Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross Paraliturgy

At this paraliturgy we also celebrated with Father Plunkett his anniversary of 60 years a priest. Father served 32 of those years at Sacred Heart Parish.
Dear Parents and Friends,

**SCHOOL MASSES**
Thank you to all parents for your ongoing support. A wonderful roll-up of parents helped make our S2F class mass a great celebration, as too the support from Stage 3 children and families at last Sunday’s 5.30 parish mass. This Friday S2C celebrate their class mass at 12.45pm in the classroom while S3K organise the 5.30pm mass on Sunday. These masses are an important part in the teaching of Catholic Identity and Religious Education - our core business. Support from families makes it a success. Thank you again.

**DISCO**
This Friday night the children will enjoy the ‘school disco’. Thank you to the P&F Association for their organization and supervision. Infants will be held 6.00-7.15pm and the Seniors 7.30pm-8.45pm. Please deliver your children to the hall and pick them up from the hall. Children WILL NOT be allowed to leave to meet parents in the carpark - obviously for safety reasons. Being punctual is expected, this being fair and considerate for those in charge.

**SEX EDUCATION**
Sex Education is being offered for our Stage Three students. We ask that students are accompanied by a parent as much discussion goes on between parent and child throughout the presentation. The night is run by Mrs Sally-Anne Leary. Sally runs education programs to schools in sex education. The night is very well presented and very beneficial for the students. Girls session - Monday 14th September at 7pm Boys Session - Tuesday 15th September at 7pm

**EISTEDDFOD**
Eisteddfod notes went home with times and dates for all Eisteddfod performances Stage 1 speech, Stage 3 percussion, dance and choir. Good luck and a particular thank you to teachers for offering our students yet another learning experience.
MOBILE PHONES
It has come to our attention that some of our Stage 3 students are bringing mobile phones with them to school. We ask that if this practice is necessary, that all phones are handed in at the office in the morning and collected in the afternoon. At a primary level, mobile phones are a major distraction for students. All important messages are ALWAYS passed on to students and teachers if rung through to the front office. Mobile phones, if needed, will be handed back at the end of the day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
The term remains busy particularly with the preparation for our Stage 2 First Communicants who receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist on Friday 28th and Sunday 30th August. Please ignore incorrect dates on the parish bulletin and keep these children in your prayers.

BOOKWEEK
Bookweek celebrations will be held next week. 'Books light up our World' is the theme. Each lunch time a different teacher will be holding a 'Story time' in the hall for all children interested.

VISITING TEACHERS
Over the last fortnight many teachers from schools in our Diocese have visited Sacred Heart teachers. St Pats Albury, observed teaching in Stage 3. They met with teachers afterwards to discuss strategies and ideas. This week, three teachers from St Josephs Wagga met with Stage 1 and next week three teachers from Yoogali will meet with Early Stage 1. Thank you to all teachers for their professionalism and preparedness to share their skills and knowledge.
(Habit 15: Thinking Interdependently)

Thank you to Mr King for his leadership in my absence.

Serving through love,

Helen Bowyer
Principal
### Merit Awards Week 4 & 5, Term 3

#### MERIT AWARDS

| Stage One | Ashton Hull, Matilda Mattingly, Riley Honeyman, Jasmine Kaur |
| Stage One | Achieu Ateny, Zac Wilde, Bentley Boulton, Meg Broadhead |
| Stage Two | Sam Grass, Abby Quinton, Georgia Ellison, Ruby Sykes |
| Early Stage One | Nicola Cubis, Madison Russell, Marquez Morrell, Flynn Morey |
| Stage One | Gemsey Bartlett, Lochlain Farrell, Coomara Munro, Indy Coates |
| Stage Two | Sam Grass, Angelina Morell, Alier Kuai, Liam Hartley, Molly Blanch |
| Stage Three | Bea Golez, Oskar Byrne, Dom Melican, Balin Willis, Allysag Sagid, Brandyn Thornber, Sally Payne |

