This man, though he die before his time, will find rest.

(Book of Wisdom)

We ask your prayers for Gerald and Fortunate Nsubuga, whose son Divine, died in a tragic accident just before his fourth birthday last week. While they are not members of our MOGS family, Gerald and his family are part of the St Theresa’s parish and Gerald is a member of the Parish Leadership Team. Many of you would know Gerald and his family if you have attended mass at St Theresa’s over the last year or two.

How Divine lived his life reminds us that all life is precious, and we all have the potential, through little acts of kindliness, to make the lives of those around us infinitely better. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gerald, Fortunate and their beautiful son, Charlie.

Gerald

Important Dates for your Diary

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School Closure Days

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, 2017 is a School Review year for us. We advertised two school closure days. After speaking with our school reviewer, it now seems most appropriate that we postpone our 2nd day till after our review week in May.

We will still have a school closure day on Friday, March 10 but will cancel the April 18th.
**News from each of our Learning Communities**

**JLC Carmella**
In JLC C we have been learning about how to be a good learner, in particular in giving things a try, persevering and trying different ways to solve a problem or task. We have gotten to know our friend Lucy Learner who reminds us of all of this. (Ask the kids who Lucy the Learner is!!) We are now working on an action plan on how to reduce rubbish and litter in the school yard.

**JLC Thomas**
In JLCT, we have been learning about our inquiry topic on waste. The students have watched the movie ‘Wall-E’ and are investigating the problem of waste in our environment. The JLCT students also met their SLC buddies and worked together in making groovy marble paintings. We celebrated the birthdays of Charlene, Miriam and Sarah with a jumbo birthday party.

**JLC Emily**
We have been learning lots of wonderful things in JLCE to begin 2017. We have been busy getting creative in Discovery through exploring all of our new activities and experiences. We have been working hard on our personal writing pieces while concentrating hard on forming sentences and self correcting our work. In Mathematics we have been been exploring number and place value, which we are all becoming a lot more confident with. Lots of us have been on, or are going on holidays and we were thrilled to welcome our newest friend Tobias, who we now could not imagine our learning community without. We also welcome Shane back from India. Shane has been overseas with his grandparents over the Summer. It is fair to say that we are all so eager about what the rest of the year has to offer in JLCE, but I have no doubt it will be bursting with curiosity, enthusiasm, hard work and most of all fun.

**SLC Lisa**
In SLC L we are learning about the natural water cycle. We have been watching youtube clips, doing simple experiments and writing explanation texts to help us understand how the cycle works. We have also been learning about using computers, mainly Microsoft Word. We have been learning how to add borders, change our font style, colour and most importantly, save our work in the right spot!! Some students in SLC L had their home visits this week and I am very thankful for all the families for welcoming us into your homes.

**SLC Kasia**
This week in SLC K we have been learning about the water cycle. We watched videos, read information texts and conducted a “Water Cycle in a Jar” experiment to observe evaporation and condensation. We are going to continue with our water sustainability topic and we will move on to exploring the Kororoit Creek next. In Maths we are learning to read, represent and order numbers up to tens of thousands and we have played a number of Maths games to help us achieve that. We have also been busy creating superhero characters for our Writer’s Notebooks.
SLC Vanessa (From the horses mouth)

Learning in SLCV

- Words are powerful, they can change us. An
- It’s great to be back with old friends. Hebron
- We dissected the squishy, smelly, creepy brain of a baby lamb. Olivia
- I can express myself better by using ‘expensive’ words. Victoria
- I know how to show proportional and non-proportional models in maths. Alyssa
- We have been creating amazing things in art. Emily
- Water is infinite, coal is not. Samuel
- I have learnt about decimals and how to represent them. Michael
- We need to use our resources more wisely. Don’t litter! Jimmy
- Electricity is not our only source of power. Calvin
- To make your brain smarter you need to listen to music, challenge yourself and make connections with your feelings. Deacon
- When the world says give up - keep on trying. Christian G
- Words are powerful because something little that you say can change everything. Ella
- I found out I am a visual learner. Achuil
- I have learnt to put more detail in my writing. Mayik
- Watching Youtube clips helps with my learning. Chris O
- In year 6 I feel that I think more about my learning and how important it is going into Year 7. Chan
- Listening to music while I do my writing helps me to focus better. Ngor

Important School News

WELCOME TO TOBY AND AMIN

We welcomed our two newest students last week when Toby and Amin joined us along with their mum, Helen. Toby joined Emily and her JLC superstars and Amin joined Kasia and the amazing team in SLC K. Amin says he loves Soccer, Maths and Reading (in that order!!) and we know Toby just loves school by the ever present smile on his face.

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Our school’s Kitchen garden has been part of our learning environment for over 6 years now and the only missing ingredient is parent participation. Carol needs some help in maintaining the garden and getting it ready for the eager little hands in JLC before they come in to the garden each Monday. It would be amazing if you could spare a little time after you drop the kids off on Monday to help out. If you are not sure just ask Carol, she’s the one with a green thumb!
**BLUEARTH** [WWW.BLULEARTH.COM.AU](http://WWW.BLULEARTH.COM.AU)

On Monday we begin our 2017 Blueearth program. Blueearth is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of young people Australia wide. We have partnered with Blueearth for the last two years and look forward to welcoming our new Blueearth coach, Sam Caruso, on Monday. Blueearth sessions will run every second Monday from 11.30 onwards. SLC (Yrs 3 – 6) will have Blueearth for the first half of the year and JLC (Prep – Yr3) will have Gardening and they will swap in the second half of the year.

**FAMILY NIGHT**

We look forward to seeing you after school on Monday, February 27 for our 2017 family get together. You are invited to bring along something to share on our long table for dinner. We will supply the desserts. BYO drinks. The evening starts at 5.30 and we will have our 2nd Annual MOGS 20/20 cricket championship starting at 6.15pm.

**PST! (PARENT SUPPORT TEAM)**

The Parent Support Team meets every 2nd Friday in the Family Room at 2.15pm. (We are meeting this Friday.) The PST organize special events for the kids and families. They are organizing a trivia night for the grownups on Saturday, March 18. Come along, get your friends together and have some fun.

**INTERSCHOOL SPORTS**

We played Sunshine Christian College last Friday at MOGS. It was terrific to see some parents there to support the kids from SLC. We have introduced tennis as a sport this year, some interesting serving styles and swings were on display. Federer and the Williams sisters started somewhere, who knows we might have an Aus Open champ in our midst. We also played basketball and soccer. We play Albion PS at home next Friday.

**SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES**

You would have received copies of your 2017 school accounts last week. You are reminded that Term 1 accounts are to be settled by the end of March. If your child participates in Interschool sports (Years 3 – 6), those fees are due now. We would appreciate all fees and levies paid by their due time. Please see Lourdes if you wish to arrange Direct Debiting.

**ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER**

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