Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This week, we celebrate Mothers Day. This is an opportunity to reflect on the gift of mothers in our lives.

As young children we so often take our mums for granted. They are always there: to comfort us, to find lost belongings, to feed us… As we grow older, though, we grow to appreciate who they are and what they do for us. While children are young, at times being a Mum (or Dad) can have many challenging moments. Yet parenthood is a wonderful opportunity to make the greatest contribution to our community, and indeed our society, as you nurture and influence the growth of these young people that God has placed in your care. There are also those priceless moments when children's hugs or loving actions make it so worthwhile.

Our Year 6/7 students gather do many activities under the heading of 'Christian Leadership’. Some of these will be happy to serve morning tea to Mums (and Dads) on Friday morning from 8:30am to celebrate Mothers’ Day. This will occur outside the library. Please feel very welcome to come and enjoy a cuppa! (This is be supported by our ‘Parents and Friends”.)

May this Sunday be a special day for our families as we recognise, celebrate and pay tribute to our Mums. We remember especially those whose mothers have died: may your memories bring you a sense of peace.

Due to the weather Sports Day had to be cancelled on Tuesday. This event will now be held on Tuesday 26th May. Permission notes and requests for parental help will be sent out again closer to the day.

Last Friday we had a reflective Commemoration Service in honour of the 100 years since Gallipoli. This service which included trumpet playing of the Last Post and Reveille by Kiara Parkinson (niece of Ms Berry) was followed by the blessing and opening of our Gallipoli Remembrance Garden. Mark Butler, our local Federal Member of Parliament opened the garden. Bill Corey, 97 years of age, provided us with a delightful input on ‘mateship’ and the significance of this for him, as well as reminding our children to “look after your mates”. I felt especially proud of all of our students who were very settled throughout these two ceremonies and who have learnt much through their units of work in History. We are very grateful to Amanda Taverna for her co-ordination of the ceremonies and for the many hours of preparation involved in this project since applying for the Government grant last year.

Building a community that enables all to feel they can be involved is a vital component of developing a school. Whitefriars has a long history of parents working to create a strong sense of belonging. At a recent meeting of parents it was decided to re-focus the group who work on trying to build our community through different activities with the title of “Parents and Friends”. This will enable grandparents and others from our wider community to be engaged in planning and celebrating occasions with us if they would like to be included. Dads would be very welcome!
Accompanying this newsletter, and also being sent home with children today, is a letter regarding a proposed program for the remainder of this year, including some ideas which came from a survey last year. We hope that the activities outlined will enable families to be involved at different times. Please take the time to read the letter and respond.

Our Canteen provides a very valuable service to our community. Maintaining the service that it provides at present requires some more volunteer help, especially during this winter term. **Even if you can only give an hour or two in the morning, it would be greatly appreciated.** Please consider if you could contribute to this area of our school community. See Erica or Iris in the canteen for further details.

Yours sincerely
Mary Hemmings

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**May, the Month of Mary**

During May, the month of Mary, we pray with Mary, our Heavenly Mother. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and first apostle, is our example of faith. Whilst The Rosary and The Angelus are common prayers we associate with Mary, the prayer that we can easily pray quietly each day during May is the Hail Mary:

_Hail Mary, full of grace._

_The Lord is with you._

_Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus._

_Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen._

This traditional prayer was derived from both Scripture (Luke 1:28-35, 42-48) and the experiences of the early Church.

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**Sustainability News**

**Project 1. Indigenous, Biodiversity and Prayer Garden**

**Project 2. Multicultural Garden**

On Friday 15th May we will begin our Garden Projects. As well as wheelbarrows and shovels, we need lots of hands (and hearts)! We are seeking support from our school community with these projects. If you are available please notify me via email: milarner@whitefriars.catholic.edu.au

Please note that a current police clearance is required of all volunteers and that all volunteers must abide by the OHSW guidelines set by Catholic Education. If you would like to be part of our Sustainability Committee, and could support other projects, please contact me.

We look forward to these projects which will provide valuable learning opportunities for our children as well as contribute to a greater sense of community. (Michael Larner)

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**NAPLAN 2015**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance. The best way parents can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. **These tests will be held from May 12 – 14th.** (Karen Berry & Flavia Luppino, Positions of Responsibility)
Last week, 4/5LM created a painting with poppies to remember ANZAC Day. We drew the poppies then painted the background and added a silhouette using black card. We then taught our buddies to make the same art piece. We did this activity in Art and History learning remembering those who lost their lives in war. We had lots of fun doing this in class and teaching our buddies.

(Lara, Brandan and Alex)

ANZAC DAY & GALLIPOLI REFLECTION GARDEN OPENING

Last Friday we held our ANZAC Commemorative service and opened the new Gallipoli Reflection Garden. Our ceremony allowed us to reflect on the ANZACs who landed at Gallipoli 100 years ago and all those who have served our nation in times of war or on peacekeeping missions.

Mr Bill Corey OAM, who served in the Second World War, gave the commemorative address and spoke to us all on the subject of mateship and how the conditions he lived and worked in helped to forge inextricable bonds with his mates. He mentioned later that one of the things he most looked forward to in the years after the war was catching up with his mates on ANZAC Day.

The hall looked amazing with a sea of red poppies made by all the students in the school and it was really moving to have Kiara Parkinson play the Last Post and the Rouse for us during the service.

After our ceremony we moved outside where the Hon Mark Butler officially opened our Gallipoli Reflection Garden and presented special commemorative pennies to the students. Ms Hemmings and Rojan Joshi made a special blessing prayer, while Ms Lyons and her wonderful choir sang Australia Remembers.

