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NEWSLETTER Week 5, Term 3, 2010

Dear Parents and Families, Students and staff have returned safe and sound from a very successful Broome Camp. Thanks to our organizers Miss Kylie and Ms Rosanne.

School Community Group Meeting next Thursday 9.00am

Our next School Community Group Meeting is on next Thursday at 9.00am at Red Hill Community. The SCG is open to all parents and friends of Warlawurru Catholic School and provides an opportunity for people to participate more actively in the life of our great little school. Also to be discussed at the meeting is the Federal Government's initiative—the School and Community Partnership Agreement, which aims to formalise the shared responsibility between schools and communities in the education of our children.

Quiz Night Sponsors

Many thanks to the generosity of Sponsors of the Quiz Night held on Saturday August 7th to raise funds for our School Camp. The event raised a grand total of \$5,000! The following businesses and individuals gave great assistance to our school and helped support a wonderful community evening. Special thanks of course go to the organisers Kerryn and Justin from Best Western Motel, Gerard and Jessica from The Halls Creek Herald, the many who helped organise and run this great event, and all who attended and enjoyed the evening.

Best Western Halls Creek Motel Top Locks Hair Salon
Halls Creek Herald Peta's Nail Designs Kununurra
Emma & Peter @ IGA Express Miss Peggy Naylor
Dom & Delia @ BAZ Industries Miss Kylie Marsden
Halls Creek D&T Hardware Jesse's Outback Stores
Kimberley Hotel Brashaw Carnival Catering and Amusements
Halls Creek Post Office Mick Wilson of SKM Plumbing
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Halls Creek Concert



Saturday August 28th, at the Shire Oval, 12 noon to 10pm.

Our performances: a dance/play and 3 songs

Time: to be announced— between 1 and 5 pm.

Your help is needed!



Come to watch. Come to support. Come to bring your children.

Put your name down to help run our shop. (See the attached letter.)



School Camp

Students from Years 3 to 7 enjoyed their Broome Camp last week. Camel rides, a visit to the Wildlife Park and Broome Cathedral, and Boogie-Boarding were among the great activities organised by Miss Kylie and Ms Rosanne. Children were very well-behaved and learned a great deal from their experiences at Camp.



Sunday's Gospel The Mistake!

This week's Gospel, from St Luke, reminds us about how different God's ways are from our ways. In Jesus' time, people thought their social standing would guarantee their place in heaven. Jesus famous saying must have stopped them in their tracks. "The last shall be first and the first shall be last". Jesus' challenge is as real today as it was then.

Each week a mistake will be carefully hidden in the newsletter. Last week the school camp was advertised as being in Week 3 which it certainly was not! Look out for this week's mistake.

UPCOMING EVENTS: *Please read these and keep up-to-date with events in our school.*

Thursday August 26th: School Community Group meeting 9.00am at Red Hill Community. Agenda: School and Community Partnership Agreement.

Saturday August 28th: Halls Creek Concert:

I ask God's blessings on our school community, and especially on Vanessa and Brian and baby Catherine. Congratulations. We thank God for the safe return of all students and staff from Broome Camp.

Dean Savoia (Principal)



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FROM: Ron Dullard, Director of Catholic Education in Western Australia

SUBJECT: **SCHOOL FUNDING REVIEW AND THE FEDERAL ELECTION
NEWSLETTER MATERIAL – ISSUE 7**

DATE: 2 August 2010

As the election draws nearer I am attaching the last three newsletter snippets. You may believe it is beneficial for your community to receive them in one newsletter or send issue 7 this week and combine issues 8 & 9 next week.

My sincere thanks for your assistance with this very important initiative.



Freedom of choice and fair funding is crucial for Catholic schools

Commonwealth and State Government funding arrangements have historically respected the identity, integrity and autonomy of Catholic schools.

The ability of Catholic schools to enhance their curriculum and school life with the Catholic faith and instruct students in the Catholic ethos is fundamental to the mission of Catholic education.

The Federal Government has announced a sweeping review of the nation's system of funding government and non-government schools including Catholic schools.

