



22nd March 2017

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Yesterday I was fortunate to be able to attend the Catholic Education Week Mass at Marist Regional College. Our Grade Six students joined students from all of the Catholic schools in the North West and West Coast to celebrate Mass with our Archbishop, Julian Porteus. It was a very visual example of how many students are educated in Catholic schools. Archbishop Julian paid tribute to staff, parents and students who work together to make our schools such rich places of learning. With the focus of trying to live as Jesus taught us, there is much to celebrate and it left me with a very real feeling of hope for our future.

After Mass, 500 students came to Stella to share a sausage sizzle and a drink before heading back to their schools. Mr Bart Hughes, Bernie Mason and Brent Cox had spent the morning cooking and Moira Marshall, Linelle Hughes, Liz Spriggs, Anne Norton and Judy Mason, served the students. One thing that made a big impression on me was that every single student I saw, said a sincere thank you. I wish that the media which often does articles stating that young people do not have manners, could have witnessed this. A big thank you to Judy Mason. Kathy Tapp and Allana Smith for organizing the feeding of the multitudes.



**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Grade 5 Liturgy  
@ 12.30pm in Room 13

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Combined Schools  
Swimming Carnival

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

School Board AGM  
5:00pm

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April to  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

Grade 6 Camp

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

Grade 3 Liturgy @ 2.15pm

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Whole School Liturgy

**Term 1 Ends**

**STELLA STARS  
PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup session for 0 - 4 year old will be held every Wednesday from 9:00am - 10:30am on a weekly basis.

Gold Coin Donation  
All Welcome

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**NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING.**

On Friday, our Student Representative Council began their quest to make 1,000 stars against violence and bullying. They want it to slowly spread around our school by teaching others how to weave these stars. We are aiming for one thousand by the end of June. These will be sent to add to the Australia wide attempt to make 'One Million Stars Against Violence and Bullying'. To support and challenge our thinking around Catholic Education Week, National Day of Action Against Bullying and Harmony Day, I have included a one page reflection about the world as a global village in this newsletter.



Mr Marty Ogle was here all day today doing some 'Making Jesus Real' workshops. Maeve, who is only just 6 years old, wrote this prayer for her prayer table at home.

Grade six students were challenged to change their habitat of arguing with their parents when asked to do something, to saying a cheerful 'Ok Mum' or 'Ok Dad'.

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**COMBINED SWIMMING CARNIVAL APPROXIMATE TIMES**

10.30am – 11.10am Freestyle  
11.10am – 11.45am Backstroke  
11.50am – 12.25pm Breaststroke  
12.30pm - 1.00pm Relay

All of the above events are **25 metres** and will be run in this order:  
Grades 6, 5, 4, 3.

**50 metre events** for Grades 5 & 6 only will be run from 1.00pm till 1.30pm

**2017 CONFIRMATION/FIRST COMMUNION**

For all those interested in taking part in the Confirmation Program, information and application forms are now available at the school office and Burnie Parish Office. If you have any questions please feel free to contact:  
Parish Office: 6431 2216  
Michelle Beskin-Clark: 042498676



# Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle tickets have been sent home to each family today.  
More books are available from the School office.  
Sold raffle books are to be returned to school by

**Tuesday, 11th April**

Raffle will be drawn at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 12th April.

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## STATE OF THE VILLAGE REPORT

### **If the world were a village of only 100 people, there would be:**

60 Asians,  
14 Africans,  
12 Europeans,  
8 people from Central and South America, Mexico and the Caribbean,  
5 from the USA and Canada, and  
1 person from Australia or New Zealand.

### **The people of the village would have considerable difficulty communicating:**

14 people would speak Mandarin,  
8 people would speak Hindi/Urdu,  
8 English,  
7 Spanish,  
4 Russian,  
4 Arabic.

This list accounts for less than half the villagers. The others speak (in descending order of frequency) Bengali, Portuguese, Indonesian, Japanese, German, French, and 200 other languages.

### **In the village there would be:**

33 Christians,  
22 Moslems,  
15 Hindus,  
14 Nonreligious, Agnostics, or Atheists,  
6 Buddhists,  
10 all other religions.

