Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

October is dedicated as World Mission Month and next Sunday, 23 October 2011, we celebrate World Mission Day.

World Mission Day is celebrated every year in every country wherever there are Catholics committed to building a better world for all of God's people, a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. It is the day on which we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times.

Missionary activity is a response to the love with which God loves us. God's love is the spiritual energy that can make harmony; justice and communion grow among persons, races and peoples for which everyone is searching.

As we celebrate World Mission Day we are encouraged to hear the voice of our Indigenous brothers and sisters in Guatemala and here in Australia – to celebrate their Indigenous Catholic faith; their unique culture, language and spiritual traditions.

This 2011 World Mission Month, Pope Benedict XVI invites all Catholics around the world to go and proclaim the Gospel to all peoples – to stand in solidarity with them as part of the Universal Church.

At Baptism we were commissioned to carry out our mission of revealing God’s love to each other. Our mission is one of action, on a personal, interpersonal and community level. Mission Month is a time to consider stepping out of our comfort zone and reflecting on how we can be Christ-centred to others.

- What can I use less of?
- How can I share more with others?

Thank you for your support of and the welcome you extend to others.

God bless,

Anne Marrins
Principal
GOSPEL REFLECTION 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Poor Jesus!! How is he keeping so patient and even tempered? The Pharisees and the Sadducees are combining to catch him out on some point of Jewish law and so discredit him and prove to the people that he really couldn’t be their saviour. In this reading Jesus is asked which law (The Torah) is the most important. The Jews didn’t just have the ten commandments to follow they also had the 621 Jewish laws and regulations, so surely Jesus was going to answer incorrectly. He needed to find a balance and an intersection between the Law of Moses and of the Jewish tradition to which he belonged.

He did this very cleverly as would be expected. “You must love the Lord your God with your whole heart, all your mind and all your soul. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second resembles this. You must love your neighbour as yourself”.

This satisfied the Pharisees and the Sadducees. It contains the precepts of Jewish Law and also contains the essence of the Ten Commandments. Such an easy answer but it has great implications for us and the way we live our life.

How might loving God with all your heart, soul and mind affect the way you live your life? In your local situation, who are the ‘neighbours’ not loved as we love ourselves?

Mrs Bernadette Nolan—REC Coordinator

Teaching and Learning

UNICEF CONFERENCE


“During the school holidays, I attended the Convention on “The Rights of the Child” in Geneva. While I was there we sat in the High Commissioner’s Office and told them that we thought Children’s Rights was a big issue in Australia. I spoke about children who have immigrated to Australia and are in Detention Centres.

The next day on Tuesday, we went to the NGO Forum (non-governmental organisations). We met people from the other countries who were involved in the Conference. They were from Algeria, Thailand, Vietnam and Cook Islands.

At the forum I made a speech about the past few days. On Thursday we planned a side event where we all made another speech. Once again I spoke about “What Children in Detention Centres in Australia go through”.

There were six other students with me in the Australian delegation.

Natalie El-Helou
Stage 3B
2VB are starting to learn about narratives. We looked at some nursery rhymes and changed them. Have a read of this selection, they are great.

Humpty Dumpty sat on a rock
Humpty Dumpty had a great shock
All the queen’s celebrities and all the queen’s kids
Couldn’t stop Humpty from doing a gig.
By Rose and Brianna.

Incy wincy spider climbed up the monster truck
Down came the rain and washed the spider out
Up came the sun and dried up all the rain
And Incy wincy spider climbed up the monster truck.
By Kaylan and Richard.

Humpty Dumpty sat on a bridge
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall
All the police forces and ambulances came
But they couldn’t put Humpty together again!
By Jessica and Celine

Hickory Dickory Dock. The mouse climbed up the house.
The house shook once, the mouse ran away
Hickory Dickory Dock, tick tock.
By Rishab and Shane.

Humpty Dumpty sat on his hat
Humpty Dumpty fell on the mat
All the bats and all the cats
Could put humpty together just like that!
By Roveena, Chandelle, Hasna and Karima.

The Orientation mornings for Early Stage 1, 2012 students will take place in Week 4 for Group 1, on Thursday 3 November and Friday 4 November at 9.00am until 11.00am.

Group 2 will take place in Week 5 on Thursday 10 November and Friday 11 November 2011.
Catherine McAuley Westmead
School Open Morning
9.15 – 11am
Thursday 3rd November 2011

Enrolments for Year 7 2013
Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2013. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Don’t miss out!
Join us on our last school tour for the year and be ahead of everyone else in 2013 enrolments. This is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Car parking will be available in the school bus bay from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.

NOTES HOME

1. Year 5 Sports T-shirt order for Year 6
2. Yr 6 Graduation Dinner—Parental Assistance
3. Term 4 Canteen Menu