What’s been happening in Kindy?

This Term we have been learning all about animals that live under the Sea. Our classroom has been transformed into an aquarium filled with Rainbow Fish, Seahorses, Crabs, Sharks, Turtles and Jellyfish so far! We are very excited about our upcoming excursion to the Dolphin Discovery Centre in Bunbury with our Preprimary friends to learn more about sea creatures. In Maths we have been learning all about patterns and shapes and have been busy cooking some yummy treats associated with shapes.

Our Year 5 buddies came down to help us build our own boats and our big Year 6 friends came in to play and help us make Rainbow Fish. We have recently received some new classroom equipment for both indoors and outdoors – a BIG Thank You to the P&F for your generous donations!

Here we are enjoying some new outdoor play items

We are always very busy down in Kindy!

Reports: Semester One written Reports will go out at the end of this term for Pre-Primary to Year 7. Kindy will be sending home a work sample book. As with last year’s reports, we are grading against the Department of Education (DoE) Achievement standards. When viewing the reports it is important to remember that the 'target' for all students is a C and that, statistically 50-60% of all students would be achieving at this standard – the ‘expected’ level. Simply put: - "C", the middle of the scale, indicates a student is doing well and is meeting the outcomes we expect them to attain at that level.

Classroom Visits: I have been visiting classes and helping class teachers within a variety of curriculum areas. Such visits reinforce to me the fact we have dedicated and skilful staff, who have the best interests of all students at heart.

iPads: Staff are working on becoming proficient iPad users by attending after school “master class” sessions with a visiting iPad expert. Last week we learnt many exciting ways to enhance our teaching and learning through iPad usage. Next week we have to demonstrate our proficiency in completing our homework, as set by the presenter. Of course all of us will have to demonstrate our proficiency in completing our homework, as set by the presenter. Of course all of us will have completed our homework to the highest level.

There is a possibility of a workshop for parents interested in attending an iPad information session after school, enabling them to understand how the iPad is used as a tool to enhance teaching and learning. Please register your interest in the office. If there is enough interest we will organise an after school session for parents.

Reflection by Peter Mitchell (Mitch) - MJR: Taking The Good With The Bad – At an early age in life we realise that we have great times, good times, ordinary times and not so good times. Life is like that. If we dwell too much on the not so good and think that is our lot in life, then it will be. It is important to take the hard times on the chin, try to be positive and get on with life. At times that it is easier to say than to do, particularly at the passing of a loved one or a pet, but we are talking about the ordinary little things that get us down. Some people are always moaning and groaning. It is their first reaction to anything they don’t like. When was the last time you accepted a disappointment in your life and didn’t moan?

God Bless,
Karmela Messineo - Principal
Did you know?

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**Kindy Enrolments 2014**

Please complete an enrolment application form and drop it into the school office if you have a child due to start Kindy in 2014. Eligible children would be born 01/07/2009—30/06/2010. Families with students already in the school still need to enrol children for 4 year old Kindy.

**St Vincent DePaul Request for Warm Blankets—One week drive**

The recent cold weather has exhausted the supply of warm blankets and clothes at the local branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society. If you have any warm (clean) blankets and clothes in extra supply and wish to donate to the St Vincent de Paul Society, please bring your donation into the school office next week until Thursday 27th June.

**Sport News**

The boys and girls in years 4, 5, 6 and 7 participated in the annual footy derby against Waroona District High School last Friday. Well done to all students involved who showed great skill, teamwork and sportsmanship on the day. Thanks to the parents and teachers who supported us during the day. The children in years 5 - 7 will be travelling to St Anne’s in Harvey on Friday 28th June. All parents are welcome to attend. Mrs Fitzsimons

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**Did you know?...**

- Mrs Fuller was the only person to pick up the ‘deliberate’ error within the last newsletter.
- Mrs Della loves to drink a hot chocolate on a cold day.
- Miss Fitzsimons is getting married during the July holidays.
- Mrs Ripley’s students do fabulous work during their literacy rotations.
- The staff and students enjoyed wearing their pyjamas to school last Thursday for Pyjama Day. The school certainly looked ‘comfortable’ on the day. $175 was raised benefiting both St Vincent de Paul and Catholic Care.
- Jarrod M and Zac E (Y6/7) wore matching pyjamas on Pyjama Day and they looked a treat.
- If you can tell Mrs Messineo on Monday (before the morning bell) who wore matching pyjamas on Pyjama Day, you will earn a token for your House.
- The Kindy Class have created magnificent mud maps showing the way from our school to Lake Navarino.
- The office has a heap of lost property uniforms. Parents may come in and check before the end of term to claim them.

**Thank You To Our ‘Fantabulous’ P&F**

Through the hard work and dedication of our P&F the following items have been purchased for the benefit of our students.

- **Kindy**
  - Outdoor play equipment
  - Construction toys
- **PP**
  - Mat
  - Mini whiteboards
- **Year 1**
  - Lego
- **Year 2/3**
  - Mobile
  - Teacher resources
  - Maths games
- **Year 3/4**
  - Reading books
  - Bookcase to hold the new books
  - Maths manipulatives
- **Year 5**
  - Reading Books
  - Comprehension activity cards
  - Language games
  - Maths manipulatives
- **Year 6/7**
  - Maths manipulatives
  - Comprehension activity cards
  - Numeracy games
  - Maths activity cards

**Parish News**

Weekly Gospel reflection and discussion on Fridays between 1 – 2:15pm at the Presbytery. All are most welcome.

**Parish Family Mass**

Children from Kindy to Year 5 are invited to join in the Children’s Liturgy in the school library each second Sunday of the month. The children will start the Mass in the Church with their parents and then go to the library for their lesson, returning for the Offertory Procession.

**Altar Servers**

23rd June : Owen Grantham, Brock Rae, Riley-Jane Napoli
30th June : Harri Hull, Maddie Hull, Anya Stringer
7th July : Xavier Deleo, Ella Deleo, Jared Martelli

**St Patrick’s Church Cleaning Roster**

28th June : Karen Odoriso
5th July : Enario & Glenda Gellado
12th July : Clare Jones

**Congratulations**

Ray S (Y6/7) recently gained his Brown Belt in karate.

A wonderful achievement!

**Check this out!!**

National Geographic Kids.
This site is full of fun facts, videos and games about animals and the world around us.

www.kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids

**HEAD LICE**

Could all parents please examine their child’s hair and head for signs of lice or nits on a regular basis. Information sheets can be obtained from the office if parents have any concerns.