the shoes so long that the days will go by before they think about how much they hurt.

No one deserves to wear these shoes. Yet, because of these shoes I am a stronger person. These shoes have given me the strength to face anything. They have made me who I am. I will walk forever in the shoes of a person who has a child with cancer.

DATES TO REMEMBER
10th October - Uniform shop closed for the afternoon (Wednesday)
16th October - P&F meeting
17th October - Nude Food Day (See info on website)
19th October - Years 3-7. Swimming carnival at Lawnton Pool
22nd October - Pupil Free Day (Monday)
26th October - Bandanna Day Mass
31st October - Orientation evening for new families 7pm Dalaipi Centre
29th November - Years 3-7 Concert

SCHOOL FEE INFORMATION
Term 3 School fees are now well overdue. Please pay as a matter of urgency. Term 4 fees will sent out by week 3. Please contact Helen Low on 3285 2977 option 3 for any questions about school fees.
2012 School Fee information can now be accessed from the school's website. Click on this link www.ourladyoftheway.qld.edu.au click on Parent info and then School fees.
Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to Term 4. I hope that the break was an enjoyable and restful time for all families.

Please remember in your prayers
Please continue to pray for Daniel Breed from Grade 1F who is sick in and out of hospital. We pray that he makes a speedy and full recovery.

Families Matter
The Australian Catholic Bishops have released a Social Justice Statement, “The Gift of Family in Difficult Times”. It deals with the social and economic challenges facing families today. The statement begins with a quote from Blessed John Paul; “The family is the first and fundamental school of social living: as a community of love, it finds in self-giving the law that guides it and makes it grow. The self-giving that inspires the love of a husband and a wife for each other is the model and the norm for the self-giving that must be practiced in the relationships between brothers and sisters and the different generations living together in the family.” (Familiaris Consortio, 1981). In the statement the bishops outline some of the aspects that affect the quality of family life today such as lack of job security, mortgage stress, work-life balance and technology. They then go on to address issues affecting specific groups of families in society today namely, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, asylum seeker and refugee families, families in poverty, homeless families and families with special needs. Finally the bishops offer some challenges for this year of grace. We are invited to rediscover the importance of Sabbath, show a special concern for the poor and share the love of God. The full document can be accessed at http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/.

Friday Mass
Year 4-7 Parish/School Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 9am on Friday. All are welcome.

Enjoy your week,
Bill Bemelmans - APRE

Prayer for Families

Sometimes in the rush of life
The prayer which most often escapes our lips is: God help us!
So, God of all creation,
You who made the stars and the heavens,
Who created such wondrous gifts for this planet,
And created women and men in your own image,
Help us!

Each time we utter that plea, aloud or in our hearts; in hope, or in exasperation,
Know that we are opening ourselves to your unending love.
Help us to stop and take time:
Time to look deeply at the world you have created, and give thanks.
Time to be with one another, in our families,
long enough to appreciate each other’s joys and sorrows, and know in the depths of our hearts,
in the comfort of our kitchens, and in the serenity of our sheds and gardens, that we do not journey alone.
And from this strength, face calmly the turmoils that arise.

Help us to value the work of our hands, minds and hearts,
as a way of participating in your ongoing creation, as a way of building relationships and building a more just society.
Give us the insight and courage to build a society where everyone shares the riches of the earth and the wealth of our endeavours.

Help us to reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves:
Indigenous families, asylum seekers and refugees, people who are homeless, or living in poverty,
families struggling to meet the needs of those with a disability.

Jesus your Son, knew the reality of living in a family.
Together they knew the harsh reality of a forced journey
to Bethlehem and then to Egypt.
In Nazareth he learnt the grind and delight of daily work.

Through him we pray for all families,
that we may all live life to the full
and that we all, in our families, Church and society,
work tirelessly to bring this about.
We make our prayer through Jesus your Son
in the company of his family.
God, help us. Amen.
AWARDS
Koala: Kaitlyn Erdeljac

CONGRATULATIONS

LIBRARY NEWS WK 1
Our school BOOK FAIR will be an opportunity for you and your children to buy books and help out the school at the same time. The BOOK FAIR will start on Monday 28th October and finish after lunch on Thursday 1st November.
Watch this space and also look at the posters that will soon be appearing to get the times the library will be open for you to look at the books.
Happy Reading Sandra Driver Teacher- Librarian

SUNSMART
With the warmer weather coming on please see the information on our website regarding our SUNSMART POLICY.

ENRICHMENT CENTRE NEWS
Inclusion week was held in the last week of Term 3 and gave all students a greater understanding of a range of disability areas and an appreciation of the challenges faced by children with Autism, Hearing Impairment, Physical Impairment and Central Auditory Processing Disorder. Many students also entered the Spinal Safety drawing competition. Here are some students’ reflections about what they learned during Inclusion Week:

“We learned that some people can’t speak which is like being in a sound proof bubble...Most people with autism are different by how they act and people with dyslexia have trouble learning” by Tayla 6F

“I have learnt through this Inclusion Week that it does not matter if someone does not have the same brain as us. They still can be a kind mannered person so we should and hopefully will treat them how they should be treated. Some people are a little different but in some way or form they are just like us” by Taylah 6F

New date for workshop: Building Emotional Resilience in Students with Learning Disabilities presented by Dr. Michael McDowell. 17th October from 9-11am at SPELD, Coorparoo. See attachment for more information.
Have a great week!
The Enrichment Centre Team

ICLT
Hi parents!
I hope you all had a lovely break! This week I have another internet site that may be of interested to those of you who are interested in cyber safety. "Stay Smart Online“ offers information for home internet users, small and medium sized business owners as well as a range of information and games to help your children stay safe online. Visit http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/ for a look if you are interested.
Shanyn Gray
ICLT co-ordinator

The Pine Rivers Musical Association presents

‘OLIVER’
Staring Our Lady of the Way’s very own
Maya Phythian and also Ann Costigan from the parish.

With song such as Consider Yourself, Food Glorious Food and Pick a Pocket, great period costumes and fantastic choreography, why not organise a group and come and support your students.
Oliver runs from 19-27 October at the Holy Spirit Auditorium, Sparkes Road Bray Park. Book your tickets online at www.prima.org.au or telephone the box office on 3882 2102

PAULS COLLECT-A-CAP IS ENDING!
Our school will finish collecting caps on the 30th November so please send in all your washed Pauls milk caps so we can finalise these before the school year finishes.

P&F Christmas Stall
This term the P&F will be hosting a Christmas stall as our fundraiser. We are seeking donations of cellophane to wrap items for the Christmas stall. If you have any that you are able to spare, please leave in the office clearly marked ‘Christmas Stall’. Contact Debra on 0410 913 806 or email olwpandf@exemail.com.au for more details.
Thank you. Fundraising Committee
Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of asthma and eczema and families struggle with illness management and children’s behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P- Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children suffering asthma or eczema. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child’s illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 3-10 year old children suffering asthma or eczema are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 3 sets of assessment measures (questionnaire, symptom diary, and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study. Contact Amy Mitchell on (07) 3365 7305 or email healthyliving@uq.edu.au, or visit www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/healthyliving for more information.