From the Principal

Give Up My Possessions?

In this Gospel reading on Sunday by St Luke, Jesus speaks to us about discipleship asking us to consider the possessions we have.

We live in an era of extraordinary wealth in some countries contrasted against extraordinary poverty and need in other countries. Accumulation of possessions has become a driving force in our society. Flat screen televisions, iPods, multiple computers, games consoles, portable DVD players, multifunction mobile phones are all 'must-have' items. The thought of surrendering such items may be almost impossible to consider.

However, Jesus’ message about being a disciple calls to us. How can some people in the world surround themselves with such luxuries while others don’t have enough to eat? Does the love of ‘possessions’ blind us to the needs of others?

Renovation Update

The renovations are due to commence next Monday 5th September. You will start to see fencing and workshops appear onsite early next week. Whilst there are no students and staff onsite they will be doing most of the hazardous material demolition. Trooshc will still be onsite, but operating in a different area of the school.

Conversation with the Director of Schools

I recently mentioned that I would invite a member of the Catholic Schools Office Leadership team to come to a parent forum where we could discuss some of the concerns raised by parents regarding the increase in schools fees from 2017. Thank you to those who have written to me or have come and had a discussion with me. I have forwarded all written communication to the Catholic Schools Office.

Our Schools Director, Mr Peter Hamill has agreed to attend the forum on Thursday 8th September at 7.30 p.m. The forum will allow Peter the opportunity to discuss with you some of the reasons why there is need for change and to address the concerns that you have raised.

Important Diary Dates

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Polding Athletics Carnival

#1 Dad

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If you would like to attend the forum could you please RSVP saph@dbb.catholic.edu.au or contact the school or complete the eForm on our school App.

I would like to thank you for your continued support as I believe that it is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.

Kevin Bauer - Principal

Public Speaking
Congratulations to the following students for placing in the top 3 for each Stage.

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From the Assistant Principal

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
As you know the school rules are

• We are Responsible
• We are Respectful
• We are Learners

Over the next two weeks we will be working on the rule We are Responsible – Make Good Choices.

All classes will focus on ways to assist with making good choices. In the younger years the children will listen to the stories to help them understand about choices. All classes will discuss the advantages of stopping and thinking before acting. The traffic light model will be used as a visual prompt for "Stop, Think, Do".

STOP (Red traffic light) take a step back, take a breath and look around, using eyes and ears to work out feelings and problems
THINK (Orange traffic light) Using brains to solve problems. How your actions may effect you or others - Is what I’m about to do bring me closer to this person (connect) or further apart from this person (disconnect).
DO (green traffic light) What can you do to help the situation? Do you need to ask for help?

Finally, depending on the age group, classes will talk about different scenarios where the application of Stop, Think and Do would be appropriate. You might find situations where these ideas apply at home.

School Attendance
The Education Act 1990 requires your child to attend school each day that instruction is provided, unless they are sick or there is another good reason for their inability to attend. St Agatha's parents are required to explain their child’s absence in writing within the following seven days. Not providing an explanation means that an unjustified absence will be recorded on the class roll. Teachers are also required to record lateness and part day absences on the class roll. If your child is late, or if you pick your child up during the school day, you are required to come in to the office for your child to be signed in/out.

Fiona Bylsma - Assistant Principal

From the REC
Next week on the 4th September, Mother Teresa will be canonised a saint. Often called a living saint, she ministered to the poor and sick all over the world. She dedicated her life to the poorest of poor, the marginalised and the forgotten in our world. She epitomised what mercy is. Her life...
was devoted to God and her simple service touched many people around the world. She spent her life in prayer, love and service.

One of her famous quotes was, ‘Together we can do something beautiful for God.’ If we could follow this mantra, our world would be a much better place for all. I pray that Mother Teresa will continue to be an inspiration to all of us.

Due to the success of our last parent spirituality day, we have booked another one on Thursday, 27th October. Please keep this date free and ask a friend to come with you.

God Bless

**Vicki Ford - REC**

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St Agatha’s is excited to introduce a new and easy way to order and pay for all your school and school related items. Once downloaded, Qkr will be available via our skoolbag app.

Please take the time to read the instructions - [click here](#).

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**From the P&F**

Spring is the time of year for renewal so the time has come for a change of executive roles on our P&F. The P&F constitution has a maximum term of 3 years in any position and both Peter Goh and Claire Sullivan are coming up to the end of their three years as Treasurer and Secretary. In addition to this, after two years as P&F President, I have also decided to complete my term at the end of the year. If anyone may be interested in finding out more, please do not hesitate to give me a call (0412 114 038). St Agatha’s is a lovely community and I look forward to continuing to be active in our community.

**Jocelyn Hordern-Smith - P&F President**

Invitations for the end of year social will be coming home with eldest child this week. Book your babysitter for 29th October, we are looking forward to a great night!

**Danielle Kelson - P&F Vice President**

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**Working Bee**

Again a huge thank you to all those who turned up to help! Hope to see you at our next working bee, Saturday 19th November 2016.

**Luke Palmer**

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**Fete - White Elephant drop offs**

Please note the drop off times for our Second Hand Toy Stall or our White Elephant stall. Donations can be dropped off to the School Hall on the following days:

- **Term 3, Week 9:** Tuesday 13th September - 2pm to 3.30pm (open class rooms)
- **Term 3, Week 9:** Friday 16th September - 8am to 9am
- **Term 3, Week 10:** Friday 23rd September - 8am to 9am
Happy Birthday to:
Joseph S, Joshua D, Guy T

School Holidays: Sunday 9th October - 9am to 11am (mass times)
Term 4, Week 1: Tuesday 11th October - 8am to 9am
Term 4, Week 1: Friday 14th October – 8am to 9am – last collection

Raffle - Tickets and Volunteers Please!
We've had a fantastic response so far - thank you! Please return all outstanding raffle tickets to the office by Thursday 8 September 2016.

Students and parents are also needed to help sell tickets at local shopping centres over the coming weeks.

One hour time slots have been allocated at local shopping centres. Click here to see time slots

Gold Awards
Congratulations to Oscar R for obtaining his Gold Award.

Silver Awards