



# ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## VISION STATEMENT

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A COMMUNITY SEEKING TO GROW TOGETHER IN LOVE. THE DEVELOPMENT OF EACH INDIVIDUAL IS NURTURED THROUGH THE INTEGRATION OF FAITH, LIFE AND CULTURE.

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## DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND STAFF

It's now the fourth week of this Liturgical season in the life of the Church. Lent is like a sunrise in our lives – a time when God calls us to be new. It's a time to be new in the way we love God and look after each other – to be new inside ourselves – to build a world always new and more human and humane – together.

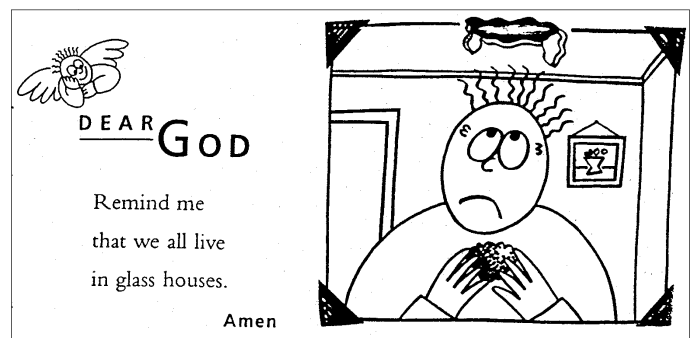
I'd like to share two little stories originally told by a Jesuit Father Anthony de Mello. Both stories were published under the title of . . .

### "Streaky People"

*A teacher put this question to a class of children:  
 "If all the good people were white and all bad people were black,  
 What colour would you be?"  
 Little Mary Jane replied: I'd be streaky!"*

*A man, looking for a good church to attend, happened to enter one in which the people and the priest were reading from their Prayer Book:  
 "We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done."  
 The man dropped into a seat and sighed,  
 "Thank goodness,  
 I've found my crowd at last!"*

As we continue to ponder the 'streakiness' of our world and indeed of our own lives this Lent, and as we search



out ways of loving better, may we, each one of us, from the youngest Kindy kid to the oldest Granma/pa, be gentle with ourselves and with each other.

This term has certainly been exciting and energizing. My sense of our school community is full of hope and possibility with ever-increasing involvement and inclusivity for all. Much has been achieved already:

Staff members are responding enthusiastically to changes in procedures and workloads in the best interests of the children's learning. The goodwill, flexibility and generosity being offered to and for the children is truly wonderful. Our many lunch-time clubs and activities, organized voluntarily by staff, are each enthusiastically supported by large numbers of children.

Last Saturday's Garage Sale, organized by the P&F in the undercover area, was a roaring success from many

WEEK 9	EVENTS
MONDAY 30th March	Lunchtime Art Activities with Miss Harris - Art Room - Years 4-7
TUESDAY 31st March	<b>EARLY CLOSE - 2.30pm</b> Interschool Swimming Training
WEDNESDAY 1st April	Lunchtime Oval Games Year 5 Incursion Caritas "Carry Your Bear Day" - see note distributed to students today
THURSDAY 2nd April	Palm Sunday Reflection Assembly - 2.00pm - Led by Years 2 & 6 Lunchtime Board Games in Library
FRIDAY 3rd April	Year 7 Immunizations Interschool Swimming Training Lunchtime Chess Club

angles – fund-raising, community-building, ridding the school of many long-living but unwanted items, not to mention the twenty-five or so willing, happy helpers who conducted the whole event. Special thanks to Terri Rozmus and the P&F Executive for initiating and planning the whole event – the first of what promises to be a fantastic year of both fund-raising and community involvement at Assumption.

Last Saturday evening also saw representatives from the Board, Staff and P&F Executive participate in a commissioning ceremony during the 6pm Mass at our Parish Church. So the events of Saturday and indeed of our whole year have been well blessed!

At the end of this term Mrs Fran Ensikat, who has been an invaluable long-serving staff-member here at Assumption, will take a well-deserved period of Long Service Leave before retiring. Even though I have only known Fran for a very short time, I will certainly miss her and that sentiment I know will be magnified a hundredfold in both the past and present community of Assumption. Over the next couple of weeks we will have opportunities to express our thanks to Fran.

