

Principal's Post – 22 June 2017

Dear Parents and members of our school community,

As an individual, family member or friend of the St Jerome's School, it is good sometimes to stop and reflect on what's happening in our own lives and in the world around us. Unfortunately, the recent tragedies in Manchester and London affect everyone.

To see the faces of the people involved, particularly the children, makes us stop and hold our loved ones closer.

Perhaps the writing of Maya Angelou can give us food for thought and help us stop and think of others a little more:

"I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

I've learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as making a 'life'.

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou

As we think of others, let us pray for all those involved in the many tragic world events. Let us ask our God to help us to be people who are there for others in good times and in bad.

Let us model for our children what it means to be a person of compassion.

Let us try to show understanding to others and keep what seem huge issues to us into a proper perspective.

Does your child's uniform belong to someone else?

We know that most parents put their child's name on their uniform items. We actually see them write it on at the Uniform Shop. However, these named items simply seem to vanish into clear air. Yes, we also know children are not being responsible and they will just leave their jacket on the oval rather than dash back and pop it in their school bag. However, if the item has a name on it, we make the effort to return it to the rightful owner.

The very fact that named items never turn up leads us to believe that some children are wearing other students' uniforms. This week we are asking children to check their uniforms just in case this has happened. Additionally, we will be checking that their names ARE on their uniform items.

May I also ask parents to check the uniform items, especially the jackets, to ensure that you have written your child's name on the piece in a prominent place. If by chance you find that you have someone else's uniform, simply return it to the school office where it will be happily reunited with its owner.

Thank you to Go Graphics who installed our new sign at the front of the school.



The Mini Vinnie's team, accompanied by co-coordinators Mrs Black and Mrs Gibbs, visited the Year 3 classes on Monday. The purpose of the visit was to introduce themselves and to encourage donations of food for the less fortunate in our community. All of the items donated by the Year 3 students will be taken to the 10.00 am Children's Mass on Sunday.

In Kindy Red the children were exploring fizzy rainbows and mixing colours with bi carb soda and vinegar. The children loved watching the explosions when it all bubbled up together. All three Kindy classes are part of the "Little Scientists Learning Project".



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