How could I have been so stupid?”

Looking back on our lives we may find ourselves asking that question, sometimes with shame or embarrassment. Maybe we were taken in by someone and let ourselves be treated badly. Maybe we said something stupid or hurtful, the effects of which still sour a relationship. In our mixed up world we all carry scars from the past. With reflection and perhaps even in talking with others, we can learn from these painful experiences and use that wisdom in our present and future relationships. But we still carry the burden of our own stupidity and there is really only one way we can shift it.

We are all on a steep learning curve through life and the stupid embarrassments of the past remind us of that. In making mistakes, we know ourselves to be broken and brooding on this can isolate us. If we take this brokenness to God in prayer, we discover that we are not alone. Not only is God with us, we find that we are just like other people. When we pray the ‘Our Father’ we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others. We allow our stupidity to lead us into an understanding and tolerance towards others when they do something stupid. Our sense of failure becomes the ground in which compassion flourishes and we even become like God in our way of loving.

Loving God, you know all the moments of my life – even those of which I am ashamed – and your love covers over all. Let your wise Spirit teach me the way of compassion that my love may touch others in their need. I ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb

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Blessing and Opening Ceremony – All of our parents, friends and community members are invited to join us for the Official Opening and Blessing of our new Prep classrooms, refurbished Year One A classroom and associated works, this Friday at 10am. We look forward to Bishop Michael visiting our school to lead this celebration. A morning tea for invited guests will follow, outside the library. A lot of planning and hard work has gone into the preparation of this event and I look forward to showcasing our wonderful school on this day.

Please note that the Church car park will be closed Friday morning to allow us to allocate reserved parking spaces for invited guests. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility in this matter.

A reminder that due to the Opening and Blessing celebrations, there will be no tuckshop available on Friday.
From the Principal:

**Disco** – There was no newsletter last week, so I have not had a chance to thank our students and parents for supporting our first Disco of the year. We were very pleased by the huge number of students and parents in attendance. My sincere thanks to the Feeney family for the use of their Slushie Machine on the night, it was a very generous offer to make! The Slushie Machine had to work very hard throughout the night, we hope it has recovered! We really appreciated everyone’s patience. Thanks to the staff for their supervision assistance, and to the wonderful P & F, led by Emma Singleton for providing grown-up drinks and nibbles downstairs. All proceeds raised from the night will go towards the Year 6 camp fundraising efforts. Judging by the amount of noise our students were making, I take it that all had a fantastic time!

**Field Events and Athletics** – Congratulations to all students who participated in our Field Events and Athletics Carnival last week. Many positive comments have been made to staff regarding the organisation of these days and the wonderful sportsmanship and ‘have a go’ attitude of our students. The winning House on the day was MacKillop, followed closely by Penola. The Team Spirit Award was awarded to Tenison.

**Congratulations** to Mrs Natalie Jahnke, her husband Levi and son Lewis who will welcome a new addition to their family later in the year. Mrs Jahnke will continue to work into the first few weeks of Term Three before commencing maternity leave. Further information will follow at a later time regarding arrangements for Mrs Jahnke’s replacement for the remainder of the year.
From the Principal (cont’d):

**Medication** – A reminder please that ALL medication given to children must be in original, labelled, pharmacy packaging. Office staff are instructed to not give medication if not given to the office in the requested manner.

**Prep Information Night – 2016 enrolments.** All families who have completed enrolment forms for a Prep 2016 placement should have by now, received an invitation to our Parent Information Night on Monday, 20th July. Prep Interviews will be scheduled on this night.

**ICAS Testing** – Students who have registered for the ICAS Writing and Spelling Tests will complete these tests this week. Thanks to our Learning Support Teacher, Mrs Gawne for coordinating this testing.

