Dear Parents,

What a wonderful day we had on Friday! It really felt like a celebration with all of St Mary’s joining us. We have a lot to be thankful for when it comes to the education our Catholic Schools provide. A big thank you goes to Mr Harrison, Michelle and the Environment Leadership team of Connor and Tom for their work in preparing lunch for so many. We are not sure how much money was raised for the St Vincent de Paul winter appeal yet as all the bills haven’t been paid but we will publish this next week.

A big thank you also goes to our Sports Leaders Kassidy and Darcy C for organising our sporting events on the day. They were well organised and everyone had a lot of fun. Our Leaders of Learning did an excellent job preparing and presenting the trivia quiz as well. There was a good mix of challenge and fun which kept all age groups entertained. Our Leaders of Faith, Annie, Ben and Kayla, were also an asset in setting up and putting together ideas for our Mass – it was nice to see the Church so full.

NAPLAN is nearly behind us for another year and it is very reassuring to see the children embracing the opportunities these tests provide. All we can ask of the children is that they do their best and I’m confident that they are.

This Friday we have our Sports Leadership teams’ Walk-a-thon, so if you have the time please come along to the Rec about 1:55pm and walk with us or cheer us on. Remember that afternoon pick-up is from the Rec on Friday.

This week’s Gospel reading calls us to “love one another”. Jesus reminds us that He chose us. “I chose you; and I commission you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last”. John 15:9-17 We bear witness (fruit) for our faith in the way we speak to others, offer to help, maintain high expectations, listen and care. When we treat one another with respect and keep all things in perspective, our patience and genuine concern for each other and our children bears much fruit as we in turn give them the gift of love, trust, compassion and concern for others – respect.

SOCIAL MEDIA REMINDER: A reminder that none of us has permission to display other children’s photos on social media unless explicit permission has been granted to do so. This is a requirement by law. Even as a school we must seek permission to do this. It is always advisable to never display names or personal information with photos. This is to respect the privacy of each individual.

Yours sincerely

Sue Darby
Acting Principal

SANDPIT DESIGN COMPETITION: We have had a couple of designs submitted for our sandpit competition. The competition ends in Week 8 on Friday 12th June, and is open to children in all classes. Designs must be:
- safe
- able to be covered to prevent cats and dogs using them
• big enough for groups of children to play in
• able to be built by volunteers.

It could be like the sandpit at St Mary’s…. it’s up to you!

WHOOPING COUGH: We have been alerted to a few local cases of Whooping Cough recently. Dr Horst Herb’s advice is to let people know and ask them not to ignore a cough…. get checked.

INSPIRING PARENTING CONFERENCE - FREE OF CHARGE: Final offer to attend this fantastic Parent weekend! Contact Sue Darby if you're interested in attending. A number of FREE places are still available to parents who are interested in attending the NSW Parenting Conference jointly hosted by Lismore Parent Catholic School Assembly and Council of Catholic School Parents on 16th & 17th May. The Conference features renowned parenting experts Michael Grose and Bruce Sullivan as keynote speakers and a host of other presenters providing workshops on issues such as parenting, mental health and wellbeing issues, connecting home and school learning and faith development. Parent Assembly will cover ALL costs including your conference registration and accommodation at the beautiful Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour.

To register your interest, please contact your local Parent Assembly Cluster Organiser Paul Edgar on 0427118122. Register quickly as places will be allocated to those who express interest first.

P&F STREET STALL: Thank you to today’s street stall helpers, Megan Francis, Tianaha Willson-Baker, Rebekah Green-Kahl and Melina Lawler, and to all those people who supported this fundraiser by bringing in something to sell on the stall or making a purchase. A customer who buys from street stalls every week told us that Mt St John’s street stalls have the best variety and tastiest cooking of all! So well done everyone. The winner of the raffle (a lovely vegie box) was Kerrie Fittock, and the P&F Association raised a total of $340.80.

WALK-A-THON: This will take place this Friday 15th May at the recreation ground after lunch. Children can be picked up from the Rec or will catch buses at the Primary School. Well done to all of those children who have been busily gathering sponsors. Please assist your child with this task as it is not something they should do on their own.

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES: School fee statements for Term 2 were sent home last week. These fees are payable by Friday 12th June, unless you are paying regular direct deposit amounts. For Internet banking payments, the school’s details are:

Bank: Banancoast Community Credit Union
BSB no. 704-328 Account no. 76986
(if paying from a BCU account, please specify our S10 account)

When using Internet banking, please use your child’s surname as a reference.

Suggested Direct Deposit amounts (from beginning of February 2015)

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CAPTAIN’S AWARD: Congratulations to Marshall Parker, who received a Captain’s Award this week for persevering with his work when there was a lot of noise around him.

