Dear Parents,

This Sunday marks the beginning of the celebration of Catholic Education Week across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. We begin the week on Sunday by coming together at 10:30am Mass at Mother of God Church. We invite all families to attend this Mass and students to wear their school uniform. Students will gather at the beginning of the Mass in the foyer of the Church so that they can process in with Father behind our school banner. After Mass our school community will also put on morning tea. Please bring a plate of food to share at the end of Mass.

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2015 is ‘Seek God with all your heart’. It is a week when we help our students develop their awareness that they belong to a wider Catholic Community. Last night we had our Year 3 students and their parents from across the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe attend a workshop on Reconciliation led by Denise Armel. Yesterday our FIRE Carriers and Ms Welsh attended a FIRE Carrier day at Amberley with students from other schools in the North East Zone. On Tuesday 17 March our Year 1 to 6 Class Captains will be attending the Mass of St. Patrick for schools and concert. At the Mass schools from across the Archdiocese gather to give thanks to the wider community for those who have helped to make our schools what they are today. Each school processes into St. Patrick’s Cathedral at the beginning of Mass with their school banner. Each of these experiences helps our students understand that they do belong to a wider Catholic Community.

**TIQBIZ and Newsletter**

During the past few weeks we have begun to upload news items from across the school on Tiqbiz. For example this week 1/2HM have been sharing the excitement of the incubator they have in the classroom. We are all looking forward to seeing further updates on Tiqbiz.

Our fortnightly school newsletter is also uploaded onto Tiqbiz as well as other letters that are sent home. It is our goal that all families have access to this app which will also cut down the cost of printing and paper.

In Term Two paper newsletters will **not** be sent home unless parents specifically request a copy through the office. Newsletters can be accessed through TIQBiz, email or the school website.

The newsletter is published fortnightly in Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 of each term. It is very important that parents take the responsibility of reading the newsletter and note upcoming dates and events.

In this newsletter there is information about our upcoming twilight sports. Please be informed about your school by reading the newsletter.

**Thank you to FOODWORKS**

A special thank you to Paul, Debbie and all at FOODWORKS who last week gave us a cheque for $4,500 as a result of their community program. Thank you to all who have said ‘Mother of God’ as you pass behind our school banner. After Mass our school community will also put on morning tea. Please bring a plate of food to share at the end of Mass.

As we come to the end of term we will also as a school recognise the events of Holy Week. Parents are welcome to join us on the following days in the last week of term as we help the children understand the meaning of these events and their significance in our lives today.

**Tuesday 24 March**
9:15am Whole School Mass (including Palm Sunday) led by the Preps
11:45am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Year 3)

**Wednesday 25 March**
10:00am Washing of the Feet (led by Years 1 and 2)

**Thursday 26 March**
10:00am Stations of the Cross (led by Years 3 – 6)

Looking forward to seeing many families at our Parish Mass this Sunday at 10:30am.
Louise McGrath
Principal
RE NEWS

Last night the Year Three Children and their parents gathered to explore the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They looked at three parables from scripture. A parable is a story told by Jesus to convey a message. The children were asked to identify what the three stories had in common.

The three stories were:

- The Lost Sheep
- The Lost Coin
- The Lost Son

Each story follows the theme of Losing, Searching, Finding and Rejoicing. It shows that God has love for all and during this Lenten season when we look to turn back to God it is a time of rejoicing. We ask that you continue to pray for the Year Three Children as they prepare for this sacrament on the 24 March.

Catholic Education Week
Next week is Catholic Education Week. At Mother of God we begin this week by inviting all STUDENTS AND FAMILIES to make a special effort to come along to the Sunday Mass at 10:30 at Mother of God Church. We ask all children to wear their School uniform on this Day and to arrive by 10:25 so they can process in behind our school banner.

On Thursday 19 March a small group of children will attend the St Patrick’s Day Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral East Melbourne.

