Jesus lived a nonviolent life, taught it, and died it, yet the tradition that proceeded from his teaching didn’t even understand the concept enough to have a word for it. Mark Kurlansky writes that “The concept has been praised by every major religion. Throughout history there have been practitioners of nonviolence. Yet, while every major language has a word for violence, there is no word to express the idea of nonviolence except that it is not another idea, it is not violence.

Now, consciousness and awareness have evolved so that we can talk about such things. Restorative justice has only become a common phrase in the last thirty years. Previously when people heard the word justice, it almost always implied merely retributive justice. Yet the prophets and Jesus clearly practiced restorative justice. Jesus never punished anybody!

The toothpaste is out of the tube. There are now enough people who know the big picture of Jesus’ thrilling and alluring vision of God that this Great Turning cannot be stopped. There are enough people going on solid inner journeys that it is not merely ideological or theoretical any more. For the first time, on a broad basis, future reformations can come from the inside out and from the bottom up, in a positive, nonviolent way. Only now is human consciousness evolved enough to think and act this way. Before it was quite rare, even among many otherwise saints.

More and more of the big questions need to be answered at a peaceful and dialogical level, with no need to directly oppose, punish, or reject other people.

Richard Rohr

Dear Parents and Guardians
With two Merit Assemblies in a row, we are getting a clear picture of the actions for which children are being acknowledged – for reasons academic, spiritual, social and emotional. Time and time again I hear the words ‘ ‘The Holy Rosary Way’. And that way exhibits – at a school level – some of the characteristics about which Richard Rohr writes. More power to them.

With best wishes
Mark de Kluyver
Principal
4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2017
Due to much parent interest, we are bringing forward Four Year Old Kindergarten enrolments for 2017 and will be finalising them. Please contact Laurie Evans if you have not enrolled your child or if you are unsure. Please note that enrolment in the 3 Year Old Kindergarten does not guarantee enrolment in the 4 Year Old programme. Once placements have been completed it will not be possible to increase classes to accommodate children whose enrolment application was not received.

4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2018
We will be interviewing new families to the school in Term 2, 2016. For families already within the school with older children from 4YO Kindy to Year 6, no interview will be required. If you have not enrolled your child or unsure whether an application has been completed, please contact Laurie Evans.

CLASSES 2016
As you will have read in last week’s newsletter, and seen on the term calendar, class lists will go up on classroom doors at 8.30am on November 20. Teachers invest considerable time in regrouping the children and then the Leadership Team align teachers to classes. Teachers know the children well. I understand that some people become concerned about this process. Please don’t. This is about trust. Please trust teachers to group children sensitively and appropriately, refrain from becoming involved and appreciate the fact that at Holy Rosary we teach for the full four terms per year. Term four is not a write-off. It is an important term for teaching, learning, revising and reporting and your support for all of that ‘in the now ’ is both needed and appreciated.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - SPECIAL ORDERS
We have now received the photo proofs for the special orders of:
• Library Monitors
• Faction Captains
• Student Leaders
• Siena Group Photo
If you would like to order any of these photos please complete an envelope (available from the school office) and make payment of $15.00 per photo.

SCIENCE SESSIONS
Years PP, 1, 3 and 5
• Pre-Primary are learning about the weather. We took our ‘weather watchers’ and went for a walk outside to see what the weather was like. We found that the sky was blue. We also noticed that there can be clouds on a really warm day. We have made some lovely snowflakes and stormy day pictures.
• Year 1 is learning about light and sound. Mrs Skinner played some instruments for us and we tried to guess what was making the sound. We listened to a story with many sounds in it, and discovered that we use sounds for many different things. There is a sound that tells us it is time to get up and another to tell us it’s time start school.
• Year 3 is learning about heat. We talked about different ways of getting warm and saw how the penguins keep warm in the Antarctica by huddling together. Mrs Skinner taught us how to do a mind map of our ideas. We learned about different heat sources and found some in our classroom. We conducted an investigation to see how spoons made of different materials heat up.
• Year 5 learned about the different bonding between the atoms of solids, liquids and gases and the properties associated with each state of matter. They used thermometers to discover room temperature and the freezing point and boiling point of water. They also observed that water can change state if it is heated or if it is cooled.
• Year 2 have science homework on finding mixtures in the home.

