Have you ever watched really closely what happens when you release a thought? Yes, in most cases more thoughts come rushing back in. But notice how there is a slight gap between them; if only for a nanosecond, there occurs a moment when you are present and alert, but in which your attention is focused on no particular thing. You are briefly in a state of objectless awareness.

This fleeting taste, in the gap between thoughts, of a whole different bandwidth of consciousness is commented on extensively in the Eastern meditation traditions and in some small pockets of inner work in the Western esoteric tradition. If you stay with these moments of objectless spaciousness, they will open up a whole new approach not only to your own spiritual evolution, but also to understanding some of those more formidable masterpieces of our own Western spiritual tradition, such as The Cloud of Unknowing.

Richard Rohr

Dear Parents and Guardians

Fiona Ayling and her 4C gang are to be congratulated on hosting our first assembly today! We were delighted to see you all in such good form. Congratulations also to the many children who received Awards. Many thanks to Brother Stephen and our Student Leaders for preparing and leading the assembly.

Thank you to the parents who attended Kathy Tanham’s presentation on ‘Reading with your child’ on Tuesday. It was well received. Kathy understands that not everyone who wanted to come could make it, and as such is making another time available for parents and guardians to swing by. She will keep you posted as to when that will happen.

Please try and get to the Pre-Primary to Year Five Class Information Sessions on Tuesday, 6-6.30 and repeated 6.30-7. If you can also join our P&F meeting following those sessions, we would be delighted to see you there as well.

Part of our School Mass on Ash Wednesday includes the blessing and commissioning of our staff as well as all of our student leaders. We would love to see a big contingent of parents and guardians there to join with us.

Best wishes to Mr Thuijs and to everyone else swimming to Rottnest tomorrow – safe passage!

Have a great weekend

Mark de Kluiver
Principal

Executive Director’s Letter regarding the Royal Commission
The Executive director has asked that his letter be made available to all members of our community. We encourage you to read it.
SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking 8:15am - 8:45am at the canteen.

Sonja, Christine and Natalie

NETBALL UNIFORMS

We can now confirm prices for the netball uniforms:
Singlets - $22  Jackets - $45
If you have placed an order, could you please put your money or cheque (made payable to Holy Rosary Netball Club) in an envelope with your child's name and year clearly marked and drop it into the office. If you would like to place an order, could you please indicate on the envelope what items you would like to purchase, your child's name and year. Could you please ensure payment is received by Friday 10 March. If you have any queries please email netballhr@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP

Monday 8:30am - 9:15am - Thursday 8:30am - 9:15am
The uniform shop is not open during the holidays or on PD days. Click here for order form collect a form from the School Office. Orders can be left in the Office, or emailed to uniformshop@hrs.wa.edu.au. These will be delivered to your child’s classroom, once payment is successful.

Susanne Zerk - Uniform Shop Coordinator

RE NEWS

Next week we celebrate our opening school mass on Ash Wednesday, this is the beginning of the church season of Lent.

One way of explaining Lent is that it’s a time to bring us closer to God. In our busy lives we fill ourselves with food, buy new things, play on our iPads and computers and watch television which makes us happy but that happiness is temporary.

During Lent, we are reminded to stop filling our lives with temporary happiness and make more room for God. The church encourages prayer, fasting and giving for the sake of others as ways we can turn our hearts and minds to God. At this time, we attempt to incorporate activities in our daily lives which will strengthen us. Many people “give up” something or spend time doing things to assist others during Lent.

To learn how to sacrifice or give up things is a way of learning to be less selfish.

Pat Winton – Assistant Principal – RE

FOUR YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2018

We will soon be finalising Kindergarten enrolments for 2018. At this stage we currently have 54 students enrolled in the programme with 6 positions available. If you have any family or friends wanting a place in the 4 Year Old Kindergarten Programme please refer them to the school office. If you have not enrolled your child or are unsure please contact Laurie Evans. Once placements have been completed it will not be possible to increase classes to accommodate children whose enrolment application was not received.

SNACK-E-TERIA

Click here for summer menu

Mon 27 Feb  N Della-Polina, L Elliott
Wed 1 Mar  A Alsworth, G Hie
Fri 3 Mar  J West, Bella, Ebony

Please note there will be a change to the menu on Ash Wednesday March 1 - No meat products will be available. Fish Burgers and Fish Wraps will be the specials of the day.

Leanna 0414 953 958
We are still looking for a few more committee members to join us this year, I think it is important to have a broad range of views and to help share the load, so if you have friends or members of your children's year group who you think will add value to the P&F invite them along to come and have a look – 7pm Tuesday 28 February in the staff room.

Simon Devlin, President, Holy Rosary P & F

2017 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES:

This Parish family based program covers the sacraments of Confirmation, First Eucharist and Reconciliation.

Registration: **15th March at 7:30 pm** in the Church. You are required to register your child's participation in the program at this session. **It is essential that a parent (or both parents) attend the Registration session.** Children do not attend.

**Confirmation:**
- Parent/Student Meeting: Wednesday 24th May at 5.00pm or 6.30pm in the Library
- Commitment Masses: Saturday 27th May at 6.00pm or Sunday 28th May at 10.00am
- Reflection Day: Friday 2nd June at 8.30am at the School
- Confirmation Masses: Saturday 10th June at 6.00p.m. or Sunday 11th June 10 a.m.

**First Eucharist:**
- Commitment Masses: Saturday 19th August at 6.00pm or Sunday 20th August at 10.00am
- Parent/Student Workshop: Wednesday 23th August at 5.00pm or 6.30pm in the Library
- Reflection Day: Friday 1st September at 8.30am at the School
- Eucharist Masses: Saturday 9th September at 6.00pm or Sunday 10th September at 10.00am

**Reconciliation:**
- Parent/Student Workshop: Wednesday 11th October at 5.00pm or 6.30pm in the Library
- Commitment Masses: Saturday 16th September at 6.00pm or Sunday 17th at 10.00am
- Reflection Day: Friday 13th October at 8.30am at the School
- Reconciliation: Saturday 21st October 5 p.m. or Sunday 28th October 5 p.m.

For further information contact: Kaye Shervington on 0411 123 441

**Ash Wednesday - 1st March - Mass Times:** 9.00 am and 7.00 pm

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

**Stations of the Cross** - Will be in the Church every Friday evening at 7.00pm during Lent commencing on Friday 3rd March

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Mercedes College Open Morning** - Tuesday 14 March 9am – 12 noon. Bookings can be made by visiting the College website. [www.mercedes.wa.edu.au](http://www.mercedes.wa.edu.au)  Tel 9323 1323


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**Woodlands Family Playgroup** invites parents and caregivers with children up to 18 months old to join us. Thursday 9 March. 9.15 a 11.15. $4 for welcome session - coffee \ tea included. Warren Lake Hall, Teakwood Ave, Woodlands. Contact us: woodlandspg@gmail.com

[https://goo.gl/1eBMES](https://goo.gl/1eBMES)