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Let your light shine!

This edition of the KCP ‘hits the streets’ soon after the release of the Social Justice Sunday Statement for this year. For 2005, the Catholic Bishops of Australia have chosen to address themselves to the challenges that individuals face today in our nation to live out their commitment to be Christians in the midst of a society that is more and more embracing values that are at best unsympathetic to the Good News that Jesus Christ brought to the world and at worst in direct opposition to it.

There have been criticisms of the Statement that have accused the Bishops of ignoring the ‘big ticket’ issues. Some have said that the Bishops need to speak out with one voice more strongly on areas like abortion, extreme capitalism, workplace reform, government overseas aid and engagement in conflict. Those who make these criticisms have not been keeping up with previous Social Justice Statements, ignore the work of organizations like the Catholic Social Justice Council, Catholic Welfare and The Australian Catholic Commission for Employment Relations. They have also misread the intention and the content of this year’s Statement.

This Statement is aimed at individual Catholics – and other Australians who might be sympathetic to our values – and is attempting to support and challenge them as they go about their daily lives. Not that the Statement exalts individualism; that is another matter altogether. It aims to give courage to those striving to find the way, the Jesus way, to navigate the sometimes dark and winding paths we must travel. What is to give us light on the journey? The answer the Bishops propose is the example of Jesus who is our light.

The Bishops are convinced that it is only by looking to Jesus as our light that we can be helped to make the choices we must make in our lives between being responsible partners and collaborators with each other or becoming selfish and aggressive competitors; between being self-centred and greedy consumers or ecologically responsible co-creators; between being personally ambitious and acquisitive and being generous and compassionate fellow travellers; between being fearful, suspicious and distrustful isolates and being warm and welcoming international citizens.

While the big issues are important and in urgent need of attention, it is once again a case of both/and rather than either/or. We are not so disabled surely, that we cannot tackle things on an individual level and a national level at the same time? In any case, to be realistic, the big issues will not receive the attention and political resolve they require unless, and until, we are individually convinced by, and converted to, the Jesus way, the humanely responsible way, the way that seeks the ‘common good’. Surely this Statement, with its practical examples and everyday challenges, is both timely and necessary. The time is here, even in the Kimberley, when the time available for making these choices is fast running out. This Statement deserves the full attention of anyone who claims to be Christian and wants to live this out in a practical way in today’s Australia.

A detailed supplement of the Social Justice Sunday Statement will be included in the next issue of the Kimberley Community Profile.

Yahweh, what variety you have created, Arranging everything so wisely!
Earth is completely full of things you have made. — Psalm 104: Verse 24
Briefly Speaking

The priests of the Broome Diocese gathered in Broome in September for their annual retreat. Fr Peter Brock (left) Executive Officer of the National Commission for Clergy Life and Ministry who is stationed in Canberra, was the Retreat Director.

The Broome Sea Rescue Group has a new vessel called Redbill II. It was launched at Gantheaume Point in Broome on 10 September. Bishop Christopher Saunders (left) blessed the craft before it set sail on its first journey.

Sr Eugenia Brennan sjg (right) and Sr Pat Rhatigan sjg are looking through photos as part of the planning process to celebrate 100 years of service to Kimberley communities by the Sisters of St John of God. Sr Eugenia who works out of the Subiaco based St John of God Heritage Centre in Perth was in Broome to help in the preliminary planning for the six weeks of celebrations to be held in June and July of 2007. On completion of the preliminary planning the Sisters will go out to communities all over the Kimberley to work out ways each community can help celebrate this great achievement of commitment to the people of the Kimberley.

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Help make poverty history

By Fr Daniel Chama, Diocesan Director

It isn’t chance or bad luck that keeps most people trapped in bitter, unrelenting poverty. It is man-made factors such as unjust global trade, debt burden and insufficient and ineffective aid.

Catholic Mission is backing the Make Poverty History campaign because its aims coincide with the Catholic Mission goal of making ‘Life for All’ a reality. The campaign brings together a wide cross-section of organisations, faith groups and individuals united by a common belief: to bring about global change.

In the year 2000 the leaders of governments set eight goals called the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). These are the same areas of need that Catholic Mission has identified and in which they have been working in more than 160 countries around the world for the past 180 years. The goals are: eradicate extreme poverty and hunger; achieve universal primary education; promote gender equality and empower women; reduce child mortality; improve maternal health; combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; ensure environmental sustainability; and develop a global partnership for development.

Five years later the world is failing to reach these goals, but we have another chance. This year offers an exceptional set of opportunities for Australia and the world to say that enough is enough. The UN Millennium Report (2005) highlights that 2005 is the year for new action if we are to halve poverty by 2015.

The symbol of the international campaign is a simple white band worn around the wrist. By wearing one you can be part of a unique worldwide effort to work towards ending extreme poverty.

