Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It’s Pentecost Sunday as I write this newsletter and I am thinking about that momentous event in the life of Jesus’ disciples and, consequently, what it means for me today. I also wonder if our students, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday evening, realise the significance of the gift they received. Perhaps we are all under-value the presence and potential impact of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Returning to the original Pentecost event for a moment, we are told that Jesus’ followers had locked themselves away, fearful of the repercussions following His capture, trial and death. They weren’t taking any chances and doubtless felt quite lost, perhaps even abandoned and feeling guilty. It was into this scenario of fear and despair, then, that the Holy Spirit, heralded by the sound of a strong wind, descended on those present in the form of ‘tongues of fire’. Instantly, fear subsided and we read that the disciples abandoned their self-imposed exile in favour of fearless teaching about Jesus and the significance of His message. Such was the power of the Spirit, then, and so it remains today.

When we learn about the Holy Spirit we learn about the Gifts that accompany the Spirit (wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe) and the Fruits that grow from those gifts – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. What gifts and fruits these are. Imagine our families, our lives, our schools, governments, businesses, corporations……imagine our world….alive in the Spirit, with these gifts and fruits flourishing.

It’s difficult enough trying to grow these qualities within ourselves but that is obviously where we are called to start. Thankfully, like the disciples, we are not left alone to cope with God, developing a real relationship and then living in the world in a way that honours that relationship, that love; thus freeing the Spirit to participate in God’s work through us.

Lacking in confidence to step out? Fearful? Anxious? Step out anyway – take that first step - and ask for the reassurance and support of the Holy Spirit. We are not alone. We are all called to real participation in the larger life of God. Are we listening or is the noise of the world so loud in our ears that we are no longer in contact with our inner life and our true self?

How will I show kindness today? Do I choose joy over despair? How will I be generous with my time, talent or treasure? Is my patience being tested, so that I recognise ways in which I am called to change? Will I show faithfulness to those who are not present? Am I governed by love or fear? When will I make time to connect with my inner life? Will I choose gentleness over spitefulness? How will I extend love beyond my immediate circle of family and friends?

Have a great day everyone.

Glenda

A Way to Help: Our farmers

As you may be aware, our farmers are doing it tough due to prolonged drought conditions. One of our Mums, Clare Merritt, seeks the support of the Stella Maris community in the form of a food drive sponsored by Care Outreach, a charity based here on the Sunshine Coast. Clare has been very patient while we concluded the Caritas Appeal and the walkathon and now it’s time to get behind this worthy appeal and help our farmers.

For the remainder of this term – a concentrated three weeks – we are asking for your generous support through donations of non-perishable food items (perhaps toiletries as well?). As we do with the St Vinnies’ Appeal at the end of the year, classrooms will receive a basket into which these donations can be placed. The Student Social Justice Committee will co-ordinate the drive and liaise with Clare for promotion of the food drive and collection of goods. Care Outreach will transport the food hampers to needy farming families. Thank you, in advance, for your support and thanks to Clare for bringing this worthy outreach to our attention.

Apologies - Many families may have received their June fees invoice emailed twice. Please disregard the invoice auto generated Wednesday stating a November due date. Fees issued Tuesday June 3rd are due for payment June 16.

Please notify the office as soon as possible if you have not received your June invoice for fees.
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Virtue for this fortnight is Purposefulness. Purposefulness is being aware that each of us is here for a reason. We value our lives by discovering the part we are uniquely meant to play. Being Purposeful is having a clear focus on an ideal or a goal we are working toward, instead of being confused or unsure of what we are doing or why we are doing it. We discern our intention and focus on it mindfully. We visualize it happening. We set goals and achieve them step by step, resisting distractions. We give each task our concentrated efforts so that something good will happen as a result.

Some people just let things happen; a purposeful person puts things in place so that we can achieve our ideal – we work towards making things happen. Without a sense of purpose, we scatter their energies and our attention. Without knowing why we are doing something – the purpose- we easily give up. Purposefulness is trusting in the journey. In acting purposefully, we discern:

- What touches my heart and how will I serve?
- What is the part I am uniquely meant to play?
- What obstacles prevent me from following my heart's desire.
- What virtues will help me in my mission or quest?

When we choose to be purposeful, we can achieve great results. Motivation comes easily because we know why we are doing something. Several years ago, Mortenson, a mountain climber, was descending from K-2 in the Himalayan mountains. After missing the summit by 600 meters, he became separated from his fellow climbers, and was exhausted, disoriented, and very ill. He was found by his Balti porter, restored by yak butter tea enough to walk some more; again he lost his way until he arrived at Korphe, a remote village in Pakistan. The rugged, friendly Muslim villagers took him in and nursed him back to health.