Class Masses
March 17 – 5/6G
March 24 – 3/4O Whole School

Family Masses – families are invited to attend this Parish Mass to celebrate with your community and build relationships with each other and our Parish.

Whole School Mass
This Sunday 15 March – Whole School Mass celebrating Catholic Education.

Thanks
Brian Anderson

LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

We have had a wonderful start to 2015 with our students all being engaged in learning and building relationships with teachers and their peers. Our partnership with you our parents has just begun and we look forward to being in contact with you throughout this year as we celebrate your child or children’s achievements. This formally began through the information sessions and teacher/student/parent chats. Throughout the year we would greatly appreciate your feedback in order to inform future planning and direction for MOG. Below is a link to an anonymous survey.

We are seeking your feedback on our information sessions and teacher/student/parent chats.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LT6TMGC

Date for survey to be completed: Friday 20 March

Each week different aspects of Learning and Teaching at MOG will be featured in our newsletter. The topic for the next newsletter is how teachers ‘gather data to inform our teaching’. Test targeting, teacher observations and conferences are just a few of the many pieces of evidence which will be explored.

I welcome you to ask me questions or share topics you may be interested in, which can be used as a springboard for discussion and exploration through the newsletter. Please feel free to email me or catch up for a chat.

Miranda Montalti
Learning and Teaching Leader
mmontalti@mogivanhoeeast.catholic.edu.au
My name is Jane Gough and as well as being the Year 5/6 classroom teacher, I am also the 
Student Wellbeing Leader. I am very excited to be taking over this role from Mrs Vicki Gualano 
(thank you, Vicki for doing an amazing job!) because I am passionate about the health and 
wellbeing of all of our precious children at Mother of God. The academic development of our 
children is intrinsically linked with their emotional wellbeing. The umbrella of wellbeing 
embraces the social and emotional development in our young people and doing this well is 
hugely important to creating healthy foundations as they move into adolescence and adulthood. 

At our staff meeting this week, we brainstormed our understandings of the concept of wellbeing 
as well as how we are all responsible for the wellbeing of others. We know that our goal as adults 
in any community is to support young people to grow and develop into compassionate, ethical 
and resilient adults. We have a shared responsibility to make this happen as proclaimed by an African proverb – It 
takes a whole village to raise a child – and a crucial aspect of this responsibility to encourage and develop resilience. 

We are letting our children down if we give them the impression they should always be happy because this is an 
impossible feat! I will talk some more about this in Term 2 newsletters. Please read each newsletter for articles and 
discussion about Student Wellbeing and feel free to come and see me if you have any questions. 

Ms Jane Gough 
Student Wellbeing Leader

TWILIGHT SPORTS
The MOG Annual Twilight Sports is fast approaching. It is on Thursday 26 March commencing at 3:30pm at 
Chelsworth Park. Children will be dismissed from school at 1:00pm so that they can go home for a short rest and to 
preserve for the event.

Below is an outline of the day.
3:00 Children arrive
3.15pm Opening of Event
3.20pm Team Aerobic Dance
3:45pm Tabloid Events
5.00 pm - Dinner Break
5.45pm SPRINTS
6.30pm HURDLES (P-2)
6.50pm 400m Races (3-6)
Year 3 - 6 Girls & Boys
7.30pm Presentations 
Clean Up.

Twilight sports help needed
This community event does not work unless we have your support to help. We are looking for volunteers to assist 
with the BBQ and also packing up and transporting the equipment back to school. If you are able to help please 
indicate on the slip attached to this newsletter. With tea being scheduled for around 5:00pm we need volunteers to 
start cooking around 4:15pm.

Safety at twilight sports
We ask that in the excitement of the evening parents stay behind the marked area at the end of the track so children 
have space to run. As part of Phys Ed skills I have taught the children to run past the finish line so please for safety 
reasons be aware of this.

Photos at twilight sports
We know many of you will take photos to celebrate your child’s achievements but please be aware that if posting 
these on Social Media they should not include other people’s children without their consent.

