

## Principal's Post – 4 August 2017

Dear Parents and members of our school community,

Week 3 term 3....where has the year gone!

Yesterday our Year Four Students along with the parish Prep class visited the Schoenstatt Shrine for their Retreat day with Sr Lisette. By all accounts the day was a huge success and these pictures give us a glimpse of the many varied activities they took part in. Please keep these children in your prayers as they finalise the last of their preparation before they receive the Blessed Sacrament in two weeks time. On **Wednesday 9 August at 2pm** Br Sheldon from the parish will assist Father Mathew by taking our students through a Teaching Mass. The purpose of the Teaching Mass is to explain the different parts of the mass to the children as they take place, so children can put it all into context. Parents from all years are most welcome to attend.

This **Sunday at 10am we have our Children's Mass** led by our Year 2 children. We warmly invite all families in the school to come along and if you wish to support the local parish group of the St Vincent De Paul Society, you might like to bring along an item of non-perishable food to place in the hamper at the foot of the altar.

Next Friday we will hold our **McCormack House Mass at 9am** and our new Student Leadership team will be commissioned. All parents and families across the year levels are most welcome to attend. After the mass Helen is holding an informal coffee and biscuits get-together in the hall and we encourage as many parents as are able, to join us and meet any new or existing parents and families in the school.

Unfortunately, despite my email to all parents earlier this week regarding amongst other things, illegal parking on kerbs. I had a very distraught mother come into the office this week to tell us that while she was putting her three small children into her car, a car pulled up onto the kerb where her daughter was standing and very nearly hit the child who the driver had very obviously not seen. The driver was not apologetic and left the mother feeling very distressed at the callous attitude of this father who was obviously in a hurry to collect his child!

It is always disappointing when rules are disregarded because parents feel it is ok to flaunt the rules, because they are in a hurry. This could so easily have been a horrific accident with a terrible outcome.

I ask you again to abide by the rules; do not park on the kerbs, do not stand or park in front of the chain if it is still closed, even if you think that it will be open in a minute or two, as even in a minute or two the tailback of cars onto Rockingham road can cause huge problems. Please set a good example for your own children by showing restraint and being courteous to everyone. As we say to our children all the time, when in doubt about how to respond or behave, ask yourself, 'what would Jesus do?'



## Congratulations Ella!



On Saturday 29/7/17 Ella ran Cross Country for under 10 Girls Little Athletics and was titled State Champion.

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### Uniforms

By the end of this school year, all students should be wearing the new uniform. Please note, this excludes the tracksuit; as this can be worn till the end of 2018.

This means that the old style jumper, yellow shirt and old style pinafores and skirts will no longer be worn.

Please don't just throw out these old items; bring them into the Uniform Shop (washed, please). They will then be donated to Clutterbugs, who are a charitable organization who will ensure that items will go to good use. For more information go to [www.clutterbugs.net.au](http://www.clutterbugs.net.au)

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Lord, we thank You for Your constant love,  
Your protection and provision for our needs,  
For the light of Your guiding Spirit;

Help us to remain non-judgemental, when we think that others should act differently.

Help us to be open-minded and respect others being happy in their own way, as we are in ours.

Help us to acquire an attitude of sympathetic understanding and not of bitterness nor petty criticism.

Lord, we cannot make people what they 'should be';

Give us generous hearts to better understand each other in the way we are.

Amen

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Carol Hoare  
Acting Principal