The selection process for the advertised position of full-time Secretary/Registrar has been completed and we are very pleased to be able to welcome Mrs Marion Langdon into that position from 2nd April.

News of whether our submission under the Australian Government's National School Pride Program is expected any day now. If successful the painting of the whole school – inside and out – is likely to happen over the first term holidays. Also, refurbishments in the junior block, which will include two new learning areas for Special Needs and Reading Recovery, could be completed by the beginning of third term.

Plans for accession of a further \$3 million for capital development under the "Primary Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" element of the Australian Government's Building Education Revolution are also well underway and further details will be provided in the next newsletter.

Thanks to our enterprising staff, other grants have been successfully accessed:

Thanks to Rosalie Taylor and Janine Moore for their work in procuring \$55,000 for purchase and installation of solar power systems under the Australian Government's National Solar Schools Program. Thanks also to Jo Drew who successfully applied for a Landcare Grant of more than \$1000 for a "Greening Assumption" project to be undertaken by the many enthusiastic lunch-time Greenies Club members at our school.

Much happens at Assumption Catholic Primary School every day. Our future looks very good.

Go gently in God's grace

**Geri O'Keefe**  
PRINCIPAL

**"My idea for Lent? –  
Give up eating people!"  
Fr Bob McGuire**

**SCHOOL OFFICE**

Parents, you may not be aware that each class has a communication basket by which parents can send any paperwork or monies to the office in the mornings. We ask parents to give these items to their eldest child to place in the communication basket - be sure to place any money in envelopes, marked accordingly. However, for fee payment and personal issues, you will still need to come to the office. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**EARLY CLOSE - 31ST MARCH 2009**

**We wish to remind parents that school will close early at 2.30pm on Tuesday 31st March 2009.** Those children who attend freestyle swimming training from 1.30pm to 2.30pm at M.A.R.C. will return to school at 2.45pm on early close day.

If you plan to collect your child from M.A.R.C., please ensure you are there by **2.25pm sharp**, as it is not possible for the team and teachers to wait with your child for your late arrival. Please ensure you see Mr de Rosario at the pool before taking your child home. If you are late picking up your child from M.A.R.C. you will have to collect him/her from school.

As usual, any students going home on school buses will be fully supervised until the buses arrive.

**ADVANCE NOTICE - TERM TWO START DATE**

Parents, please note that students will return for Term 2 on **Wednesday 29th April 2009.**

**FIRST SEMESTER SCHOOL FEES**

First semester school fees were due for payment on 16th March 2009. If you are experiencing difficulty with fee payment, please call the office for an appointment with the Principal.

**IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING BPAY**

Late last year we introduced fee payment by BPay. Our **Biller Code** and your unique **Family Reference** is printed on your school fee. However, it is essential that families **do not** make 'part payments' unless they have arranged a payment plan through the school office. The Board's Fee Collection Policy states that *fees are payable in two equal instalments with the first instalment due six weeks from commencement of first term, and the second instalment due six weeks from commencement of third term.* Any alterations to the Board's terms of payment can only be done through the school office or by appointment with the Principal.

**ADVANCE NOTICE - P & F MEETING**

The next P & F Meeting will be held in the library at 2.00pm on Friday 8th May. Come along for a *cuppa* before the meeting starts! All welcome.

**OVAL GAMES**

Wednesday was the first day of lunchtime oval games. Over the course of the lunchtime there were about 70

children participating. Many thanks to the four parents who were able to assist. We are looking for more parents who are interested in helping - if you are able to assist, please let me know. The time commitment will be from 1.15pm to 1.50pm every fortnight.

**Martin Tucker - Assistant Principal**

### **PALM SUNDAY**

We are looking for children to participate in the Palm Sunday Mass at Church on Sunday 5th April. Please refer to form included with this newsletter.

### **SCHOOL CROSSWALKS**

We have been asked to remind parents that during school hours when driving through designated "school crosswalks", drivers must remain behind the white lines when students are crossing, until the crossing attendant signals you to proceed.