**Street Sense Performance** – Our students had the opportunity to experience a ‘Street Sense Performance’ yesterday and were thoroughly entertained. Below, are some of our students’ thoughts on the performance:

During Street Sense, Linda the performer did amazing stuff like: juggling, she put a golf ball on the edge of a golf club and balanced on her head. – Sarah Singleton

The Performance was about Street Safety. I’ve learnt that you have to stop, think, act before you cross. – Kurt Balinggan

Linda was amazing, like juggling heavy balls, balancing things on her head and she sung fun songs. We learnt how to put a helmet on safely. – Luke Creed

**Friday Sport Arrangements** – Due to the Opening and Blessing Ceremony at St Joseph’s Wandal this Friday, our students will not be participating in interschool sport. Alternative arrangements will be made at school.

**Report Cards** – Report Cards will be ready for distribution to parents on Wednesday, 24th June. This year, Report Cards will be accessible through the online ‘Parent Lounge.’ Parents will use their individual code to login to access and print (if necessary) their children’s current and past reports.

**Expressions of Interest** – Expressions of Interest are sought to fill a Teacher Assistant position at St Joseph’s Wandal. The position will be term-time only and approximately 2 days per week. Please contact the office for an application package. Applications will close 5pm, Friday 26th June.

**Asbestos Removal** – St Vincent’s Church sustained some damage during February’s Cyclone Marcia. Repairs and associated works will be carried out over the upcoming June/July holidays, including some asbestos removal. This will not impact on the school in any way.

**Parish Fair Raffle Tickets** – A reminder please that these tickets are due back to the school office by the 25th June.

Have a great week everyone and I hope to see you at Friday’s celebrations.

Blessings,

*Kellie*
APRE News:

**Prayer Corner**

**The Word**
Jesus said, “The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it is planted it grows in to the biggest shrub of them all. It puts out big branches so that the birds can shelter in it.”

**Look Closer**
Jesus just reminds us that every little act of kindness, love, caring etc (like a mustard seed) grows into a greater presence of God in our world.

**Why Do We Do That?**
Why is the Catholic Church so full of ‘things’: bells, incense, candles, holy water….? Catholicism is a very ‘earthly’ religion. In becoming human through Jesus Christ, God has shown us that material realities are not to be scorned but embraced as part of our loving response to him. While we know that an image or ‘thing’ can capture the presence of God, we also recognise that people need to express themselves in a human way.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word**
Children’s Liturgy is held most Sundays 8.30am at St Vincent’s Church during the school term. All students (particularly those preparing for sacraments) are encouraged to attend. Parish members who would like to lead Children Liturgy please feel free to come and see me at St Joseph’s Wandal Catholic Primary School.

**Sacramental Team News - First Communion Mass**
Congratulations to our Sacramental Team who received their First Communion on Sunday. A special thank you to Miss Natasha Stephens for your support. Thank you also to our parents who supported their child/children through this important part of their faith journey.

Kurt Balinggan, Patrick Dever, Samuel Merrill, Evie Merrill, Logan Muller, Ellie Reid, Sarah Singleton.

**Prayer Assembly Year 3 Week 9**
Due to the Blessing and Opening this Friday can we please join Mrs Hutchinson and Year 3 for Prayer Assembly this Thursday in the Hall at 8.35am.

**Prayer Assembly Year 6 and Prep S Week 10**
Please join Mr Robertson and Year 6 along with Miss Stephens and Prep S for Prayer Assembly next Friday in the Hall at 8.35am.

Scott Robertson – APRE
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PARENT LOUNGE – REPORT CARD ACCESS

HOW DO I ACCESS MY CHILD’S REPORT CARD?

Please find link below to access Parent Lounge. Parent Lounge may also be accessed through the link on our school website.

Parent Lounge link


School Website link

http://www.sjwlrok.catholic.edu.au/

Upon opening the page you will be asked for your username and password. These will be sent to each parent via a (paper) letter with the eldest student in each family in the next couple of days in preparation for Report Card access next Wednesday, 24th June (after 4pm).
From this page you may use the menu to access report cards.