Thankyou
Brian Anderson

YEAR 1/2HM NEWS

Last night the chicken eggs hatched. They hatched in the incubator. We got them 
because we are learning about biological science. The chicks had to peck their way out. 
They are starting to get fluffy because the incubator is drying them off. I am very, very, 
very excited. We might name them.

By Veronica 1/2HM

YEARS 5/6 NEWS

Year five and six students from our school recently had their education tour of the national capital. Students were 
given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, 
heritage and democracy.

The Australian government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital 
as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program 
towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.
Canberra Education Tour 2015

Our day at Parliament House
We walked in the doors of Parliament House and were greeted by the security. The security introduced us to our tour guide ‘David’. First we went into the great hall. David told us that the great hall was the place where Tony Abbott and other ministers held special functions such as special birthday parties. That room (we thought) was by far the biggest. We did a role play in a fake House of Representatives which was actually a committee room. We learnt that the Lower House is where Parliament decides if the bill (a proposed law) gets passed or rejected. Now comes the best bit. Another girl who worked at Parliament House took us to a passage way and told us to wait there. As we waited there Annie explained what was going to happen. She told us that we were going to meet Prime Minister Tony Abbott’s chief of staff Peta Credlin. She knew this because Peta Credlin was her cousin. We followed Ms Credlin to the Prime Minister’s courtyard and took a photo then we followed her to… THE PRIME MINISTER’S OFFICE! Unfortunately we weren’t allowed to walk in but we were allowed to take photos. At the front of Parliament house there was a water feature we noticed as we walked in and out. As we walked out we took photos of the water feature that was pretty cool.
By Annie, Christian K and Christian B

Old Parliament House/Australian & Australian Electoral Commission
On the 21/1/2015 we went to the Australian Electoral Commission and Old Parliament House. We went to the Australian Election Commission first and we met a lady she showed us a 4D video about the history of democracy in Australia. Then we did some activities based on voting and what we learnt in the video. It was very educational. She then took us to a special room where we had a ‘mock election’ where all our work paid off. The ‘mock election’ candidates were Dr Orange, Ms Banana, Mr Apple and Professor Peach. Dr Orange came last, in third place was Ms Banana, runner up was Professor Peach and our new Prime Minister is Mr Apple!!!(Alyssa).

After lunch we made our way into Old Parliament House (National Museum of Australian Democracy). As we walked in there were loads of chairs with white gloves on them. Everyone had a seat and a pair of gloves, we looked like we were mime artists! We then went on to the interactive trail.
By Amy, Angelique and Alyssa

National Gallery Australia
We arrived at the National Gallery of Australia ready to learn about the amazing art pieces. We were split up into four groups and toured the various exhibits, learning much about the history of our country along the way. The first thing we saw as we walked in was an Aboriginal sculpture of wooden pipes that had Aboriginal patterns on them. We followed a tour guide to a place to collect stools for our comfort. We travelled around the exhibits and enjoyed looking at many interesting pieces of art. We learnt that you can look at paintings at different perspectives and use your imagination.
Some of our favourite exhibits was a sculpture that showed some heavy rocks being suspended from the wall. We loved the Indigenous paintings and sculptures.
By Gabrielle, Holly, Kirra & Lucas

National Museum
The National Museum was so big it made us feel more excited to investigate and learn more things.We learnt that animals can grow abnormally and become weirdly shaped.
We walked into the room that was surrounding us with interesting objects and preserved animals.
The highlight of the national museum had to be Phar Lap’s heart because it was real and had been preserved.
There was an area where we could dress up in clothes from back in the days and some accessories to go with them, there was an activity as well where you had to try and draw a horse but most people started to make chatterboxes which was hilarious because it has nothing to do with horses.
After all the fun we had to eventually leave, so we said goodbye to the museum.
by Ashleigh-Rose, Andrew and James A
**Mount Ainslie and the Telstra Tower**
What a view...we are at Mount Ainslie and we can see the WHOLE of Canberra from here… Well almost. The sun was burning and it was in our eyes. After taking photos we went back to talking about how beautiful the city was! We could see Old and New Parliament house, the Australian War Memorial, Lake Burley Griffin and so much more! After a snack and a chat we went on our way. At 7.30pm we went to the Telstra Tower. Canberra looks beautiful at night. When we walked up to the lookout, lightning started to strike and the sky lit up every time the lightning struck. A lot of people got frightened from the height and lightning because of the height. Unfortunately we couldn’t get to the top because of the weather conditions. Overall it was great and we would go back any time.

