From the Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

As-salām 'alaykum,, Ya su, Hola, Hujambo, nǐ hǎo , Ciao , Namaste, vitayu! Welcome to Week 7 - it’s Harmony Week!

Harmony Day

Our school is a place of many cultures, as Australia is, - we actually have some 22 cultural backgrounds represented at IHM! Harmony Day, 21st March, celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity with the central message that ‘everyone belongs’.

Our school will be celebrating this Friday 18th March with a Mass. Each class has also been working on an art mural titled, “Growing together in love”.

Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone, so it fits well with who we are here every day at IHM! It is a day for all Australians to embrace and celebrate our rich cultural diversity.

Changes to Volunteer Police Checks

The Catholic Church in SA has recently foreshadowed changes to some of the arrangements relating to police checks for volunteers. These changes are consistent with moves across South Australia to align the volunteer police checking process more closely with recommendations arising from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

While the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide’s Police Check Unit (PCU) will still manage the police check process, some of the changes, effective from 1 May, include:

- Sourcing a Working With Children Check through the SA Government’s Department for Families and Social Inclusion (DCSI);
- A streamlined and simpler application process;
- The opportunity for volunteers to volunteer on 7 occasions per year without the requirement for a police check (where the volunteering does not include excursions or overnight stays);
- No requirement for children under 18 years of age to hold a check;
- The provision of a convenient wallet-sized clearance card as distinct from a clearance letter;
- An increase in cost to $65.00 (this will be covered by the school)

As our school transitions to the new arrangements by 1st May we invite you to renew your current check, prior to its usual expiry date, under the current arrangements so that we can reduce possible costs. Letters were sent home to our current volunteers last week. In the meantime, if you have any questions with regards to police checks as a volunteer please contact Julie Hansen or Doris Patini.

Holy Week and Easter

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. This time of the year is most important for Christians as we remember Jesus’ death and resurrection. Resurrection is about transformation. It is about dying and letting go, so as to receive new life and new spirit. This cycle is not something that we must undergo just once. Rather, it is something we undergo daily, in every aspect of our lives - letting go of the old and making way for the new, letting go of what is not helpful to us and embracing that which is, or changing our view of a situation from a negative one to a positive one.

Our IHM community is one where we are loved and accepted for who we are and each day is a new rising, as we work together with hope and love for our beautiful children.

May the promise of hope and love be with you and your families this Easter!

Shalom,

Pauline Kinsman ~ PRINCIPAL
School News

REMINDERS

➢ PARENT FORUM
  Including Wine & Cheese Evening & AGM - Everyone is invited…..
When: Wednesday 23rd March 2016
Time: 6:45 – 8:30pm
Where: Chevalier Centre at IHM
Crèche provided.

An opportunity to come along and hear about happenings at IHM and give you feedback and have a say. Contribute to the school vision and strategic directions.

For catering purposes and the crèche please ensure you return the reply slip on the back of this newsletter.

➢ HOLY THURSDAY DISMISSAL TIME

Please note that students will be dismissed at the normal time of 3:10pm on next Thursday 24th March.

IHM LUNCH CLUB

Every year our school holds a lunch club which enables students to come together and learn new skills and activities which are fun.

Last year we had cooking classes, dance classes, art and craft classes. They were a huge success and the children had a great time. Lunch club gives the children an opportunity to participate in fun activities with their friends especially when we have hot or rainy days.

It is held in the lunch break which starts at 1pm.

If there are any parents out there with a hidden talent who would be able to provide an hour of their time one afternoon teaching their talent it would be most appreciated

If you can help please fill in your details below and leave with Julie in the Office.

LUNCH CLUB

NAME: __________________________

TALENT: __________________________

Number of children needed to proceed with the activity or skill _________

Afternoon that you can do: (please circle) –

Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

Sports News

BASKETBALL – FRIDAY 18th MARCH

IHM U/9 vs St Joseph’s @ 4:35pm - Court 4 at St Clair

No game on Good Friday (25th March)

KANGA CRICKET

Sat 19/3/16  Game at 8:30am
Sat 26/3/16  No game due to Easter weekend
Sat 2/4/16  PLEASE NOTE: Game being played at 9:30am this week.