#### STAR AWARDS

| Stage One | Madina Brentnall, Ruben Evans |
| Stage One | Elbiya Joby, Lachlan Oliver |
| Stage Two | Sarah Rankin, Jorda Risby |
| Early Stage One | Ivy Traviss, Lilah Munro |
| Stage One | Amarlie McPherson, Abdul Conteh |
| Stage Two | Mitchell White, Noah De Jong |
| Stage Three | Emily Simpson, Patrick Ryan, Tamsin Davis |
Is Homework Necessary? SLJ Talks to Alfie Kohn

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Why do schools keep giving more homework when research shows there’s no correlation to academic achievement? In The Homework Myth (Da Capo, 2006), Alfie Kohn, a high school teacher-turned-author harshly criticizes homework, the 800-pound gorilla that dominates many homes during the week. The fallout, Kohn argues, is family conflict, frustrated kids, and a decreased joy in learning.

To learn more, SLJ caught up with the author at his home in Boston.

What exactly does the research show about homework and achievement?

No research has ever demonstrated any academic benefit to making kids do homework before they're in high school. Even in high school, there is only a weak correlation between standard measures of achievement and doing homework. What's more, there is no evidence that the two are causally related—that is, that kids who have better grades and test scores have them because they’ve had to do more academic assignments after a full day in school. Finally, there isn't a shred of evidence to demonstrate that homework has any nonacademic advantages, such as teaching self-discipline and responsibility or teaching kids good work habits.

How could reasonably intelligent parents like me have been hoodwinked all these years into believing that homework is a necessary evil, like "eating your spinach"?

Sometimes we don't want to know. It's more convenient for us to assume that what our kids are being made to do is in their best interest, and it's unsettling, to say the least, to face up to the possibility that what we were made to do when we were children is exactly as pointless as we suspected at the time.

Does homework do any good?

I don't come down on the side of saying that there should never be any homework at all. What I say is that perhaps we should change the default so that there's no homework—which is to say that family time will be determined by families rather than schools—except on those occasions when a teacher can make a good case. One [example] is simply reading for pleasure. A second category is activities that have to be done at home, such as interviewing one's parents about family history or replicating a science experiment in the kitchen.
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Isn’t it depressing that we’re squeezing the pleasure in learning out of our kids?

How can any sane, caring person not find that depressing? I also find it counterproductive. Even if you don’t care about kids' happiness, the fact is that they’re unlikely to learn effectively when they’re doing something that they regard as anxiety-provoking or at least a waste of time. What view of children or human motivation must underlie the assumption that “it doesn’t matter how kids view what they’re doing; they’re going to get smarter anyway?” That assumes that kids are like vending machines: You put more homework in and you get more learning out.

So is the educational community alarmingly uninformed, or just clinging to homework because that’s “always the way things have been done”?

The three most prominent explanations for why homework continues to be given are some combination of failure to understand how learning actually happens; a cynical view of children, where we don’t trust them to decide how to spend their time; and the current nightmarish emphasis on “accountability” and “tougher standards” that has reduced education to a matter of raising scores on bad tests.

Bald Archy Prize 2015

The Wagga Women’s Health Centre is offering Riverina businesses, service clubs, community organisations, schools, retirement/aged and care groups a chance to book a time to visit this exciting show – The Bald Archy Prize 2015.

For bookings, please contact Adele Rosser via telephone 02 6933 2496 between 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday or email: arosser@csu.edu.au

In addition volunteers are being sought to help run this exciting event. If you can volunteer between August 29 and September 18, please contact Helen Crosweller via email: helencrosweller@gmail.com

What: Bald Archy Prize 2015
Where: Gallery 43, Wagga TAFE
When: Saturday August 29 to September 18, daily 10am - 4pm
Cost: Admission $5 per person; children under 18 years free. Morning and Afternoon Tea available for $5 per person (including children)
Thank you and we hope to see you there.
The WWHC

Kooringal Wagga Athletics Club
Friday Nights from 5pm  4 - 16 years

Registrations are now open for the 2015/2016 Athletic Season. Register online at www.kwa.org.au and bring your receipt or invoice along to our Registration Pack Collection Night on Thursday 27/8/2015 between 5 & 7.30 at Sportsman’s Warehouse to collect your pack and purchase any uniforms you require. Proof of age is required for all new registrations.