Mrs Tanya Skinner
Science Teacher

PE NEWS
Triathlon
• The Hale Connect Triathlon will be held on 3 November, 3.45 to 5.00pm. Selected Year 5 and 6 students.
• Primary School Championships on 6 November, 9.30am to 1.00pm. Regatta Centre, Armadale. Selected Year 5 and 6 students.

Kind regards
Rob Flexman
P.E Teacher

UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND UPDATE
The design work for the upper school playground has commenced. Terry Farrell, from Nature Based Play, had a consultation with a selection of children from Years Four and Five at the start of the term to engage them with what the children would like to see in this space. Terry reported that it was a fun and informative consultation with the children coming up with some great ideas.

The playground concept design is expected to be received within the next 2 weeks, and following this we will develop a schedule for the installation works. At this time we will be calling on the school community for any volunteers to help us make this project a reality. We are hoping to have at least one working bee this term, for this we will need all available helpers.

In addition to the updates that will be given in the school newsletter, we have created a Facebook page to keep you informed of the progress. Visit https://www.facebook.com/HolyRosaryPlayground and like the page to receive regular updates. If you have any additional questions please contact Kerrie Beech or Tina Menage.
SNACK-TERIA

Monday 2 November  L Amadio, D Borgas
Wednesday 4 November  K Duffy, F Fernandes, L Sala Tenna
Friday 6 November  L McMahon, N Belladonna, Y Psaltis

Above is a nomination form for next year’s canteen roster. As the school must say goodbye to many wonderful volunteers each year, we are always in need of new ones. Working in the canteen is a fun day that you and your children will enjoy, so please fill out the form and return to either the canteen or the office as soon as possible.

- If you are unable to do your roster please organise a swap.
- Please note that the soup on the canteen menu is replaced with rice paper rolls during the summer months.

Leanna 0414 953 958

UNIFORM SHOP

Normal Open Hours  Monday 2:30pm – 3:30 pm
                  Thursday 8:30am - 9:30am

The uniform shop is not open during the holidays or on PD days.
- Please utilise the order forms available from the office, or download via the school website http://www.hrs.wa.edu.au/images/pdf/Uniform_Order_Form_201415.pdf
- Orders can be left at the Office, or emailed to Zerk.Susanne@cathednet.wa.edu.au at the Uniform shop
- These will be processed as promptly as possible, and delivered to your child’s classroom, once payment is successful.

2015 Leavers Shirts  - We have some remaining stock of this year’s leavers polos, these are now for sale @ $5 each. We have some size 8 (x3), size 10 (x4), size 12 (x1) & size 14 (x2).

Pre-Primary Uniform Fittings
Fittings for students, commencing Year 1 in 2016, will take place in November.
PPC: 9 to 13 November  PPD: 16 to 20 November

Susanne Zerk  Uniform Shop Coordinator

P&F NEWS

Our next event is a Parents information night Cyber Safety and Security guide for you and your family. Wednesday November 4 in the School library. For more information and to reserve your spot refer to https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/cyber-safety-and-security-guide-for-you-and-your-family-tickets-19166928800

The School AGM will be held Wednesday 18 November at 5.00pm in the Staffroom. Please come along to hear what has been achieved in 2015 and what is planned for 2016. Take the opportunity to nominate for a position on the P&F, more information will be sent out shortly.

PARISH NEWS:

On behalf of the Parish Council, I wish to make a brief reminder about 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 7 November which will be concelebrated by the Provincial Fr. Kevin Saunders.

We advise that tickets to dinner have all been sold. Thank you to everyone for their support.

Kevin Susai, Chairman
Parish Pastoral Council
COMMUNITY NOTICES

SPIRITUALLY OPEN? Would you describe yourself as spiritually open, but perhaps not the most frequent Mass-attender? You may enjoy the short, live online course called “The Lowdown on the On-High for Parents” being offered by the Centre for Faith Enrichment. Over three sessions, the course will give you the opportunity to discuss topics such as faith, meditation and spirituality – or you can just listen! It’s soul food you can enjoy at home – with a glass of wine! Thursdays 5-19 November, 8.00pm-8.30pm. For more information about this and other online courses, visit www.cfe.org.au, or call 9241 5221.

WEMBLEY DOWNS DISTRICT FAIR Saturday 31 October 8.30am to 3.00pm. Luita Street Reserve. Co-ordinated by the 1st Wembley Downs Scout Group. A great day of food, raffles, rides, animals, fun, entertainment and so much more. Over 50 stalls.

VAC SWIM - Enrolments are now open. Enrol online at education.wa.edu.au/swimming

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