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4 MARCH 2015

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Dear Parents,

We are now 2 weeks into Lent so it is timely to review our Lenten preparation. Recently Pope Francis met with Vatican employees, mostly lay people with families, and he asked them to do 9 things. These recommendations are an excellent guide for us not only during Lent but everyday. Here are Pope Francis' first 5 recommendations:

Take care of your spiritual life, your relationships with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are.

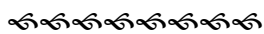
Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love.

Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy.

Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence.

Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others.

These are very powerful recommendations and what a place the world would be if we all followed Pope Francis' advice. The last 4 recommendations will be in the next newsletter.



School Visit

Since our last newsletter we had 3 visitors from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) come to our school. **Mr. Paul Easton**, Director of System Performance, **Mrs Carmen Cassar**, Teacher Educator Religious Education and **Mrs Lisa-Maree Browning**, Team Leader System Learning, met with members of the school leadership team. It was Mr Easton's and Mrs Browning's first visit to our school. Our 3 visitors went into many classrooms and were full of praise for the amount of work the students had completed, the tangible learning environment and the motivating classroom atmosphere. They were particularly impressed that all the school's programs of learning were in place at the start of week 2 and that the Kindergarten students started retell on their second day at school! Starting the learning as soon as the students return has always been our culture and the fact that this is noticed by visitors is a great affirmation to the staff who work tirelessly during the holidays to prepare work and to the parents who volunteer to assist with programs.



Lenten Reflection:

Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel

God Bless

Mr. Glenn Patchell

Principal

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome Assembly and Catholic Schools Week ~ Friday 13th March

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BOSTES - National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2015 ~ Years 3 & 5

Parents Representative Council – Years K-6

Religious Education News

Lent is a time to turn our hearts and minds back to God and to come closer to God. In his Lenten message Pope Francis calls us to “make our hearts firm” and to be “merciful, attentive and generous.” We are asked to be channels of God’s mercy and to reach out to those in need around the world but also within our local community. Please consider using your Project Compassion box this Lent that your family should have received on Ash Wednesday. Your family could decide to deny themselves some consumer products during Lent and donate the money saved to Project Compassion.

Second Week of Lent – Project Compassion

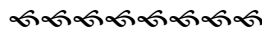
During the second week of Lent Project Compassion focuses on Niger, where life is very tough. Many live in extreme poverty, often unable to afford or access food and water.

This week we meet Mariama who is raising her daughter in Niger, a country that suffers widespread poverty. When her little girl became malnourished, she received life-saving food and care at a Nutrition Centre, supported by Caritas Australia.

Your donation to Project Compassion 2015 helps save the lives of people living on the brink of survival in Niger, giving them access to nutritional support and essential food for life.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Laura Rutherford
Religious Education Coordinator



LATE ARRIVAL NOTES

*Any student arriving after 8.55am needs to have a late arrival note **FILLED IN BY A PARENT AT THE OFFICE.** The late note stays in the office until it is entered into the new student data system and then passed onto the classroom teacher.*

Students who arrive late, whose parents do not fill out the late form, will be entered into the data system as not having a legitimate reason for being late.



FEE ACCOUNT: REMINDER

Thank you to those families who have made arrangements or paid their Term 1 fees.

Just a reminder, fees are due this **Friday 6 March.** Please contact Mrs Fletcher, **before Friday**, if you are unable to finalise your account.



ENROLMENTS 2016

Enrolment Forms for Kindergarten 2016 are now available from the office.



TERM 1 CALENDAR

Thursday	5 March	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	6 March	Yr. 2 Cricket Skills 2.15pm Merit Assembly P&F Ice Blocks
Thursday	12 March	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	13 March	9.30am Welcome Assembly – Catholic School’s Week Yr. 2 Cricket Skills
Monday	16 March	School Photos P&F Easter Raffle Tickets to go home
Thursday	19 March	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	20 March	Primary Cross Country 9.30am ~ Yrs. 3-6 Yr. 2 Cricket Skills P&F Fruit Stall 2.00pm Parents & Friends Meeting ~ Staffroom
Monday	23 March	Young Leaders’ Day (Student Council)
Thursday	26 March	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	27 March	Student of the Term 10.00am Yr. 2 Cricket Skills
Monday	30 March	Easter Raffle Prize – wrapping in Blue Room
Wednesday	1 April	P&F Easter Raffle Drawn
Thursday	2 April	HOLY THURSDAY ~9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Friday	3 April	GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday	4 April	HOLY SATURDAY
Sunday	5 April	EASTER SUNDAY
		SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY 20 APRIL FOR ALL STUDENTS

DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2015



Congratulations to our three swimmers who competed in the Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival, which was held on Friday 27th February at Blacktown Pool.

These children were:

Shayna Fernando, Evelina Dobysh and Jared Lesaca.

Thank you for a great effort.