On Saturday, December 10, leaders of nations, including Australia, will gather at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) meeting in Hong Kong. On this date you are urged to take part in White Band Day, with the aim of influencing the meeting.

You can also join thousands of other Australians in letting our leaders know that we care about the needs of the world’s poor, want them to do what is right; to commit money and to take action to implement the MDGs.

For more information contact Diocesan Director, Fr Daniel Chama.

Rebecca Beckett and Kit Leliivre from St Mary’s College in Broome get ready for White Band Day to be held on 10th December. Photo: B Kane

Year of the Eucharist

More than ever, our troubled world, which began the new Millennium with the spectre of terrorism and the tragedy of war, means that Christians learn to experience the Eucharist as a great school of peace, forming men and women who, at various levels of responsibility in social, cultural and political life, can become promoters of dialogue and communion.

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A young Fr Kevin McKelson celebrating Mass at Engadine Beach which is about 16 km from La Grange-Bidyadanga. Circa 1965. Photo Courtesy: M. Baker

Yesteryear...images from our past
WYD – A Unique Opportunity in Faith

By Bishop Christopher Saunders

After my experience of Köln and this year’s World Youth Day, I am convinced more than ever of the value of this expression of faith as a manner of useful formation of young people seeking Christ. The Pilgrimage of forty young people from Northern Australia on their way to Köln included visits to a number of Holy Places which helped focus the group on its goal of the pursuit of holiness. Such occasions immersed each pilgrim in the lives of Saints, those people who plainly have achieved holiness. The walled city of Carcassonne in the South of France revealed a 12th century Basilica with its atmosphere of quiet prayer. History spoke to us of the great Saint Dominic who preached there emphasizing the importance of truth over error. In Lourdes the young pilgrims found in the story of St Bernadette a testimony to simple faith. They looked at the faces of the sick, those who had come to Lourdes seeking healing, and saw there a witness to belief and hope. In celebratory moments they shared the profound thanksgiving that the Eucharist alone can offer.

The pilgrimage was never meant to be a holiday with its comforts and entertainments. The pilgrims lived simply and sought not to be distracted by those things that normally absorb the thoughts of holiday makers. They did ascend the Eiffel Tower in Paris but they also spent prayerful time at the major Basilicas and they walked in the footsteps of Saints. In Köln they slept on foam mattresses on schoolroom floors. Food was simple fare and the normal entertainments of home were missing. They learnt among other things, I believe, that there is value in a life lived simply.

The prayerful devotions of the Church, such as the rosary and candle-lit processions, were part of the experience of the pilgrims that will stay with them as special moments to be savoured. Hopefully such prayerful practice will serve them well in times of need in the future. They will be able to draw on their new-found and deepened relationship with Christ and the community of the faithful.

Because of the richness of this pilgrimage not only for the pilgrims but also for the Church in the Kimberley, I recommend that we be prepared as a particular church to support World Youth Day 2008 to be held in Sydney. It promises to be a unique opportunity for formation in faith for young people. We need to begin preparations now.

Caritas congratulates Indigenous Art Award recipients

Caritas Australia congratulates the women of the Tjampi Aboriginal Community of the Northern Territory, whose work has been acknowledged after winning the 2005 Telstra Indigenous Art Award for their basket weaving.

Caritas Australia is currently supporting the development of Tjampi’s work by providing funding for the work of the weavers in remote communities, including the development of a bush style workshop in Alice Springs and facilitating a professional development program to ensure that these basket weaving skills can be passed on to other women in these communities.

“Tjampi is an exciting enterprise that is committed to ensuring that control remains with the women, that it remains not-for-profit and is an organisation which is working hard to ensure that over the next few years it can become sustainable,” said Jack de Groot, CEO of Caritas Australia.

Caritas Australia currently supports education, health and community development projects throughout Australia.
Order of Australia

Sister Leone Collins sjg received her Order of Australia Medal from His Excellency, Lieutenant General John M Sanderson, AC, Governor of Western Australia, at an investiture ceremony at Government House Ballroom in Perth. Sr Leone received the General Division of the Order of Australia Medal for services to the community as a Teacher, Adult Educator and Counsellor in the Kimberley Region and as the instigator of Centacare Kimberley.

Brian Pernich, Helen Fleming and Sr Leone Collins sjg. Photo: J Kennaugh
Friends gathered to wish a fond farewell to Helen Fleming at Centacare Kimberley last week as she heads off to the green rainforests of the Mackay region in Queensland where she plans to begin her well-earned retirement.

Helen has managed the Personal Support Program (PSP) at Centacare Kimberley for almost three years. The PSP program is a Commonwealth funded project offering intense assistance for people experiencing barriers to employment. Its purpose is to support people with their individual issues so that they achieve social outcomes, rather than move directly into employment. Centacare Kimberley has been a high achiever on the program largely due to Helen’s dedication and heartfelt desire to make a difference for the people she has worked with.