An essential outcome of the Review and the Federal election must be that funding, compliance and accountability requirements support the autonomy of the Catholic school, while ensuring they receive a fair share of government funding.

Only by guaranteeing indexed funding for Catholic schools can Commonwealth and State Governments actively support and encourage parental freedom of school choice for children.

The major political parties must support this principle in the 2010 Election and we encourage you to ask your local federal election candidates where they stand on guaranteed federal funding and autonomy for Catholic schools.



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FROM: Ron Dullard

SUBJECT: **SCHOOL FUNDING REVIEW AND THE FEDERAL ELECTION
NEWSLETTER MATERIAL – ISSUE 8**

DATE: 2 August 2010

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Major parties must guarantee funding security for Catholic schools

All political parties must guarantee funding certainty for Catholic education and Catholic schools. Funding certainty means a guarantee of indexed funding for Catholic schools.

The Catholic education system educates one in five Australian children. With over 70,000 teachers, over 700 000 students, and 1700 schools we require funding certainty set in Commonwealth legislation.

The Federal Government has announced a sweeping review of the nation's system of funding government and non-government schools including Catholic schools.

A key outcome of the funding review must be that Catholic schools and systems have funding certainty from the Commonwealth Government, underpinned by legislation.

Also Catholic schools and systems must be able to continue allocating funds in a flexible, responsive and transparent manner to best meet the educational and personal needs of all students.

To ensure an ability to meet the rising costs of education, funding levels must be indexed annually using a transparent mechanism.

As education costs rise at a rate greater than the Consumer Price Index, indexation must be linked to government school recurrent costs via a cost of schooling price index.



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FROM: Ron Dullard

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Calling for a guarantee on indexed funding for Catholic schools

The Federal Government has announced a sweeping review of the nation's system of funding government and non-government schools including Catholic schools.

When all forms of government funding are considered, Catholic school students receive substantially less (only 85 percent) funding per student than government school students.

The NCEC are seeking commitments from the Labor Party and the Coalition to guarantee indexed funding for Catholic schools so that they have funding certainty for the future.

Christopher Pyne from the Coalition has given NCEC written confirmation that under a Coalition Government, all schools would have future funding certainty, and that a Coalition Government would seek to 'enhance' funding arrangements from 2013.

We are meeting with Simon Crean, the Minister for Education, and we will be seeking the same commitment.

The National Catholic Education Commission needs your support, as parents, teachers, students, parishioners, friends and supporters to ensure our schools and students get the funding they deserve.

We encourage you to ask your local Federal Member of Parliament and other candidates where they stand on guaranteed indexed funding for Catholic schools.



“Following discussions with the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) and the major political parties, and the discussions that have taken place at local level in community meetings, the major parties have firmed their stance on the Catholic school funding for the next political term. In short, the party’s stances are as follows:

Australian Labor Party - To extend the current funding arrangements with indexation until 2013, and future arrangements beyond that be determined following the findings of the independent review in 2011.

Liberal Party/Coalition - To continue current funding arrangement to Catholic Schools and systems in real terms from 2013 onwards.

Australian Greens - To end present Commonwealth funding arrangement for recurrent funding by the end of 2010, and return funding levels to Catholic schools to 2003/2004 levels. This would result in an immediate reduction of \$427 million per year to the Catholic education system.

Further information regarding each party’s position can be found on the school’s website.”

Slogan Competition

Here at Warlawurru Catholic School we encourage children to come to school every day. We have heard all the excuses there are for children staying away– from “no clean clothes” to “teasing”. These are not reasons, but excuses. Only yesterday a little boy was named by a parent as teasing, being the excuse for her child’s absence. The funny thing is, that little boy hasn’t been at school yet this term, or even in town. We want to promote school attendance and would like your help with some slogans that our students can make into posters to take home. Over the next three weeks I will look at any entries and award a prize to the best slogan. They can be sent to me at the email address on our letterhead (see the front of the newsletter).

Thank you for taking part.

Regards,

Dean Savoia (Principal)

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