Margaret Hancock
Sports Coordinator



MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following Students:

KF **John-Paul AbouChaaya**
Nina Isakov
Chelsea Quimpo
Aidan Feliciano
Zyra Broadfoot
Alana Brennan-Jesson

KT **Faavian Ahmad**
Brenda Abreu
Boris Prokhorov
Lucas Ocampo
Kobe Sococ
Linda Aggrey

IBJ **Adelle Hogan**
Myron Nicolas
Adia Aniano
Khodi Azzopardi
Vikram Prasad
Tiana Cutajar

ID **Cooper Malouf**
Micaela Sibucan
Lara Hendrickson
Rachel DeLuca
Jayden Liu
Laura Dobysh

2A **Ashyana Herd**
Daniel Sinclair
Isaac Xuereb
Liam Robertson
Josef Piquero
Elizabeth Angok
Ethan Micallef

2B **Aidan Sadad**
Avria Bergado
Ruby O'Keefe
Adrienne Sultana
Ethan Frendo
Pedrito Gatbonton

3B **Jaiden Fidler**
Amelia Esposito
Joshua De Abreu
Jamie Lavender
Zac Payne
Naomi Girgis

30 **Chantik Tokhman**
Chelsea Gumogda
Jeremy Fronteras
Nikolai Quimpo
Lasuba Aggrey
Angelo Williams

4C **Mia-Chevelle Crescini**
Samuel Gutierrez
Reese Nunez
Sophia Pastoral
Mena Gorgees
Adrian Padernilla

4M **Benjamin Filippi**
Victoria-Rose Bayada
Mariam Ghannami
Tiana Flores
Amayah Burns
Faustina Park
Paulo Ibanez

5HJ **Martika Galea**
Aaron Sabio
Veronika Trpcevska
Shanelle Gumogda
Roslyn Langi
Jared Lesaca

5R **Jasmine Icaya**
Tegan Blanche
Jayden Norris
Marc Aducajen
Lydia Bektor
Jocelyn Chen

6M **Michaela Sabio**
Aidan Micallef
Grace Angollo
Evelina Dobysh
Andreas Kaskaniotis
Christina Baik

6R **Benjamin Liu**
Julianna Mendoza
Kristen Cruz
Brannen Filippi
Gavriel Gutierrez
Elsie Balilo



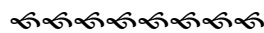
LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK CLUB ~ Orders were sent home last week, and are due back to school by **Wednesday 11th March**. Please remember to put your **child's name** and **class** on the back of the order form, place their order form together with the **correct money** in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class.

Please be aware the organisation and collating of orders and monies received at school takes some time to process. Please be patient as your child will receive the book club orders within a couple of weeks.

If you have any questions about Book Club please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Chery Kersivien or Mrs Anne Fletcher.

Thank you for your continual support.



CHILD PROTECTION – DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA PARENT VOLUNTEERS

It is a Diocesan requirement that parents who volunteer at school must complete the CEO Online Child Protection Module. This training is available online at

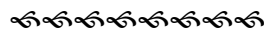
<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au> and **MUST** be completed every two years.

Click on child Protection Training

Click on For Volunteers

Read instruction and click on start the module.

If you are not sure whether you need to update your Child Protection, please contact the school office.

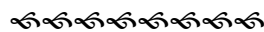


NEWSLETTERS DATES FOR TERM

Wednesday 18 March

Wednesday 1 April

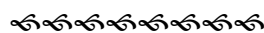
Please look for the newsletters on these days. The eldest child in each family will be responsible for taking it home.



SUPERVISION ~ Morning supervision from 8.30 am. I ask you to ensure that your child is not at school before 8.30 am as there is **NO** supervision before this time. School finishes at 3.00pm and children should be picked up promptly. Afternoon supervision in the amphitheatre finishes at 3.30pm.



MOBILE TELEPHONES ~ We request that no mobile phones be brought to school. If your child needs it for safety reasons e.g. walks home alone, please send a note to the classroom teacher. In such circumstances the phone will be handed to the teacher in the morning and returned at 3.00pm.



COMMUNICATION ~ Staff value communication with parents and welcome the opportunity to meet. If you wish to meet with a staff member please make an appointment through the office for a mutually convenient time.

2015 STATE ELECTION

DID YOU KNOW? On average, it costs around \$13,000 per year to educate a child in a NSW school. In most Catholic schools, school fees cover less than a quarter of this cost. The rest comes from taxpayers like you! This is why funding support from Federal and State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs – to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.



P&F DIARY DATES

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Every Thursday	9:00 am	School Banking
Friday March 6	Lunch time	Ice Block and Zooper Dooper Stall
Friday March 20	9:00 – 11:30 am	Fruit Stall food preparation (Years 4, 5 & 6 to donate)
Friday March 20	2:00 pm	P&F Meeting
Friday March 27	9:00 am	Easter raffle tickets and donations due back
Monday March 30	9:00 – 11:00 am	Easter Raffle wrapping
Wednesday April 1		Easter Raffle will be drawn

Ice Block & Zooper Dooper Stall – 6th March

P&F will be hosting the final Ice Block and Zooper Dooper stall for this term. No pre orders are required, simply send \$1 for an ice block or \$0.50 for a Zooper Dooper if you would like your child to purchase either item.