Helen will be sadly missed by her co-workers and clients alike and we pray for her happy and well deserved retirement.

John Spendley has commenced employment at Centacare Kimberley as the new PSP Manager. John has a background in Psychiatric Nursing with a great deal of experience working with the homeless, the drug and alcohol addicted and the generally disadvantaged. John has worked in many locations around the world and was the founder of the South Camden Homeless Clinic.

We welcome John and we hope that Centacare Kimberley can continue to make a difference in the lives of the many disadvantaged who need our assistance.

Ali Walker has been on ‘Work Placement’ for twelve weeks with Centacare Kimberley as part of the Social Work degree she is undertaking at Edith Cowan University in Perth. Ali has been a valuable member of the team assisting with the PSP program and the Emergency Relief Services provided by Centacare Kimberley. We wish her well with the rest of her studies.
Fr Emil Ciecierega is one of twenty Polish Salvatorian Priests working in Australia. He was ordained in May 1988 and came to Australia in November of that year. Most of his time in Australia has been spent in the South-West of WA working in Esperance, Goomalling, Kwinana, Lake Grace and Balcatta.

In July of last year Fr Emil sought to work as a missionary in the Kimberley and was appointed to Bidyadanga - La Grange by Bishop Saunders of Broome.

Fr Emil writes: ‘I had wanted to work with Aboriginal people for a number of years, so I am happy that I am now realizing my dream. The last year has been particularly interesting and challenging in many ways but I have enjoyed it and I have learnt a lot.’

Fr Emil enjoys windsurfing when he gets the chance and also bicycle riding, playing golf or the occasional game of tennis.

Fr Emil first started cooking for himself when he went to Esperance, which was his first parish in Australia. The recipe for Pierogi Ruski is one he used to help his Mum make when he lived at home. It is a very popular dish in Poland.

**Ingredients to make dough:**
- 350g plain flour
- 1 egg
- 1 cup warm water
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 40g butter or margarine

**Method:**
Place the flour on a pasteboard. Add an egg, oil and mix them together adding water gradually. Work the dough until it is smooth. Then roll the dough to about 2-3 mm thick sheet. Out of that cut about 70-80mm circles using a glass or a cup. Make sure that one side of the circle is not covered with flour.

**To make the stuffing:**
- 800g potatoes
- 200g cottage cheese
- 50g onion and 30g butter
- salt and pepper

Boil salted water in a large pot. Place some Pierogi into the boiling water, stir and cover. When they come to the surface, take the lid off and let them cook for 2-3 min. Then take them out with a strainer, rinse with warm water, put on a warm serving dish and pour some melted butter or margarine over. Instead of pouring butter over the pierogi you can fry them in a frying pan with a bit of butter to make them crispy. You can serve pierogi with sour cream. You can make different kinds of pierogi by using various kinds of stuffing like minced meat, cabbage, cottage cheese or any kind of fruit.

— Smacznego! (That’s Polish for good appetite!)

Emil Ciecierega. Photo: B. Hynes

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**PIEROGI RUSKIE**

**Method:**
Peel the potatoes and cook them in a pot with salty water. Chop the onion finely and fry it lightly with the butter. Drain the water out of the potatoes and mash them adding the fried onion. Add the cottage cheese, salt and pepper and mix everything very well. You can use a mincer to blend all the ingredients.

Place a spoonful of the stuffing on a circle of dough, fold in half and press together. Make sure there is no stuffing on the edges of the circle otherwise the whole thing will come apart while cooking.

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Special Award Ceremony

Ms Esther Bevan, Mr John Walsh and Professor Tony Ryan were recognised for their contribution to The University of Notre Dame Australia, Broome Campus at an award ceremony in Perth.

Ms Bevan has been, and remains a strong supporter of the Broome Campus. She was a long-time active member of the Advisory Board and her role in fund raising for the recently opened library was crucial to its success.

Mr John Walsh was honoured for his work as the Broome Campus Business Manager, a position he retired from at the end of 2003. During his six years in Broome Mr Walsh made a significant contribution to the establishment of the Campus in a remote location.

In 2002 Professor Tony Ryan accepted the position of Dean of Broome Campus, a position he held for nearly two years. During that time he made a very significant contribution to the advancement of the Broome Campus.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to a person or group who has made an exceptional contribution to the advancement of the University of Notre Dame Australia.

FREYCYINET

Our French collection

The West Australian State Librarian, Margaret Allen, officially opened the ‘Freycinet – Our French Collection’ Exhibition which was on show in the Notre Dame Library during September.