By Ashleigh, Sidney and Chloe

**Australian War Memorial**
At the Australian War Memorial we all were split into groups to have a look at just some of the amazing exhibits of old planes and montages. We even saw a few old Chevrolet trucks. In one of the exhibits we saw two veterans that were a part of a battle that was fought in the Vietnam War which involved a helicopter. Luca and Laura were chosen to lay a wreath at the Last Post Ceremony, because they had been respectful and responsible and enthusiastic during the tour. The ceremony marked the anniversary of the battle that resulted in some brave soldiers being killed. The War Memorial was a fascinating and emotionally moving place.

By Luca A, Laura and James N

**UNIFORM SHOP**
The uniform shop will be open next Thursday 19 March from 8.45. Second hand uniforms are also available. Uniform order forms are available at the office, if paid in full items will be sent home via the tote system.

Thankyou Lisa

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**
Issue 2 orders are due back at school by Friday 13 March (online orders will be open until Monday 16 March). Any questions we can be contacted via the office.

Simone Game & Sharon Fazzino (Hayley & Laura Year 6 and Sadie -Year 3.)
Book Club Volunteer

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**
**Prep** – Dante for making a positive effort with his learning. Great job! Nicola for being a kind and caring class member. Thankyou!

**1/2S** – Rocco for making great choices in the playground and always being willing to help others. Alexandra for having a go at new and challenging tasks.

**1/2HM** – Orlando for following instructions and being Ready to Learn. Well done!

Veronica for working well independently and with others and for being Respectful Responsible and Ready to Learn.

**3/4O** – Julia for her focus in all areas of her learning and being a role model to her peers. Well done! Toby for his thoughtful and insightful contributions to class discussion.

**4/5W** – Gianluca for his enthusiasm when creating a presentation about the Australian War Memorial. Monique for always being a positive role model – you set the standard in 4/5W.

**5/6G** – Kirra for her leadership and enthusiasm across different areas of the Curriculum eg. Phys Ed Week 2 Tia missed out.

Maggie for her consistently enthusiastic attitude learning tasks. She inspires others!
Class Parent Representatives – Can you help?

We still require Class Parent Representatives for the following classes please let Rebecca know at the office if you can assist.
Year 3/4
Year 4/5W
Year 5/6G

The PRC looks forward to a year that celebrates the learning opportunities and success of our students and sharing this with the community of Mother of God - our Parish members, parents, students and staff.

Clare Kelly
PRC Member

Class School Representatives

Type of work: Voluntary Work - nominated role by class parents

MOG Climate/Context

At MOG teachers, parents and students work in partnership, supporting each other to achieve excellent learning outcomes....

How to nominate:
At commencement of each school year, students from each class will be provided with a form inviting parents to nominate for the role.
A member of the PRC will contact the nominee (the parent) and provide a briefing session with all nominated Class Representatives at the start of the school year.
Prep parents will have a Class Representative appointed from a current parent in Term 4 of the year before they enter school. This is to assist them in the transition period. During term one another Class Representative will be appointed for the Prep Class to support this parent.

The Role

The role of Class Representative is to provide a link between the classroom teacher, the parents of the school and the Parent Representative Committee (PRC).
The Class Representatives are responsible for the communication of class activities in particular to special events, class mass and any other activities as directed by the designated classroom teacher.
The aim of the role is to build communication, support and engage parents at the class level by ensuring that parents are kept up to date with learning opportunities.