## **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

### **Uniform Shop Opening Hours:**

Monday: 8.30am to 12.30pm  
Tuesday: 12 noon to 3.30pm  
Thursday: 8.30am to 11.00am

**Early Close Hours:** On the last Tuesday of every month, please note that the Uniform Shop will close at 3.00pm in line with early close.

### **Opening Times - Term 2:**

**Week 1** Tuesday 28th April, 9.00am-11.30am  
Wednesday 29th April, 9.00am-11.00am -  
(Term 2 commences on Wednesday)  
Thursday 30th April, 8.30am-11.00am

**Week 2** Normal operating hours resume

**Winter Stock:** Our winter stock has arrived, so please be early to avoid disappointment.

**Winter Laybys:** Please consider a layby for your winter uniforms to beat the rush, 10% deposit, regular payments, and up to 12 weeks for full payments.

**New Price List:** Please note the following changes as at 29th April 2009:

- Faction Shirts were \$16.00, now \$18.00 (introductory price now finished).
- Grey socks were \$7.00, now \$8.00.

**Sunscreen:** We now have Cancer Council Sunscreen available from the Uniform Shop at great prices: small roll-on \$6.00; 1 litre pump packs for \$24.00.

**Lost Property:** Any beach towels not claimed from lost property by the end of Term 1 will be donated to local wildlife carers.

**New Roller Bags:** The new roller bags have arrived. Come into the Uniform Shop to check out the new school bags. Please note that stock is limited, so be quick!

**New Library Bags:** Due to books being damaged from leaking water bottles, we now offer waterproof library bags for \$7.00.

**Soccer Boots:** We have a number of secondhand soccer boots for sale at \$15.00 each. We are not accepting any more boots for sale until current stock is reduced.

### **Winter Uniform**

For the first two weeks of Term 2, students can wear either summer or winter uniform; however, from 11th May, all students must be wearing full winter uniform as listed below:

#### **Primary**

**Boys:** Mid blue long sleeved shirt  
Long grey college trousers  
School tie  
School jumper  
Short grey school socks with two blue stripes  
Black leather lace up shoes

**Girls:** Tartan Winter pinafore  
Mid blue long sleeve shirt  
School tie  
School jumper  
Short white socks (to cover ankle bone)  
**or** grey tights  
Black leather lace up shoes  
Mid blue hair ribbons or scrunchies

#### **Pre-Primary**

**Girls & Boys:** Mid blue t-shirt or skivvy  
Navy blue track suit  
School hat

It is compulsory for Years 1-7 to wear correct school uniform at all times. Please ensure your children attend school dressed correctly. Tracksuit jacket is part of the sports uniform and, as such, must only be worn for sport. Only knitted jumpers go with formal uniform.

**Secondhand Uniforms:** All items must be washed, ironed and presented on hangers, which are available free from the Uniform Shop. Only uniforms in very good condition will be offered for sale. Any uniforms not presented in this way will be placed in the bin. We do not intend to offer stained, torn or damaged uniforms for sale in the shop. Any unsold uniforms will be donated to St Vincent de Paul.

#### **FOR SALE ...**

Long sleeved shirt size 10; summer dresses size 8; winter pinafore size 8; jumpers sizes 8 and 10; sports jumpers sizes 4, 8, 10; tracksuit pants sizes 6 & 10; sports shorts size 2. Please contact Colleen on 9537 1179 or 0428 316 260.

#### **LOST ...**

Basketball, black - LJ23, belonging to Jordan Ferguson. Please return to the office if found.

#### **FOUND ...**

Garage door remote control found on the school premises in February - please contact the office.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

*(These advertisements are included as a community service and do not necessarily indicate the school's endorsement of the service)*

**Billy Dower Youth Centre** offers a great school holiday program for 12 to 18 year olds, which aims to assist young people with social interaction with their peers, helping them to develop and maintain friendships and to experience and enjoy interesting and challenging activities. Call Robyn Wheatley on 9550 3670 for full details.

Also at the above Centre, the City of Mandurah is running free workshops for 12-17 year olds on 4th April. The workshops include: painting and sketching, photography, 3D sculpture and poster design. Call Mike Delo at COM on 9550 3670 for further details.