GOOD LEARNING AWARDS: Class awards went to Tiernan O’Leary for always working hard to complete 5 tasks before free time; Hugh Thomas for insightful answers during the wondering discussions in Religion; Marijka Richter for improving her reading and spelling skills by trying hard; and Ashleigh Young for developing sound questioning skills that improve the quality of her written texts.

ASSEMBLY: Tomorrow’s assembly will be held at 2:40pm and will be led by the Year 2/3 class. All are most welcome.

PARENT ASSEMBLY: The Parent Assembly has money available again this year to provide education for parents. If you have some area of parenting that you would like to learn more about please talk to Cath Hartin or Mrs Darby and we will start a list and try to source people who can help us with your requests.

LINK TO SCHOOL WEBSITE: http://moodle.dorplism.catholic.edu.au/
PARISH MASSES: Sunday Mass – 10:00am. All are welcome.

CANTEEN: Thank you to this week’s canteen volunteers, who are Alisha Miller & Sascha Chong. A reminder that canteen volunteers should be at the school by 9:00am to tally up orders. If you are unable to do your rostered day, please organise to swap with another volunteer.

STUDENT ABSENCES: If your child is absent from school for any reason, please make sure you notify the school. There are several ways you can notify us:
1. By phone
2. By email to msjp@dorr@lism.catholic.edu.au
3. Via Skoolbag app
4. By written note

COMING EVENTS:

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| Walk-a-thon at Rec Grounds | Kids’ Day in canteen
|           | Term 2 school fees due |
|           | Thurs 18th |
|           | Athletics Carnival |
|           | Fri 26th   |
|           | NAIDOC Day at Dorrigo High
|           | Last day of Term 2 |

MUSIC LESSONS: Rob Harpley is taking lessons in guitar or keyboard at school on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30pm. Cost will be $20 for a half hour lesson. For more information call Rob on 67759282.

DORRIGO DRAMA – KIDS ON STAGE: Kids on Stage has resumed this term and will be held on Monday afternoons at 3:30pm at the Old Gazette Theatre. Rehearsals for a production of “A Magical Mystery Tour” by Pene Charles are now underway. If you’re interested in being involved, please ring Dina Luciani on 66572243.

GFS KIDSPLUS meets every Wednesday during term time from 3-5pm in the Anglican Church Hall. There is food, fun, games, worship and craft. Students from Kinder through to Year 9 are welcome. Cost is $1 per session – new pupils always welcome. Contact Rev Mike on 6657 2015.

DORRIGO FUJI KARATE CLUB invites you to discover the rewards of traditional Japanese Shotokan Karate. Increase your fitness, flexibility and coordination while learning self-defence. Studying a martial art promotes discipline and respect, focus, listening and memory skills. Phone Hazel Buchanan for further information.

Where: Dorrigo Public School Hall
When: Mondays  Kids 5-6pm  Adults 5:30-6:30pm
Phone: Hazel on 0458 572525

Dorrigo Show Schedule Competition
This year for the Dorrigo Show we are inviting all students to participate in a competition to create the cover for the 2015 schedule. Your design should be on a A4 page and in colour. Any theme depicting the Dorrigo Show will be considered. The competition is open to all students. The winning entry will also receive free entry to the show and a mystery package! Runner up will receive a mystery package. Entries close 29th May and can left at the office of each school.

IMMUNISATION CLINICS for babies and children will be held at the CWA Rooms (Child Health Clinic) on the First Thursday of each Month from 10am to 12pm, beginning on Thursday 7th May. For appointments, phone 0428 101659. This is a FREE service conducted by Child Health Nurses.
Don’t yell, move closer

As a busy parent it’s easy to give your voice a work out when you don’t get the cooperation you want from your children.

You know how it goes.

You want your son or daughter to give you some help and they don’t respond.

Perhaps, you want a child to stop annoying his or her sibling.

Or you simply want your kids to QUIETEN DOWN inside.

When your request for cooperation is ignored.

So you do what over 90% of parents do. That is, you repeat yourself. Then if that’s still ignored you RAISE the volume.

‘I’ll yell at them. That should work!’

Hmm, I’m not so sure. Usually yelling only succeeds in producing parent-deaf kids.

If yelling, shouting or raising your voice is a habit you’ve developed to get cooperation then here’s a great strategy to use instead.

Next time your kids ignore a reasonable request move close to them and quietly repeat your request once.

No aggression, just expectation.

It means you may need to stop what you are doing. So be it.

Proximity is a powerful influencer. Great teachers know this. That’s why they move around in class so much: to teach and also to manage.

So save your voice for conversation, encouragement and affection.

Use your body effectively to manage kids.

The key, of course, is to do it.

My challenge for you is to bite your tongue when you want to yell. Take a deep breath (as the Mood Meter teaches you) and move into your child’s proximity. Don’t stare him down. Just be close to him or her.

Keep doing it and the cooperation levels you get from your kids will increase astronomically over time.

But you’ve got to do it.

In future don’t yell, move closer.

Michael Grose

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