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Dear Parents,

This Sunday January 25th is **Enrolment Sunday** for children preparing for their First Holy Communion. The children will receive their red sashes during 9.30 Mass and do not need to wear school uniform but do need to come in smart and appropriate clothing for the occasion. Each child will be given a simple prayer book they can use during Mass. Benches will be reserved at the front for each family and we would like each child to sit on the outside of each bench. We will go through it all at this **Thursday's meeting** for children and parents at 6.30 p.m. in church as well as giving you information about preparation for their first Holy Communion which is on **Saturday 13th June 2009** at 10.00 a.m. The Eucharist was foreshadowed in the Old Testament and has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Recall the story of the Israelites receiving Manna from heaven to keep them alive on the journey through the wilderness. In a similar way the Bread of Life that Jesus gives us keeps us spiritually alive on our own journey through life.

Jesus himself is the new spiritual food, for the Eucharist is his body and blood made present under the appearances of bread and wine. He himself says in the Gospel: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst" (John 6:35).

Holy Communion is not ordinary food. It is the bread of eternal life. It is something more precious than gold or silver. It is worth more than anything we can imagine. The very God who created our souls and all the beauty in the universe, humbles himself to come to us in simple bread and wine. This is the precious gift, the 'jewel in the crown' that these young children are preparing for and we will do our very best for them in the months and years ahead.

Musical Extravaganza : This Wednesday evening 21st January starting at 6.30 p.m. our annual 'Musical Extravaganza' will be taking place. This is when all children who can play an instrument are invited to showcase their talents for parents, family and friends and will be joined by their music teachers from Pads for the keyboard / piano, guitar and flute.

Children don't need to wear school uniform and we would like all children there by 6.15 so we can start on time. Entry is free but you may just get the chance to join in a raffle as this is a good Catholic school!

We anticipate the show lasting around 90 minutes and this year we have decided not to invite any adults to perform. Although people like Richard Andrews, John Clarke and Barty Cooper were excellent, it just made it a very late night for the children.

Thought For The Week

*Be gentle when you touch bread.
Let it not lie uncared for - unwanted
So often bread is taken for granted
There is so much beauty in bread
Beauty of sun and soil,
beauty of honest toil.
Winds and rain have caressed it,
Christ often blessed it.
Be gentle when you touch bread.*