The previous sales ran smoothly thanks to the wonderful team of mums: **Melissa Azzopardi, Yvette Ciappa, Charlene Cutajar, Tina Hendrickson, Amanda Khattar, Sheena Norris, Fran Nourdine, Rhodora Ocampo and Narelle Sinclair**

We raised \$405.15 in the 2 weeks sales!

Wet Weather Ponchos - on sale for \$15

We have a limited number of ponchos that we are selling for \$15. They will be on sale at the next clothing pool on Monday March 16. The ponchos are Australian made and of high quality outerwear for wet weather.

Fruit Frenzy Friday - March 20 – Fruit Stall

To help with the re-launch of *Crunch n Sip* for 2015 we will be hosting a *Fruit Stall* on Friday March 20. Students from **Years 4, 5 and 6** are asked to donate 2 pieces of seasonal fresh fruit to this stall. Please only send WHOLE, UNCUT fruit.

The Fruit Stall will be open at recess. A watermelon slice or apple slinky will be 50 cents each, Fruit Cups will be \$1.00.

Diary Date – Friday March 20 9:00 - 11:30am: Our experience from previous stalls confirms that we need as many volunteers as possible to make this a success. Please BYO chopping boards, knives, aprons, dicers, etc.

Easter Raffle – Drawn Wednesday April 1

We are preparing to run the Annual Easter Raffle, and every year we are very fortunate to have great support for this fundraising event. Students from all classes are asked to donate a chocolate Easter egg which will be collected and used for raffle prizes.

Raffle tickets will go home late Week 7. They will be 50 cents each or three for \$1.00.

Diary Date – Monday March 30: We will be wrapping the egg donations into prizes. This is always a mammoth task. If you could set aside some time between 9:00-11:00 am on this date, your help will be most appreciated!

Next P & F Meeting – Friday 20th of March at 2pm, Staffroom.

Come and hear some insights about what is happening at school. The conversation is always lively and the parking is great at 2pm. Grandparents and extended family are always welcome

School Banking

School Banking is on every Thursday. The School Banking coordinator is **Mrs. Lisa Muinoi**. If you have any queries/concerns about School Banking please send a note in your child's bank wallet for Mrs. Muinoi to read, alternatively you can contact us via email or Facebook and we will forward your queries to Mrs. Muinoi.

The Good Guys – Prospect

The Good Guys Prospect provide SJV with vouchers redeemable in their shop from parents and friends who mentioned the school when they purchased items. Please be sure to mention SJV at the cash register.



Staying In Touch

You can stay in touch with news and events, contribute your ideas and helpful contacts through our "SJV Parents & Friends" page on Facebook.

Janelle DeLuca

P & F Secretary

sjv.pandf@gmail.com

Clothing Pool ~ Open every second Monday

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday 16th March 2.30 – 300pm** operating from the old canteen. We are in desperate need of any uniform items, summer or winter, in good condition, please leave items at the school office. Thank you.



COMMUNITY NEWS

St Andrews College Open Day

Where: St Andrews College, Junior Campus

When: Tuesday 10th March 2015

Time: 9:00am, 9:30am or 11:00am

St Andrews College is offering parents and students the opportunity to tour the college. The Open Day will be held on Tuesday 10th March. To assist with the organisation of the day, parents are required to book on one of the tours by telephoning Leanne Potts on 9626 4000. Tour times are 9:00am, 9:30am or 11:00am.

Pre Enrolment Meeting

Parents are also invited to attend our Pre-enrolment Meeting on Tuesday 28th April at 6:00pm. The meeting will be in the Holy Family Hall on the Junior Campus.



ENROLLING NOW FOR 2016

Catherine McAuley



Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.

OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 17 March 2015 4.00 - 6.30pm

Tour our school grounds, visit classrooms and view displays. A Year 7 2016 Information Night will be held following at 7.00pm with presentations from the school leadership team.

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 27TH MARCH 2015.

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead

www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au

Nagle College

A Catholic 7 -12 Girls' School in the Presentation Tradition



OPEN AFTERNOON/EVENING

Learning in Action

Wednesday 11th March, 2015

4.00 pm - 7.00 pm



- View student work
- Student led tours of the College
- See demonstrations
- Experience performances
- Meet and speak with staff

Nagle College - a great place to learn!

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All enrolment enquiries to our Enrolments Secretary Mrs Alison Bostock

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**KINDERCARE LEARNING CENTRE
BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE SERVICE**

Kindercare Learning Centre located in Doonside is a privately owned centre offering a variety of services including Long Day, Before & After School Care and Vacation Care for ages 0-12 years.

Full Government subsidy and eligibility offered.

Our centre is open 7am to 6pm all year round.

Our Before School Care operates from 7.00am – 8.45am.

Our After School Care operates from 3.00pm to 6.00pm.

For further enquiries, please contact Jackie De Abreu on (02) 9622 8214 or visit our website www.kindercare.com.au

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