The Exhibition included facsimiles of 18 items purchased at a Christie’s Auction in September 2002 for $1.2m which are part of the Freycinet Collection of the State Library of Western Australia.

The most popular item on display was the reproduction of the first detailed chart of the Swan River created by Francois Boniface Heirisson in June 1801. It is over one metre long and shows depth soundings taken from the mouth of the river at Fremantle right up to the Helena River entrance. It is easy to recognise the major features of the river like Point Walter, the Narrows and, of course, Heirisson Island.

The Exhibition was sponsored by The University of Notre Dame Australia, Broome Campus, The Shire of Broome, The Department of Culture and the Arts and The State Library of Western Australia.

The Book of Our Dead

By Sr Jill O’Brien

During October students, staff and friends of Notre Dame are invited to add the names of their loved ones who have died since last November to The Book of Our Dead. In November a shrine will be set up in a quiet place and people will be invited to come to pray, light a candle and remember those who have died.

Pictured is Sharona Wilson at the Book of Our Dead. The cover was painted by Daniel Walbidi a Notre Dame student from Bidyadanga. Photo: N Baker
“Good industrial relations is good human relations”

By Br Shane Wood

This is a saying that was quoted to me many years ago when as a school principal I was the representative of the employer – my religious superiors. It was a very good line to keep in mind. However, what does the employee do when he cannot establish a good human relationship with the employer? What if there is really no relationship based on shared human values at all? What or who is going to stand between the employee and a raw deal? In the past it might have been the Union; certainly it was an Award with a minimum safety net of provisions. This might not be the case in the near future if the current Government has its way.

I had some adverse criticism of late from a reader in Queensland who wanted to berate me for not mentioning the ‘bad old days’ when we had a Labor Federal Government and things were, according to her, worse than they are now. The writer failed to give an address for a response – mine was easy to find. I will not take up too much space in the current column mounting a defence, but suffice it to say that if Labor was in power now and was proposing some of the industrial relations changes being put forward by the current Government, then I would be just as concerned and just as vocal.

As I have mentioned previously, Labor governments in the past have been responsible for the introduction of mandatory detention of asylum seekers and the disgraceful neglect of the East Timorese over a period of twenty five years. We had to wait for Liberal Backbenchers to make a noise before we got any decent changes to our Asylum seeker policy. And congratulations to them – a sentiment I have conveyed to them in writing. What the letter writer failed to appreciate is that we have to deal with the Government we have at present and call them to account when we believe that they are not acting in the best interests of the common good as we see it, based on gospel values and one hundred years of Catholic Social Justice Teaching.

Let me get back to the current issue of industrial relations ‘reform’ proposed by John Howard and his minister, Kevin Andrews. There has been concern expressed by people associated with the Catholic Church and indeed other Christian churches in relation to these proposals. There has also been the odd suggestion from politicians that Church organizations have no right to be speaking out on such issues. The Australian Catholic Commission for Employment Relations (ACCER) has released a Discussion Paper on this very important issue. The Commission reminds us that Catholic Social Teaching on work starts from the nature and dignity of humanity and work. Employees cannot be treated as commodities, nor can their labour be treated in purely economic terms. Employees have the right to just minimum wages and to just and safe working conditions. Every family has the right to sufficient income through work.

These are important values and principles being enunciated here. This is not party political rhetoric or name calling. This paper aims to put the debate onto the footing of a discussion of basic human values. The concerns of the Commission relate specifically to the Government’s current proposals to change the wage fixing system by introducing a minimum wage fixed by reference to the single adult employee; abolish unfair dismissal rights for employees of corporations employing 100 or less employees; and change the no-disadvantage test that is applied to the making of collective and individual agreements.

The ability to comment on these issues comes not only out of a century of reflection and teaching on Social Justice principles, but also out of the practical experience that the Church in Australia has because it is ‘through its many agencies...one of the largest employers in Australia’.

We are aware that at the time of going to print the details of the legislation are not yet available, but the proposed directions are pretty clear. In any case, this discussion is based on principle and is a valuable discussion to have. The ACCER believes that as a nation we need to have a discussion about where we want to be as a nation and on what basis we want to build our society. There is a danger in the current proposals, as with other proposals of the current Government, that we will be heading down the path of individualism and the ‘market economy’ at the expense of the common good and collective responsibility for the most vulnerable.

As the Commission rightly says in its Paper, ‘It is because of the nature and purpose of work that employees cannot be treated like other parts of an economic process, with their value assessed only in economic terms. Employees cannot be treated as commodities, nor can their labour be treated in purely economic terms.’ This is the discussion we have to have and if the current Industrial Relations proposals are the trigger for it, then that is at least one good thing to come from them.