SPORTS DAY COMING SOON – 1st APRIL

Sports Day is fast approaching and for your information we have included a flyer with everything that families need to know.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL – THURS 17th MARCH

Tomorrow 13 enthusiastic swimmers will be representing IHM at the Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival being held at the Magill Campus. We wish them lots of luck!

SOCCER SEASON – RETURN OF FORMS

A reminder that if your child wishes to play soccer for IHM in Terms 2 & 3, forms must be in by the end of this week at the very latest. Forms can be located on our website.

Music Tuition

At IHM we offer private music tuition for Piano, Guitar, Violin, Singing/Voice and Drums and there are already students that have been learning to play an instrument for many years.

Lessons take place during school time and tutors are provided by Hallmark Music. A brochure and application form from Hallmark Music is included with this newsletter. If your child is interested in learning an instrument or have voice lessons please return your completed application forms to the school Office.

Included with this Newsletter

➢ IHM Sports Day Information
➢ Music Tuition (Hallmark Music)
➢ Brompton OSHC Holiday Program
➢ Easter Weekend 2016 Kite Festival
LOVE – “LET ALL YOU DO, BE DONE IN LOVE”

EARTH DAY

This Friday we celebrate these two significant events. Earth Day has evolved from “Earth Hour” and allows children in schools to participate as a community. So this Friday, we are ‘switching off’. We are keen to see how much energy we save by not turning on the lights.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day (which is officially Monday 21st March) will also be a focus of our celebrations. The direct correlation with the concepts of Harmony Day and Earth Day are key to who we are members of our Catholic community. Together with our 2016 theme of “Love – let all you do be done in love” we can grow together in harmony.

Mrs Koeroessy has been working with the children in the school, to symbolize these key concepts within our theme of love. Currently each child is involved in making a component of what will be a beautiful ‘garden’ growing up our fence that is made entirely of reusable materials such as plastic, material and CD’s.

This Friday morning (18th March) we will come together as a whole school to celebrate Mass led by Mr Garcia’s class.

HOLY WEEK

We being the final journey towards Easter next week as we remember the story of Jesus’ final days. On Thursday, the R-2 children will be part of a Last Supper Liturgy. The year 3-7 children will explore the prayer of the Stations of the Cross, led by our Year 6/7 students.

As a whole school, we will end the day on Thursday 24th March with a whole school gathering.

It is a pivotal time in the Church’s tradition and therefore provides us with an opportunity to reflect on our own lives and our own faith and spirituality.

This celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ was the first great feast of the Church. Each Sunday Christians would gather to experience the presence of the Risen Lord among them, by breaking bread and remembering his love. Gradually they wanted a time of the year set aside for a more intense celebration of this time of Jesus’ life and also to initiate new Christians into the faith. Therefore the feast of Easter emerged.

So when pondering your own preparation for Easter and what it means for your family, keep hold of our theme of ‘love’ and the love that Jesus has for each one of us. This also is important in the context of all children around the world – that we can work to alleviate greed, hate and ego.

EASTER EGGS

Don’t forget to check out the Good Egg Guide that will show you which supermarkets stock brands that do not involve the trafficking of children and also who support fair wages and village communities.

Shop for Easter by checking out this guide:


Please return to school by THURSDAY 17th MARCH

PARENT FORUM & AGM – WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH

Family Name: ........................................................................... Number Attending: ..............................................

☐ We require crèche facilities Number of Children:.................. Ages:.............................
Swimming was a lot of fun. We jumped in so many times and I had such a great time with my friends. I thank the teachers so much for organising the camp. – Juliet

The swimming pool was so cold when we jumped in! I loved swimming with my friends. – Layla

My bunk bed swayed to and fro! – Wylie

The food at camp was yummy and everyone enjoyed it. I hope the 6/7 camp will have food that good! – Rose

I had so much fun on camp! We went in the pool, on the jumping pillow and on beach walks. The food was also awesome! I want to go on camp again! – Tayte

The jumping bag was really cool! Everyone was trying to do a front flip and I was the only one to land one! – Owen

Mini Golf was exciting and Mr G let us stay up till 10:30pm! – Max

When we got to the beach we all ran around to find different objects to make patterns in the sand with. Our group did very well. – Lily