Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Send your Spirit to consecrate us so that the Jubilee of Mercy
may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,
may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;
You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen

WA DAY

So I set about to write a few words about Western Australia and WA Day in particular. Wow a few words? How does one put this huge and amazing state and what it means to be "West Australian" into just a few words? We all know we get a holiday on the first Monday of June every year because it is "WA Day" but what does WA Day mean to us? Historically it was to commemorate the founding of the Swan River Colony in 1829 and until recent history, the day was called Foundation Day and these days, less patriotically, it's referred to as the "June long week end."

Western Australia is one of the most diverse areas of land anywhere in the world. From our white sand beaches to our red rock Pilbara, huge tidal mud flats, arid deserts, the breathtaking beauty of the Karijini to our vast farming stations and our world class wine making regions. It is pretty hard to describe Western Australia in a few words.

If we are to speaking about our amazing native fauna, this cannot be done quickly either because we have so many. Crocodiles, dingos, sharks, lizards, snakes, bats, emus, echidnas, birds, camels (albeit introduced but thriving now), kangaroos, quokkas and all types of marsupials and the cutest of them all, our WA fauna emblem, the numbat. This brings us to our floral emblem; the Red and Green Kangaroo Paw, just one of the many incredible plants native to WA.

We are also a proud sporting state, with most of us following at least one team or sport such as; the Perth Wild Cats, West Coast Fever, The Warriors, and although The West Coast Eagles and the Fremantle Dockers can divide us in a Derby, we are united in our love for the game of "Footy".

In celebrating our amazing state, with all our world class universities, schools, hospitals, industries, unique flora and fauna and sporting men and women, we also acknowledge our Indigenous heritage and culture that dates back an astounding 80,000 years, Some of WA's most celebrated and beautiful geographical sites have been of Indigenous significane throughout this time - our magnificent Swan River is just one example.

Whether you were born in WA or immigrated here, however you spent this WA Day long week end, whether it be with family and friends, by the beach or in the hills, firing up the BBQ, playing sport or lounging about at home, know that we are united in the blessing of what it is to be West Australian - perhaps the luckiest of all this lucky country.

Written by Lea Harding – Kindy Education Assistant

Lea, thank you for your thoughts on WA Day, we are certainly reminded of how fortunate we are to be living here. We hope our families and friends had an enjoyable family day together.
Pirate Day Thursday, 8 June 2016
Thank you to the staff and our families for making our Pirate Day a memorable one. This celebration is an important one for so many children who suffer from brain cancer. Let us pray that our generosity helps in some small way to enable the scientists to find a cure to prevent further pain and suffering. This year is a very special one for us as our funds will be included with Caitlyn Irwin’s sister Carley who has joined the Telethon Adventurers to trek the Great Wall of China in October. This cause is very close to Carley’s heart, her daughter Molly as a small child was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Now six years on, Molly has been cured. We look forward to hearing about Carley’s adventures. To our staff and parents a huge thank you for the $174.20 we raised today. We appreciate your generosity. Please enjoy the collage of photographs attached.
Please click on this link https://www.facebook.com/Telethon-Adventurers-160264640701305/?ref=nf to support Carley.

Archbishop Costelloe’s Lifelink Launch – Catholic Caring Agencies
Lifelink was established in 1994 as a means of uniting and identifying the Church’s based welfare delivery. Our community based social service agencies respond immediately and compassionately to anyone in need, a practical demonstration of ‘Faith in Action’
On Wednesday, Bishop Don Sproxton and Archbishop Timothy Costelloe launched the primary schools Lifelink Day. The schools who attended took along paper chains with drawings and or messages on them. Each individual chain was joined to make one continuous chain. This is a powerful example of us joining together as a Catholic family and to reach out to those in need. Unfortunately, I was unwell yesterday, our Kate Masarei became the Principal for the morning. St Elizabeth’s Catholic Primary School was represented by Melissa Dimond and Kate Masarei with four students from Year One, Chloe Charvill, Izabel Pylarinos, Hudson Dimond and Cooper Lee. They were all beautifully behaved including Kate and Melissa!
This is an awesome program that involves the whole school community – parents, fellow teachers, students or any other people connected with the school can hop online at www.adaymadebetter.com.au and nominate a teacher who they believe has made a difference, as well as add a message of support to an existing nominee. There will be 10 winners selected Australia wide based on their nomination who will receive $5,000 worth of supplies, plus an Apple iPad for their classroom 😊 All our teachers have been nominated so jump on and vote for them please, they are worth it!

Flag and Flag Pole
Next week we will have a flag pole installed next to our current pole. We will fly the Aboriginal flag in recognition of the first landowners.

Mid Semester Reports and Portfolios
A very big thank you to Naomi, Kate and Tanika who have completed their Semester One Reports and to Kim for organising the Kindy Portfolios. The reports and portfolios require many hours outside of teaching to put together. The suggested interview times were sent home last week. Parents, this is an important time for you as the first educators of your child, to meet with your child’s teacher to know and understand your child’s progress. Please make every effort to return your preferred time. All parents have been given a flyer to assist you in preparing for the meeting, please take time to read it before your interview.

Important Events on the Horizon
Monday, 13 June - Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua (Patron Saint of our Parish and St Anthony’s CPS)
Tuesday, 14 June – Reports and Portfolio’s go home
Thursday, 16 June to Thursday, 30 June 2016 – Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday, 16 June - 8:30am Pre Primary Assembly
Tuesday, 21 June - Mater Dei College Band will be here to perform for the children.
Wednesday, 22 June - 6:00pm School Board Meeting
Thursday, 23 June - 6:00pm P&F Association Meeting
Sunday, 26 June - 9:00am St Elizabeth’s Community Mass at St Anthony’s Church
Friday, 1 July - 4:00pm to 6:00pm School Disco at Decandance, Joondalup

School Uniform
Please note a long sleeve skivvy under a school polo shirt is not part of our School Uniform. If children are cold they are to wear a school track suit top.

Stranger Danger
Whilst we all know there are some strangers, people we do not know, who are potentially upright citizens however we encourage our students not to speak to people walking along the footpath. The students have been told they are not to share their names to strangers. This is a sad reality of our society and in particular one where we all need to be on the same page for the safety of the children.

Parking
There are two car bays clearly marked Admin, please do not park in them. Krystal, our Camp Australia Coordinator uses one during the winter and when she leaves at night it is dark. The bay is nearest the Admin Area so Krystal can clearly see her car. Krystal arrives in the afternoon at about 2:30pm. Thank you for your consideration.
School Disco
The P&F Association have organised a great Disco for the children. Please return your $10.00 and the form ASAP so that the final preparations can be completed. Your child would be extremely disappointed if they missed out!

Our Love and Sympathy
Last Friday Michelle, Michael and Siena Colavecchio lost a father, father in law and grandfather. Our love and prayers go out to you all at this very sad time.

Life seems to be so busy, let us all try and take the time to smell the roses.

‘May God keep us safe in the palm of his hand’

Carmel O’Shaughnessy
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