The Pilgrims’ Way

When the forty-four pilgrims from the Kimberley and Northern Territory came together with NATSICC reps from down south and travelled through France to WYD in Köln they journeyed as in ancient Christian tradition. Like generations before them, they moved from one place of sacred significance to another in a prayerful search for a deepened relationship with God. That is the essence of pilgrimage.

Bishop Saunders said that it was a unique experience for the pilgrims and was filled with memories of great experiences. “In Köln they were part of living history as 1.2 million young people came together at Marienfeld to participate in the Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI and assisted by 750 Bishops and 7000 priests. But before the wonderful German experience where they participated in Masses, meetings and celebrations the group visited Carcassonne – where St Dominic preached, and then the town of Lourdes in the South of France where Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette and then on to Paris the city of many saints.

“The Lourdes experience was something that impressed everyone. The candlelight procession, the immersion in the healing waters, the special Masses and the beautiful story of an ordinary girl, Bernadette, who witnessed the appearance of Our Blessed Mother, Mary, have been imprinted on the minds and hearts of all pilgrims, to some degree” he said. “Each pilgrim made a valiant effort to be part of the experience. Sometimes the effort required was extraordinary but in a most generous fashion each pilgrim rose to the occasion”.

“I cannot think of a better group to be with or a more significant experience that we shared so well, so essentially. Like many others, I am looking to 2008 and world youth day in Sydney.”
World Youth Day Focus

World Youth Day: Köln, Germany 2005... “We have come to worship Him”

Below: The Pilgrims from the Broome and Darwin Dioceses and NATSICC gather at Lourdes.

Above: The “artists quarter” of Montmartre in Paris with its cobbled streets and village atmosphere was a fascinating area to explore for Ulanda White and Jessica Morgan. They visited Sacre Coeur Basilica on top of Montmartre Hill.

Below: Agnes Pigram (front), Paul Treacy and Frances McCaffery were chosen to represent the pilgrims from the Northern Australia group on the ‘Oceania’ boat to welcome Benedict XVI who arrived in Köln by boat along the Rhine river.

Above: Jamal Matusiewicz at the pilgrims’ accommodation at Carcassonne.

Above: Harry Higgins at the Grotto at Lourdes.
Left: A giant electronic screen showing John Paul II was on display outside the Köln Cathedral. It was made up of thousands of smaller images emailed to WYD organizers from individuals from around the world who felt that they had been deeply affected by attending previous WYDs.

The Gothic Cathedral with its characteristic spires is Köln’s feature landmark. Inside the Cathedral the pilgrims visited the golden Shrine of the Three Magi – which tradition holds contains relics of the wise men who followed the star to Bethlehem to find the Christ-Child.

Below: Ronald Mosquito at the iconic Eiffel Tower.

Pope Benedict XVI celebrated the final Mass for World Youth Day at Marienenfeld with approximately 1.2 million young people. Photo: CNS

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The Pilgrims at Marienfeld (the Field of Our Lady) – a large open area that was originally a place of pilgrimage to Our Lady about 500 years ago.

Ronald mosquito is interviewed by a TV crew.

The huge crowd at Marienfeld lived at close quarters for two days leading up to the celebrations with the Holy Father.

Left: Bishop Saunders at Marienfeld.

Below: On the Saturday before the final Mass the pilgrims began walking towards the large outdoor venue where the ‘World Youth Day’ Mass was celebrated with the Pope.

Pope Benedict XVI.

Photos supplied by Bishop Christopher Saunders, Father Matthew Digges, Harry Higgins, Rebecca Henggele, Paul Treacy and the Kimberley Times.
Catholic Education and Accreditation

By Gerard Tonti-Filipini

There are many visible signs of God's presence in our lives. Do we take the time to acknowledge them? Are we open to their richness of renewal and guidance? In essence are our interactions each day concerned with our search for an ever closer relationship with our God? As educators in Catholic schools, staff are called on to give witness to the Catholic faith whilst also participating in renewal and educational development related to their role.

An educational package called ‘Faith Story and Witness’ has been developed and Catholic school staff of Kimberley schools have begun to work with it. The package enables staff to learn more about the history of their school and community and to become more informed about the Catholic faith traditions and curriculum issues relevant to their ministry and call to evangelization and to engage in meaningful dialogue and learning as it relates to their particular circumstances and the students in their care.

Over third term Aboriginal Teaching Assistants of each Kimberley Catholic school have been participating in professional development for accreditation to teach in a Catholic school. It has been a joy to be involved in the sessions with the ATAs. The commitment and dedication of the ATAs to Catholic education and the faith story of their place is truly wonderful, invaluable and intrinsic to Catholic education across the Kimberley.

Accreditation on the Sacraments and inservicing on the ‘Kimberley Companion’ focus on PARTNERSHIP as the operative word. That partnership extends from the classroom, across the school, reaching out to the families of the school children and wider community. Such partnerships help the students develop a closer relationship with God. The commitment to evangelisation in our ministry as educators in Catholic schools therefore calls on us to recognise the signs of God's presence in our lives and model effective partnerships with all those we meet each day.