When he was well enough to walk around, he found that 82 of the village children were attending school outdoors on a frosty mountain ledge; they had no books, paper or pencils, and the village children were attending school outdoors on a frosty mountain ledge; they had no books, paper or pencils, and the village couldn't afford the teacher's salary of $1 per day, their teacher came only three days a week. But every day they showed up, eager to learn what they could. Mortenson promised to return to the village and build a school. Little did he know what that would take. His heart was touched, and he took notes. Thus began his quest to serve the remote village people in Pakistan and Afghanistan by building schools and educating all the children, including the girls.

To date, Mortenson and his grass roots organization, Central Asia Institute, has provided materials to build 63 schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan by building schools and educating all the children, including the girls.

Thank you all for your support of Project Compassion Appeal and Walkathon. We raised $5126.30 which will go a long way to support children in extreme need. God bless,

Judith
MUSIC NOTES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“Music can change the world because it can change people.”
~ Bono, U2 Band Member ~

TIP OF THE WEEK - Want more music to play? Ask for a new solo book as a birthday or special present.

CHOIR INFORMATION - The next few months will be busy ones for all choirs with many performances. The following list summarises planned performances for each choir from now to the end of the year.

Year 2 Piccolo Choir
- 6 August - Sunshine Coast Junior Eisteddfod, Nambour Civic Centre
- 3 August - Stella Maris Friendship Fair
- 27 November - Assembly

Year 3 Piccolo Choir
- 19 June - Assembly
- 31 July - Grandparent’s Day
- 15 August - QCMF Brisbane

Stella Fellas
- 24 July - Assembly
- 28 July - Sunshine Coast Choral Spectacular
- 31 July - Grandparents Day
- 15 August - QCMF Brisbane

SM Singers
- 28 July - Sunshine Coast Choral Spectacular
- 15 August - QCMF Brisbane
- 31 July - Stella Maris Friendship Fair
- 11 September - Assembly

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS - Parents are reminded to contact your child’s tutor when they are not able to attend scheduled lessons – this includes due to being absent from school. There have been many school events in recent weeks and the weeks ahead and rescheduling times can be very difficult. Missed lessons without an email, letter, phone call or text cannot be rescheduled. Your support with this is much appreciated.

STELLA SOIRÉE WEEK is on Monday 16, Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19 June in the Hall with sessions starting at 5pm and 6.30pm. Students who are ready to perform will have received a letter from their tutor outlining their day and time. Please return the participation slip ASAP so we know you intend to perform.

INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCES - The following list summarises most planned performances for our instrumental ensembles in coming months:
- 19 June – Concert Band on Assembly
- 23 June – Sensational Strings Workshop and Concert (all violin, viola, cello & double bass students)
- 21 July – Junior Band Lunchtime Concert - music room - 10.45am
- 24 June – String Ensemble performing on assembly
- 8 August – Percussion Lunchtime Concert - music room - 10.45am
- 15 August – Concert Band, Junior Band & String Ensemble - QCMF - B‘bame
- 11 September – Percussion Ensemble perform on Assembly

ENROLMENT CHANGES - Any changes to enrolment in Instrument, Singing and Speech tuition needs to be notified in the next two weeks to avoid additional fees. Parents wishing to change students from pair to individual lessons should also make this request via email to Mr Wynyard within the next couple of weeks to ensure a place is available.

INSTRUMENT HIRE - If your child is hiring a school instrument, please ensure you continue to pay the rental fees as they were not included on school fee account. Those with outstanding amounts will be contacted before the end of term.

Remember, if you need to contact your child’s tutor, details are shown on the top left corner of their lesson timetable. If you have queries regarding anything musical – please feel free to catch up with us before or after school, by contacting us in writing or via email.

Musically Yours,

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Home made Spaghetti Bolognaise now available $3.50. YUMMY!!

**Uniform Shop**

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**Football NEWS**

Next committee meeting of the Stella FC on Tuesday June 17th “POSTPONED - DATE TBA”

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**STELLA SOIRÉE WEEK**

She submitted three pieces from her photography collection and two of them won prizes! One of them the overall top prize for the Year 4-6 category. Congratulations Jesse!

**Uniform Shop Hours**

**Lost**
- Yellow gold chain with a white and yellow gold Crucifix.
- Silver circular link bracelet.

If you find these items please return them to the school office.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Tuckshop News**

Fruit Salad Items

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**Ingredients Roster**

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The Social Justice Committee is supporting these two worthy causes.

Donations of NON-PERISHABLE Food items and toiletries are needed
- Cereal
- Tinned veg, soup, baked beans, spaghetti, fruit
- Pasta & pasta sauce
- Baking ingredients—sugar, flour, spices, dried fruit
- Spreads & condiments
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Handcream & moisturiser

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As little as 5c can help change a sick child's life
Give Me 5 for Kids
Donate at givefiveforkids.com.au

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