It has been fantastic to see the students really interested and engaged in their learning about ANZAC Day and with the new garden open we will continue to be reminded of this important time in Australia’s history.

A very BIG thank you to everyone who helped make this occasion memorable.

Amanda Taverna - HASS POR

Pictures from top:
1) Wreaths laid to remember those who gave their lives
2) Ms Hemmings blessing our new garden
3) Mr Butler and Mr Corey
CROWS FOOTY CLINIC

Last Tuesday, six players from the Adelaide Crows Football Club came to our school to teach the 6/7s some great footy skills, such as kicking, handballing, marking and tackling. It was an amazing experience working one on one with these professional athletes. We had a lot of fun and learnt some great footy skills we can take away with us and use on the football field.

Thanks to Mr Brigden for organising this awesome day.

(Cosi Piscioneri 6/7TA)

The following students celebrate their birthdays from the 6th May to the 12th May:
Aleena Biju, Sofie Busljeta, Georgia Huppatz, Bellita Joseph, Flavia Maria,

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS & RESULTS

Football—We are in urgent need of more players for the Year 2/3 team. If your child is interested in playing please call into the office to collect a registration form.

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PARENT NETWORK
MOTHER’S DAY MORNING TEA

The Parent Network will be hosting a morning tea to celebrate Mother’s Day at 8.30am this Friday, 8th May in the courtyard.

All mums welcome to join us.

GUITAR TUITION
Several vacancies exist for guitar tuition. If you are interested in your child learning, please collect application forms from the office.

David Mortimer, Guitar Tutor

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Tuesdays: 3.05—3.30pm
Wednesdays: 8.30—9.00am
Tuesdays: 3.05—3.30pm

Please attend the Uniform Shop during these hours with your child to try on/fit uniform items.

Items can be purchased from the office any time.

Please remember items can not be returned or exchanged after purchase.
Whitefriars “Parents and Friends”

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A proposed outline for the year was also decided. This includes the following activities:

Term 1:  
- Easter Egg Raffle (proceeds will aid Caritas Australia)  
- Hot Cross Buns

Term 2:  
- Mothers’ Day Morning Tea  
- Biggest Morning Tea…to be held on Friday 12th June. Further details to follow  
- Film afternoon

Term 3:  
- Quiz Night  
- Fathers’ Day Morning Tea  
- Special Visitors’ Day

Term 4:  
- School Disco  
- Community Picnic in October  
- ‘Carols on the Green’ in December

There will also be other occasions when parents and friends will be welcome to come together for morning teas.

We hope to set in place Parent Representatives for classes this year. This will involve one parent per class. This parent will be the contact person for their child’s class and their primary role will include informing and encouraging all parents of the events that the P&F are organising. This will involve an initial meeting to gather together to clarify how this can work most effectively. If you have not been involved before please feel free to take this opportunity to come forward and utilise your skills of hospitality and welcome in this new initiative.

If you would be interested in possibly being involved in this role, please fill in the tear off slip on the copy of the letter sent home today and return it to the office. If you have more than one child, please list the classes as that allows for greater flexibility in placing people.

For the Parent Rep to be in contact with parents we would like to use emails. If you are happy to be on the class list please include your email address on the reply slip on the copy of this letter sent home and return it to the office.

I look forward to working together to continue building our community as a place of welcome and inclusivity.

Yours sincerely

Mary Hemmings
Bishop Gregory O’Kelly SJ
with
Ms Brenda Keenan
invites
Past Teachers and Students of
St Mark’s School, Pt Pirie

To celebrate 125 years Ministry
of The Sisters of the Good Samaritan
in the Port Pirie Diocese

Saturday 23rd May
8:30am Morning Prayer at
St Mark’s Benedict Campus
followed by Breakfast
6:00pm Mass, St Mark’s Cathedral
followed by
7:30 pm Cocktail Evening at
St Mark’s Bosco Campus

Rsvp by 9th May to Bernadette Wauchope
86320551, bwauchope@pp.catholic.org.au
PO Box 1206 Port Pirie SA 5540

About Time: South Australia’s History Festival is one of SA’s largest community events. It is about exploring our history in all kinds of ways. There are more than 500 events presented by over 320 organisers around the state. There are Centenary of Anzac events, events aligned with National Archaeology Week (17-24 May) and International Museum Day (May 18), through to Family Friendly events. Information, dates, booking requirements and any costs can be found online at http://abouttime.sa.gov.au/.

Here are my picks of the Family Friendly events!

- **Being 4**, an exhibition curated by four year olds. Make an ‘exhibition piece’ for a pop up museum display, Sat 23 & Sun 24 May
- **Be a Kid on International Museum Day**, at the National Motor Museum Birdwood with a special entry price of $5 pp or $20 a family, Sun May 17
- **Colonial History for Kids**, take a family-friendly walk with your tour guide Bob. 90 minutes of fun and information about the world of our early SA pioneers, Sat 9, 16, 23 & 30
- **SA Police Museum Open Day**, four galleries of old police vehicles and the largest collection of uniforms and badges in the Southern Hemisphere, Sun May 3, Adults $5, Kids FREE J
- **$3 Day at the Adelaide Gaol**, discover 147 years of history on a self-guided tour. Free parking, Sun May 24

Amanda Taverna - HASS POR

The services and events contained in this newsletter are in no way connected with the school and are included for your information only. Parents/caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children.

**Canteen Roster - Term 2, Week 3**
(If you are able to help please contact Erica or Iris in the Canteen)

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