### **In this 100-person community:**

80 would live in substandard housing.  
67 adults live in the village; and half of them would be illiterate.  
50 would suffer from malnutrition.  
33 would not have access to clean, safe drinking water.  
24 people would not have any electricity.  
Of the 76 that do have electricity, most would use it only for light at night.  
In the village would be 42 radios, 24 televisions, 14 telephones, and 7 computers  
(some villagers own more than one of each).  
7 people would own an automobile (some of them more than one).  
5 people would possess 32% of the entire village's wealth, and these would all be from the USA.  
The poorest one-third of the people would receive only 3% of the income of the village.

### **The following is also something to ponder...**

If you woke up this morning healthy ... you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.  
If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the fear and loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pain of starvation ... you are better off than 500 million people in the world.  
If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep ... you are more comfortable than 75% of the people in this world.  
If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace ... you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.  
If you can read this, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

**When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, it becomes both evident and vital that education, acceptance and compassion are essential for the progress of humankind.**

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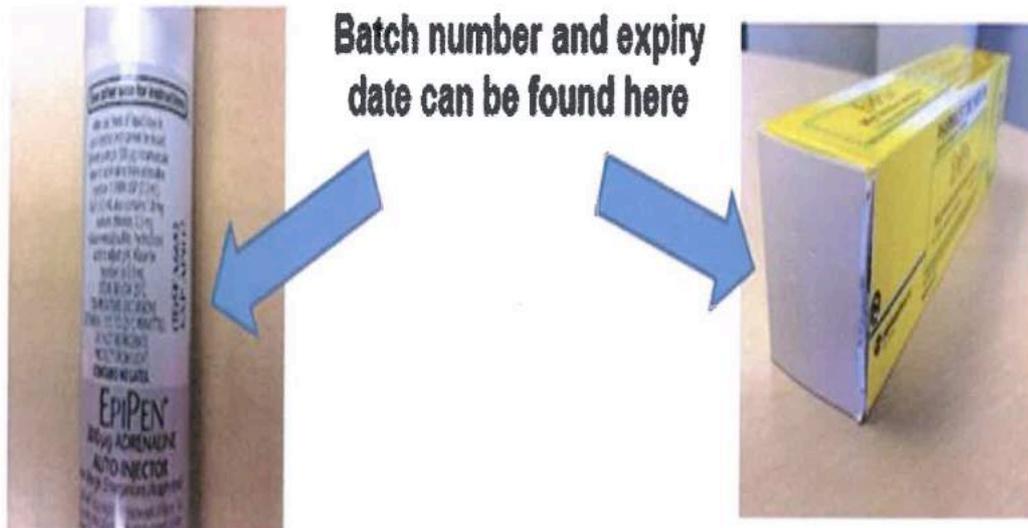
**WE ARE RESPECTFUL**

**WE ARE SAFE**

**WE ARE RESPONSIBLE**

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**RECALL - SOME YELLOW CARTON EPI-PEN'S**



**Only recalled** are Epi-Pen 300 microgram (yellow carton) from any of these four batches (5FA665, 5FA6651, 5FA6652 or 5FA6653), all of which expire in April 2017

**Potential hazard:** When used a part inside may not work, resulting in the epi-pen not functioning as expected. Two epi-pens were confirmed as failing to activate correctly.

**Do what?** Check all epi-pens you have, such as those provided by parents. If any has an April 17 expiry date & is from one of the above batches, ASAP return it to a pharmacist for a free replacement. And **SHARE** this with your school community in your newsletter.

### **Emergency Practice**

Today we held an unannounced emergency practice with staff & students, to test our response to a potential scenario which warrants the school to go into lockdown (the opposite to evacuation).

As with fire evacuation drills, we recognise the worth of testing this process.

If you have queries you are welcome to call our TCEO Safety Officer, Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476.



**NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE STELLA MARIS SCHOOL BOARD**

Parents of pupils attending Stella Maris and members of the Parish of Burnie are invited to nominate any person associated with the School community for membership of the School Board.

Members of the Board show the value they place on Catholic ethos by the way they support the School's vision and mission.

Board members meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 5.00 pm in the School Staff Room. Persons who are not parents of children currently enrolled in the school are also eligible for nomination.

Nominations must be in writing and they must be signed by the nominee, proposer and seconder.

We greatly value parental involvement in our School so please give some consideration to this very important role in our School Community.

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Nominations for membership – Stella Maris Catholic Primary School Board

I, .....

nominate :.....

Contact No: .....

for membership of the Stella Maris School Board.

Signature of Proposer: ..... Name.....

Signature of Seconder .....Name .....

I am willing to be nominated: .....

Date: .....

**Please return to the Board Secretary, Mrs Kathy Tapp by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017**