The Kimberley Companion: “Companions on the Journey”

By Gerard Tonti-Filipini

In the August 2005 edition of ‘The Kimberley Community Profile’ an outline was provided of what the Kimberley Companion resource is about, with scenes from the official launches held in Broome and Warmun. Since then the Kimberley Companion has been received with meaningful liturgies and inservices by each of the Catholic school/parish communities. Each place was notable for its strong community member presence and involvement highlighting the significance, purpose and special feeling of each gathering. School student involvement through role play, readings and song also contributed to the meaningful occasions and school staff participated with great spirit in the follow up inservicing on the resource.

Travelling in the company of Sister Veronica Ryan, author of the Kimberley Companion, enables one to see how such a resource came into being and the depth of research and insight involved.

The Kimberley Companion journey is a tangible treasure, and a wonderful resource. It will be welcomed by all who experience its great richness and life-giving sustenance.

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Mentoring Parents

By Sr Jennifer Ihlein rsj

A group of young mothers gather each Wednesday morning at Ngalangangpum School, Warmun. They receive information regarding child development and ways to assist their children to learn from Sister Jennifer Ihlein rsj. During the sessions the young mothers also enjoy making items like cloth books and puppets for their children. It is a time for the women to relax and be nourished with ideas and knowledge.

Hanging Out

By Sr Alma Cabassi rsj

Neighbouring schools gathered at Ngalangangpum Warmun recently for the ongoing Professional Development in Kimberley Literacy. During the lunchbreak people enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with others. Del Jones, a regular visitor to the Kimberley and in particular the Warmun Community, was able to connect with friends.

School News

Students are invited to submit original artwork with a Christmas theme for the cover of the Kimberley Community Profile’s 2005 Christmas Edition. The winning entries may be used for the Bishop’s Christmas card.

Please forward artwork addressed to:
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Size: Min. A4 to Max. A3
Entries should be in portrait orientation and submitted on good quality paper.

1st prize - $100 for the artist and a DVD player or Video player for the school

2nd Prize - $50 for the artist and a tape/radio/CD player for the school

Entries submitted after 28 October 2005 will not be accepted.

The painting shown here was chosen as the Kimberley Community Profile 2004 Christmas Edition Cover. Artwork by Lauren Clay.

Sonia Bray with baby Shanoel, Bernita Everett, June Gallagher, Sr Jennifer Ihlein rsj, Julie and Johnine Echo painting Window Clings. Photo: Alma Cabassi rsj

Jean O'Reeri, Wyndham, Eileen Bray and Jane Yalunga, Warmun, Pauline Jack, Ringer Soak, Del Jones, Oregon USA and Rose Cherrabun, Warmun. Photo: Alma Cabassi rsj
School News

Wyndham

Kimberley Literacy Initiative
By Nicole Arathoon

On Tuesday and Wednesday of week seven staff of St Joseph’s School in Wyndham visited Ngalangangpum School Warmun. During this visit Nicole Murphy presented ‘writing’ as the focus. We looked at the purpose of writing and how to make it enjoyable and meaningful for children. Strategies were revealed on how to maintain the children’s motivation level and how to identify needs within certain writing phases. An enjoyable and stimulating day was had by all and it’s always a great day (and a great lunch) when Sr Alma is the host.

Visiting the desert
By Nicole Arathoon

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Book week
By Nicole Arathoon

On Friday 26th August St Joseph’s School in Wyndham celebrated Book Week. The day consisted of a morning full of fun reading rotations and even funnier prop-making activities at the end of the session. In each of the four groups students made costumes relating to a specific book, then paraded them at the front of the school for community members and family to enjoy. The students also visited Wyndham District High School to see the new books available for our reading enjoyment. All had a great day!

Blessing of the flags

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First Reconciliation

Fourteen students from Lombadina–Djarindjin Catholic School made their first Reconciliation on 14th September 2005. They are seen here with Dampier Peninsula Parish Priest, Fr Bernard Amah.

Photo: Geoff Holland
Tree day

A photographic journal will revive the tradition of recording families who plant a tree at Luurnpa Catholic school. The latest chapter which began on Tree Day, 29th July 2005, was a significant event requiring a joint effort with the wider community. Community workers had pre-dug holes and family members joined in to plant a tree in the school grounds.

National Literacy day

The whole of school reading session was held outside the store in Balgo on Friday 2nd September 2005 to celebrate National Literacy Day. Students, staff and community members shared the reading of ‘Wombat Stew’.