*****Early Bird Discount for all registrations completed online by 27/8/2015*****

Register online now at www.kwa.org.au
Rego Pack Collections: Thursday 27th August 2015 from Sportsman’s Warehouse between 5-7.30pm
Season Start date:  11th September 2014
Registration Fees: Early bird and Family discounts this year see website for details www.kwa.org.au
Contact: Registrar (Angela) on 0411 200 101
**DIARY DATES 2015**

**TERM 3**

**AUGUST**

21st  S2C Class Mass at 12.45  
21st  School Disco  
23rd  S3K Sunday Mass  
28th  First Holy Communion  
30th  First Holy Communion  

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**BOOKCLUB DUE BACK AT SCHOOL TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER**

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Volunteers are needed to work in the Uniform Shop on Wednesday mornings next term between 8.30 and 9.30AM. Even if it’s for one morning in the term that would be very much appreciated. If you are able to assist contact Amanda Hardman 0412 226 667.

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On Sunday the 23rd August S3K children will be helping the Parish to celebrate the 5:30pm Mass. The children will be involved in readings, offertory and singing. We would like to invite all students and their families to join the Stage 3 children and the Sacred Heart Parish at this mass. Children in Stage 2 who are making their First Holy Communion in a few weeks are particularly encouraged to attend.
GIRLS ONLY NAB AFL AUSKICK WAGGA
WHERE: Bolton Park, Wagga
WHEN: Thursday’s 27th Aug, 3rd, 10th and 17th Sept
TIME: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
COST: $45.00
INFO: Skill development program aimed at girls aged 5-12. Girls will receive their own pack with Fluro Pink footy.
Register at aflauskick.com.au and enter postcode 2650 and select Girls Auskick centre Wagga.

Wagga Wagga Little Athletics
Thursday Nights from 5pm
U4 - 17 years

2015-2016 Season Online Registration is now open!

Registration Collection Date: 3rd September 2015 – 5:30pm to 7:00 pm at Jubilee Park upstairs in the hockey rooms, Wagga
Start and Trial Date: 10th and 17th September 2015
Contact – Leanne 0408021810 or Brent 0412451457
Website – www.wwla.com.au

You can register online at littleathletics.com.au
Please bring your
- Emailed receipt along to our registration collection day to collect your registration pack.
-Original proof of age for all NEW ATHLETES.
-Completed Working with children declaration.

Our Club uniform will be available for purchase.
Please note that there is NO EFTPOS.
CASH or CHEQUE payments only.

If you can’t register online, assistance will be provided at the Registration Collection Day.

Connor McPherson, Lizzie Dumpleton, Wani Gwada, Charlize Murdoch and Sally Payne attended the Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Albury on Friday 7th August.
All children competed well with Sally being successful in selection for the Diocesan Team to compete at the MacKillop Trials in Homebush on 14th September. Well done Sally!
South Wagga Junior Cricket Club.

Anyone interested in playing under 10’s or Milo/In2Cricket (5-8 year olds) for South Wagga, please contact Craig Orr (Junior Coordinator Sth Wagga CC) jill_orr@bigpond.com 0439677927 or 69331135. Online In2Cricket registrations can be done at;

Four of our students; Emily, Sophie-Lee, Aaliyah and Roland have begun the Indigenous Reading Project - The only students chosen in the Riverina. They have been given a Nextus Tablet loaded with books to their ability. The more they read, gives them the chance of keeping their tablet. “Happy Reading:!!

The Griffith Regional Art Gallery together with The Art Gallery of NSW are holding a Junior Archibald Art Exhibition in Griffith commencing next week. Amy O’Halloran, Jordy Coleman, Lily Clark and Allysa Sagid all created some wonderful portraits of famous people to enter.

Thank you to Peta Anderson for preparing a beautiful Passover meal for Stage 2.