**Healthy Lifestyle Roadshow** at Thompson Street Netball Courts for 7-12 year olds from 20th to 23rd April. Fun and games, Netta basics, learn the rules. For more information call 9550 3950 or 9550 3600.

**Halls Head Recreation Centre** is launching a *Pram Fitness* program for mums and babies commencing on 4th May, 10.30am-11.00am. Call 9550 3950.

**Fairbridge WA** offers a school holiday program for 7 to 15 year olds which includes rock climbing, flat water rafting, adventure days, abseiling, mountain biking and an overnight camp out. Call 9531 7916.

**Peel Volunteer Resource Centre** has over 250 flexible voluntary positions available to fit in with school times and commitments. To get involved with your local community as a volunteer, call 9581 1187.

**Marriage Encounter** offers a weekend for married couples to recharge their relationship at Safety Bay. Dates: 1st-3rd May and 16th-18th October. Call Joe and Margaret on 9417 8750 for full details.

**Southern Cross Cultural Exchange** is seeking volunteer families to host high school students from overseas. Students arrive early July for 5 to 10 months. Call 1800-500-501 or visit [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au)

## PARISH NEWS

### Our Lady of Assumption Parish Youth Group News

#### Movie Trip to see - *Monsters V Aliens*

The Parish Youth Group are having a movie fundraiser at Reading Cinema, Mandurah on 4th April at 10.30am. Prices: \$10/child (15 yrs and under), \$12/concession, \$15/adults, or family pass (2 adults and 3 children or 1 adult and 4 children - \$50. Funds raised go towards upcoming Youth Retreat. Get along to this hilarious animation.

Tickets can be purchased from the school office or from the parish office. **IMPORTANT: If any families picked up blue movie vouchers from the school office counter, and intend to see the movie, would they please call in to the school office. The tickets must be paid for before going to the cinema.**

#### Youth Mass

The next lively Youth Mass is on Sunday 5th April, 6.00pm at Church. The Youth Mass is run by youth for youth. Drummer and pianist wanted! Contact Alicia on 0421 625 472 if you can help.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

All book club orders must be returned to school by no later than close of school on Monday 30th March. No late orders accepted.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30th March B. Norris	31st March	1st April L. Bell	2nd April J. Body	3rd April S. Stipcevich
6th April	7th April K. Johnson	8th April C. Richardson	9th April L. Walker M. Brierley	10th April GOOD FRIDAY

# Swimming Carnival - Years 3 to 7

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March our Years 3-7 children participated in our senior swimming carnival at the Mandurah Aquatic and Recreation Centre. This year our Year 3 children joined the senior carnival, which ran in the traditional carnival format. All children should be congratulated on their great participation and sportsmanship. It was magnificent to see children 'having a go.' The functioning of the carnival would not be possible without the terrific help of the parent helpers. Thank you very much to those parents!

The junior carnival held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March enabled the Year 1-2 children to have some FUN in a non-competitive carnival. The carnival was run in a modern tabloid (circuit) format which allowed children to keep busy at all times, enabling maximum participation. Congratulations to all the juniors who participated on the day and special thanks to the marvellous parents who offered their help in and out of the water!

A huge thank you goes out to the year 7 Sports Captains and Year 6 helpers who showed terrific leadership at the carnivals - they all did such a great job! Finally, thank you to the parent/family spectators for your continued support!

Here are the results for the senior carnival:

## Overall House Results:

1 <sup>st</sup>	St Patricks	429 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nagle	421 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Marys	401 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Quinn	330 points



## Champions & Runner up Champions:

### Year 3 Girls

Champion: Ellie Deen - St Patrick  
Runner-Up: Tilda Bennett - Quinn

### Year 3 Boys

Champion: Robert Kerr-Wilson - St Patrick  
Runners-Up: Jordan Patchett - St Patrick }  
Jake Rowley - Nagle }

