**NEWS UPDATE**

**Mothers Day**

It is no coincidence that Mothers’ Day is celebrated in the month of May, a month dedicated to the pre-eminent mother of all people and all time—Mary. She truly is ‘blest among women’.

Mary is an example of strength for each of us and a model of perfect discipleship. She saw her role as mother to Jesus as a vocation from God. She was with Jesus at every moment of His life - from His birth, throughout His childhood, beside Him during his ministry to the people, by His side when He was crucified and with the disciples at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down upon them.

Like Mary, the mother figures in our lives are models for us of great love, gentleness, patience, strength and kindness.

This Sunday we will each take the time to celebrate the gift of our mothers. For some this will be through a special family gathering, for others a telephone call, card, letter or email overseas and for others the rekindling of a precious memory.

 We pray for all our mothers, aunties, grandmothers and special women who make such a difference to our lives.

**Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone but for God and for others. Amen**

**When God created Mothers**

When the good Lord was creating mothers, he was into his sixth day of overtime, when an angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one." And the Lord said, "Have you read the spec on this one? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic; have 180 moveable parts, all replaceable; run on black coffee and leftovers; have a lap that disappears when she stands up, a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair, and six pairs of hands.

"The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands ... no way. "It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, "What are you kids doing in there?" when she already knows. Another here, in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't, but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, "I understand and I love you," without so much as uttering a word.

"Lord," said the angel, touching his sleeve gently, "Rest for now. Tomorrow..."I can't," said the Lord. "I'm so close to creating something close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of six on one kilo of hamburger mince and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower.

"The angel circled the model of the mother very slowly. "She's too soft," she sighed. "But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what the mother can do or endure."

"Can she think? "Not only think, but she can reason and compromise," said the Creator. Finally the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told you, you were trying to put too much into this model. "It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear. "What's it for? "It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride." You're a genius," said the angel. The Lord looked somber, "I didn't put it there." Erma Bom
Montana Dexter of 3 White who was selected last month to perform as part of the Penrith Children’s Choir.

As part of 25th Anniversary Jubilaeum of Penrith Symphony Orchestra, Montana will be performing at Joan Sutherland Centre on 25th May 2013, along with Penrith City Choir, Academy singers, Warrimoo Chorale, Penrith City Youth Choir and Blue Mountains Youth Choir.

Parents have the opportunity to purchase Raffle tickets and Concert tickets issued by the Penrith Symphony Orchestra. A note has been sent home today. **Best to purchase online as the school cannot collect orders**

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**Canteen Roster - Week 2**

**Contact Michelle 0404-580-636**

**Lunch orders available Wednesday and Fridays only**

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**Volunteers needed**

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