As part of the reading session at Balgo, Gina Sunfly (right) and (back L to R) Arena Sunfly and Darren Mudgett and (L-R front) Isaac Brown and Jerimiah Gugaman read “Wombat Stew”. Photo: K Bristow

Culture day

Luurnpa Catholic School students joined with the community at the Culture Centre on Thursday 28th July 2005 for NAIDOC celebrations. Students plaited headbands, made badges and boomerangs and performed traditional dance as can be seen in this photo. It was a great day of cultural celebration with all ages joining together.

Kimberley Companion Launch at Mulan

The Kimberley Companion was launched in Mulan with Mass celebrated by relief priest, Fr Kevin Matthews and was followed by a smoking ceremony to bless the work of Sr Veronica Ryan.

Croc Festival

Students from John Pujjaygka-Piyirm School performed at the recent Croc Festival in Halls Creek after a great deal of preparation over the last couple of months. After much liaison between the school and the Community the students performed a mixture of cultural and modern dance. Many of Community members made the 650km round trip to see the children perform and were very proud to see how strongly they danced on the night.

Students and Community members enjoying the Croc Festival. Photo : R Smith
Kununurra

Athletics Carnival
By Emma Morrison

St Joseph’s School, Kununurra held their annual Athletics Carnival on 2nd September. The Carnival included a range of activities from relays to long jump. Congratulations to Gold Faction which won the day.

Colourful Mural
By Emma Morrison

Brightly painted turtles, lilies, horses and mountains are the latest creations by the young artists at St Joseph’s Catholic School in Kununurra.

The children are painting a 5 metre tile mural depicting a map of Kununurra, as seen through their eyes. Entitled “Our Town”, the mural is made from 156 tiles, each measuring 15 by 20 cm. Visiting ceramic artist Rika Rouw is facilitating the project. When the tiles are completed they will be glaze fired and form a permanent display on a wall at the school.

Mangan Music
By Emma Morrison

Friday morning usually sees the Pre-Primary to Year 7 students at St Joseph’s School, Kununurra come together for hymn singing but on Friday August 19th the session took on a very different format. The students together with children from St Joseph’s School in Wyndham were fortunate to have an extra long session led by Australian singer/song writer, Michael Mangan. After spending some time in Darwin and on his way through to the Mirrilingki Spirituality Centre at Warmun, Michael stopped off at St Joseph’s to take the students through Jesus’ story with the help of song and actions. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to meet such a talented musician whose life has revolved around writing and singing about our God.

Alabama Slammer
Basketballer, James Crawford, the “Alabama Slammer” visited Red Hill where the children were all too eager to be instructed in the techniques that have made him such a successful basketballer. Jessie Palmer and Lorenzo Gordon get some tips on catching the ball.

Play Safe in the Sun
As well as being great fun the Croc Festival, which was held at Halls Creek this year, was also informative for children from Warlawurru Catholic school at Red Hill. Here Josua Lannigan and Casey Johnstone are ready for action after learning “How to Play Safe in the Sun” in the Surf Life Saving Tent.

Photos: Sr M O’Connell

Red Hill
School Tree Day

By Lee Grinter

‘Schools Tree Day’ was held on 29th July at St Mary’s College in Broome and was organised by Planet Ark, Toyota and the AMP Foundation. This project is a small part of Principal, Mr Tony Treacy’s vision of a Native Bush Trail at the College. In the future the school aims to be a refuge for native birds and animals.

With the care and guidance of Mrs Lea Grinter, Pathways students at St. Mary’s Secondary College have been planting trees in the school grounds for three years. The land parallel to Port Drive being the fourth area to be targeted. The students reticulate the area and plant native trees. To date over four hundred trees have been planted.

In 2004 the Pathways students received two grants, one from ASSPA and the other from the Franciscan Brothers, to continue their work. Mr. Tom Harley from Environs Kimberley who is a well-informed source on native plants of the Broome area is very helpful with advice. Tom collects native seeds and sells the College the trees he propagates at a reasonable price.

The students are gaining life skills in giving back to the environment and being environmentally responsible for the future of our world while covering outcomes from the Curriculum Framework.

Outdoor Education Camp

By Abbey McGregor, Outdoor Education Coordinator

A Sea Kayaking Expedition to the Dampier Archipelago was this year’s Compulsory Outdoor Education Camp. The students had to apply the theoretical components of their course to skills such as cooking, kayaking, leadership, teamwork and camp management.

The group enjoyed snorkelling and fishing (with some success!) around a sunken barge and fishing off the rocks. Strong winds prevented paddling on the first day but they managed to get some paddling in on the second day before winds reaching 20 knots cut short their fun once again.

Although the wind prevented the group from travelling any great distances the camp presented valuable learning experiences in the outdoors. The students were a credit to St Mary’s College and their enthusiasm and adaptability in a trying situation is to be commended.

Thanks also to the Dampier Camp School for their assistance in making this camp one to remember.