### Year 4 Girls

Champion: Jade Martin - Nagle  
Runner-Up: Amy Carty - St Mary

### Year 4 Boys

Champion: Jacob Hutton - St Mary  
Runner-Up: Callum Leather - Nagle

### Year 5 Girls:

Champion: Abbey Waddell - St Patrick  
Runner-Up: Morgan Elward - Quinn

### Year 5 Boys:

Champion: Cameron Butler - Quinn  
Runner-Up: Lachlan Lee - Nagle

### Year 6 Girls:

Champion: Sinead Keleher - St Patrick  
Runner-Up: Ashleigh Richardson - Nagle

### Year 6 Boys:

Champion: Ashley Bacani - St Patrick  
Runner-Up: Brock Alston - St Patrick

### Year 7 Girls:

Champion: Georgia Haines - Quinn  
Runner-Up: Tanika Chapman - Quinn

### Year 7 Boys:

Champion: Ty Newbey - Nagle  
Runners-Up: Tyler Martin - St Mary }  
Sam Rodoreda - St Patrick }



## P.S.S.A. League Tag Carnival

Our Year 6/7 League Tag teams represented Assumption Catholic Primary School at the PSSA Interschool League Tag Carnival on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** at Peelwood Reserve.

Our three mixed gender teams competed against Greenfields PS, Riverside PS, Dudley Park PS, Glencoe PS, Ocean Road PS, Halls Head PS and MCC.

Considering this was the first year entering the League Tag Carnival our children did very well, coming in at 6<sup>th</sup> place. All children should be commended on their great sportsmanship and efforts.

Thank you to Mr Lazaroo for helping the teams on the day and to the parents you came to support on the day!



## ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION



Those of you who came to the recent P&F meeting would have heard me talk about what an exciting time it is to be involved in the school, with so many great changes and improvements on the horizon as well as those already implemented this year.

The virtue of the week was *Helpfulness* and the number of you that put it into practice for Saturday's Garage Sale was inspiring. We had so many volunteers to help set up, run the sale and pack up, that the whole event ran very smoothly.

We had parents donate designer label accessories as well as electrical goods, a quality pram and cradle and loads more. There were also many parents who bought items and said "keep the change, for the school". What great community spirit! Not only did we raise money, we also successfully cleaned out several areas of the school.

Thanks to the sausage sizzle team for your fantastic organisation and effort: Caroline, Shane, Graham and Jamie Boardman, Carl Duxbury and Carolyn Buckley.

Thanks also to parent helpers Pia Smith, Paula Martley, Joylene Woods, Anna Dunlop, Andrea Camarda, Kylie Lee, Anna Blagden, Melanie McCoy, Jude McBride, Natasha Thornton, Chandhani, Chrissy Richardson, Jenny Cook, Mathew Dietrich, Julie Davidson, Peter Ford and to the many others who helped out on the day.

Special thanks also to Donna Baker and Sharon Ford for helping out all day and taking a ute-load of leftovers to charity, and to Denise and David Logue for also helping out, then taking a huge load of scrap wood and metal to the rubbish tip - your effort is much appreciated.

Thanks to our Principal, Geri O'Keefe, for her support with this event (and for getting up so early on one of her few days off to open up the school).

Thank you all for your dedication to our school family . . . **Terri Rozmus, P & F President**

### 'May' is Book Month at Assumption

We are holding a Read-a-thon from

Monday 4th to Friday 29th May

Every \$10 raised earns a reading book  
for our school!

Prizes galore !



*Further information and sponsorship forms  
will be distributed in the first week  
of Second Term.*

### *P & F Easter Raffle*

The P & F are holding an Easter raffle and ask each family to donate an Easter egg. A book of raffle tickets was sent home to each family yesterday - extra books are available from the school office. Please support this fundraising effort by your P&F.



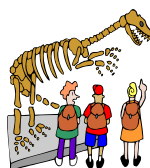
### *Golden Eggs / Farm Pride Collect-a-thon*

Once again, our school is registered for the collect-a-thon. Simply collect the 50¢ tokens from the top of the egg cartons and send in to the office. Funds raised go towards valuable resources for our children. Thanks to those who sent in tokens last year.



### **Jurassic Book Fair**

will be held from



Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd May

*Free bookmark with every purchase.*