Responsibilities:

- Communicate and distribute information to all classroom parents as advised by the classroom teacher for example, a text reminder of class mass.
- Promote awareness of school fund raising events by encouraging and supporting participation and attendance.
- Provide input and feedback to PRC and MOG leadership group.
- Act as the first point of contact for fund raising activities as co-ordinated by the PRC.
- Arrange and co-ordinate morning tea for class mass.
- Organise a social event for parents at the level group with other class representatives – Prep/Junior, Middle and Senior School.
- Attend a catch up meeting at the beginning of the term with all Class representatives and the PRC Representative.

Classroom Representative Reply Slip

I am happy to volunteer for classroom representative.

Name___________________________ Class_______________
Contact number___________________
Twilight Sports 2015

The Twilight Sports evening is a great evening for parents, children and staff to get together and have some fun. Please get into the spirit and wear your child’s team colours we will be drawing the winners of the MOG Twilight Sports Raffle. So bring your blanket, hat and join us for a great Twilight Sports Event and BBQ.

**Date:** Thursday 26 March at 3.00pm at Chelsworth Park (students dismissed from school at 1.00pm)

- Volunteers are needed to set up the BBQ, cooking, and serving – If you can assist please leave your name at the office with Rebecca or return the reply slip below.
- A BBQ sausage, drink and icy pole will be available for students and siblings. Sausages and hamburgers are also available for parents on the night. Please complete & return the attached slip along with payment. If your child would like an extra sausage please write the number in the section next to their name and include an additional $2.00 per sausage.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Twilight Sports.

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**Twilight Sports BBQ Preorder**

*Please return by: Thursday 19 March. Staple to a labelled envelope with correct money.*

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**Also available on the day:** Cans of drink, water, pop tops, icy poles and yes the BBQ. Please pre order student’s meals as it ensures we have enough food for all of the kids. Additional BBQ items will be available on the night for parents, subject to availability.

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**Twilight Sports Helper Reply Slip**

*I am able to assist with the SET UP on the day:
Transport of Shade Canopies & BBQs to Chelsworth Park from 2.00pm [    ]

Transport of Shade Canopies & BBQs to MOG from 7.30pm [    ]

*I am able to assist with the BBQ from 4.15pm [    ]

Name ____________________________________ Ph___________________________
CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE 2015

The weeks of Lent are coming to an end, and our hearts and minds turn to the journey through Holy Week to Easter. Please feel very welcome to join us.

PALM SUNDAY: 28th / 29th March

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HOLY THURSDAY 2nd April 8.00pm

This is the night Jesus washes the feet of his apostles and shares supper with them for the last time.

Our whole parish gathers in one church - this year it will be at Mary Immaculate Church at 8.00pm.

At the end of Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is carried to the Altar of Repose - ready for Good Friday.

*** Children, especially those who are preparing for their First Holy Communion, are invited to line the route of the procession holding lighted candles.

GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April

In the morning, we can walk with Jesus on his way to Calvary.

Stations of the Cross at 10.00am at Mary Immaculate Church or join the Walk of Witness, starting 11.30am at East Ivanhoe Uniting Church and finish at Mother of God Church.

At 3.00pm at St Bernadette’s Church we again gather as one community. We listen to the reading of the Passion Gospel, we pray for the needs of our world, we venerate the cross and receive Holy Communion.

EASTER VIGIL 4th April 7.30pm at Mother of God Church

The service begins with the lighting of the fire and the procession of the lighted Easter candle into the dark church. All through the Mass, we sing joyful Alleluias, renew our own baptismal promises and wish each other ‘Happy Easter’.

EASTER SUNDAY 5th April

There will be morning Mass at each church on this special day.

9.00am Mary Immaculate
9.00am St. Bernadette’s Churches
10.30am Mother of God Church