Knockout Chess

By Jacky Brown, Chess Coordinator

Following the success of the 2004 inaugural ‘Knockout Chess Competition’, the 2005 competition proved to be just as challenging. With over fifty participants, the games included a variety of strategies and tactics. The grand final was a tense affair with the competitors battling it out for over an hour at the Mangrove Resort Hotel using their oversized chess pieces.
Confirmation

On Saturday 10th September, twenty six students from St. Mary’s College were confirmed in Our Lady Queen of Peace Cathedral in Broome. Bishop Christopher Saunders administered the Sacrament. This joyous occasion was shared with the students’ families, sponsors, staff of St. Mary’s and the local Parish community.

Nulungu Chapel

By Brian Kane (REC)

In recent years the staff and others have been concerned about what is needed to make the Nulungu Chapel more suitable for liturgy and the cultivation of devotion for students of St. Mary’s College. The building holds many memories for past students, teachers and many of the indigenous people of Broome and beyond. It is important that the story of Nulungu be retold so that it is known and cherished by current and future students. To this end a series of three meetings was held in August and September regarding ‘The treasures that Nulungu Chapel holds and what the perceived needs are for the future.’ The possibility was raised about the University of Notre Dame and St Mary’s College sharing this valuable asset in the future.
Let’s think about parties and feasts today. We love to celebrate with our families and our friends, especially when we have not seen them for a while. It is a time of much laughter, delightful food and drink, and, at times, gifts may be exchanged. Oh, the joy of such parties in our lives! How we look forward to them, counting the days - or maybe the sleeps. However, the joy of all the parties in your whole life added to all those celebrated by all the people in the whole world will never equal the wonderful joy of the final party each of us will enjoy … the eternal feast prepared for us by God in heaven. How can we be ready?

Come to My Party:
Jesus left a parable about a feast for us to think about: Matthew 22:1-10.
Another Gospel writer, Luke, in Ch. 14:15, wrote the same story in this way:
In this Word Search below, find each of the capitalised words - across, down, back-ward. Circle each letter that makes up a word.

Party Goers: Name some people you know who are waiting for you to come join them in the Heavenly Feast of Love and Joy.

Directions Home: Do you know what this is a picture of? It is Broome Diocesan Office where “Kimberley Community Profile” is published. To find it, I used many helps along the way: [1] the Magazine cover for the website name; [2] Internet Explorer; [3] Google; and [4] Directions from my young friend, Anna-Louise, as to how to produce it on your page. To see it before me on the screen was just like ‘coming home’ after a hard but exciting journey. Yes, and I used several helps to get there – a magazine, books, and a special person.

You are on a journey to your Eternal Home, to a great feast of Joy and Love.

Jesus himself has left you many different kinds of helps so you will reach your Eternal Home in Heaven. Since I used 4 helps on my way to the picture above, can you name at least 4 helps you may use to guide you on your journey to your eternal home?
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What are you doing today to accept God’s invitation to Heaven?

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Balgo

Handy Visitors
By Fr Kevin Matthews

Anne and Mark Lee, friends of the Jesuit Novices resident in Balgo, dropped in for a brief sojourn. Anne, a teacher on long service leave, helped out at the school, while handy man husband Mark fixed practically everything that was broken in the parish. They were a most welcome addition to the parish despite the shortness of their stay.


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Confirmation in Derby

The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered in Derby on Sunday 18 September. A celebratory party was held after Mass.

Above: Sister Scholastica Carrillo OSB is a familiar sight as she motors around Kalumburu Mission on her “legs” (trusty quad bike) which also comes in handy as a taxi for local youngsters. Photo: R Cox

Right: The 23rd July 2005 was a happy day for two Beagle Bay couples. Preston Cox and Sharon Shadforth and Brendan Smith and Roseanna Eriah were married in a double wedding ceremony at Sacred Heart Church at Beagle Bay. They are pictured here with Father Bernard Amah and Fr Samie Buttigieg. We wish them every happiness and many blessings.

Below: Students and staff from Luurnpa Catholic School enjoyed a school camp in Broome in September. Bjorn Mudgeideli and Len Dunstan get up close and personal with a camel during one of their activities at Cable Beach.

Left: The Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Education, Training, Science & Research, Ms Jenny Macklin, visited the University of Notre Dame Australia, Broome Campus in early August. Bishop Christopher Saunders (left) is seen here with Ms Macklin at a special morning tea attended by staff, students and invited guests.

Above: John Ross (left) and his wife Mary caught up with Fr Wendelin Lorenz SAC (former Derby Parish Priest) in Perth where he has retired. In September John and Mary from Derby celebrated their 44th Wedding Anniversary. They were married by Father Brian Murray SAC in Broome in the Old Church. Congratulations and blessings Mary and John.