16 March 2017
Term 1 Week 8

Dates to Remember

17 Mar  PUPIL FREE DAY – School Closed
23 Mar  OLV Feast Day
        Yr 5 Class Mass
27 Mar  P&F Mtg – 7pm
28 March Special Needs talk St James Kotara
        11am – 1.00pm
29 Mar  School Cross Country – 10am
6 April  ANZAC Liturgy
7 April  Easter Liturgy
        Last day of Term
24 April Term 2 Resumes
25 April ANZAC Day – school closed

OLV Feast Day: We will be celebrating the feast day of our school’s patron saint next week on Thursday 23 March. Year 5 will lead the parish Mass at 9am. We will be having a BBQ Sizzle lunch from 11am for the children and any hungry parents. The cost for a sausage sandwich and drink is $3.50. There will be a fun session of mixed games after lunch beginning at 12 noon. All parents, relatives and friends are welcome to join us for any of the activities.

Pupil Free Day
The school will be closed tomorrow for a PFD.
The teachers will spend the day developing a school wide scope and sequence for Science and Technology.

Project Compassion Fundraising:
Lunchtime activities have gone well this week. We are near the end of Week 2 of Lent and the total raised to date for Project Compassion is just over $200. The Liturgy which Year 5 presented this week was about Dinah from the Philippines whose life and the life of her family and others in her village have been transformed because of the work of Caritas. Next Monday, Year 4 will present the story of Martina from Timor-Leste which is one of the most least developed countries in the world.

Each family is encouraged to use the Project Compassion money box that was sent home on Tuesday to support this year’s appeal and to continue the mission of Jesus by helping those in need. There are extra boxes in the Office for families who may like to take an extra one to give to a friend, neighbour, work colleague, etc. Project Compassion boxes may be returned to school at the end of this term or early next term. Thank you for your support.

Baby News: It seems that the storks really have been working overtime. We congratulate the Hagenimana family on the arrival of their new son, Emery. Peace and Junior are very excited about their new baby brother. We wish the family all the best.

Pastoral Care Worker: I would like to announce the appointment of our new Pastoral Care Worker who will begin on Thursday 23 March, Mrs Lynda Montgomery. Mrs Montgomery bring to us great skills that will be of terrific assistance to the children, teachers and families of OLV. We look forward to her time with us.

Enrolments 2018: The enrolment period for 2018 has begun. Parents who are seeking enrolment for their children at OLV in 2018 should ask for an Application for Enrolment form from the office. If you are aware of any families that are also considering enrolling next year, please pass on this message.

Application forms for a Catholic high school were sent home on Monday. The forms need to be completed along with a copy of the students Birth Certificate, Immunisation and Baptismal Certificate if applicable and returned to school office by end of Week 1 in Term 2. These will then be forwarded to the respective high schools. Parents have a choice of sending their children to San Clemente at Mayfield or St Plus X, Adamstown. Parents may not make application for enrolment at both schools. Further information regarding enrolling in a Catholic High School is available on the GSD website at https://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/parents-community/how-to-enrol/

If parents are looking towards the public or selective high school, they should contact that school.

P & F meets 4th Monday every month.

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Medications at School: If your children are required to take medication at school it is a school requirement that the medication be presented to the school office where a "Consent to Dispense medication – Short Term" form can be completed. This form is available from the office or the school website. Once this form has been completed, the medication will be securely stored in the first aid room. * Medication must be supplied in the original container, clearly marked with the student’s name, the name of the drug, frequency of administration and prescribing doctor’s name. No medication is to be given to a student without the written permission of the parent/guardian and children are not to self-administer medication whilst at school. If you would like further clarification of this policy, please feel free to contact the school office.

Long hair: Parents are reminded that is has been practice in the past and still is, that the children with long hair are required to have it tied back in an appropriate way.

Easter Raffle: One of our more successful fundraisers is our Easter Raffle. Last week a booklet of raffle tickets for the annual Easter raffle was sent home to each family. This raffle will be drawn Thursday 6 April. Each family was allocated 15 tickets to sell and the P&F would appreciate your support in selling these tickets. Ticket stubs and funds raised can be returned to the office in the zip lock bag provided and clearly labelled ‘Easter Raffle’.

Anyone who would like more tickets to sell can collect them from the office.

If you are unable to sell all of the allocated tickets, that is OK, please ensure you return them to the office by Friday 31 March.

Easter Parade: To help support the Easter Raffle we will be having an ‘Easter Bonnet/Fancy Dress’ Out of Uniform Day on the 31 March. The children may dress up in an Easter theme and/or make a bonnet for a parade. Instead of a gold coin donation, we ask that you send your children to school with a donation of Easter eggs, bunnies or chocolates as a contribution towards the annual Easter Raffle prizes. If you have any unused baskets to donate, please bring them in as well.

Class News:
What’s happening in your child’s class?

Kinder
In Kinder we continue to build on our understanding of resilience in real life situations as we participate in the whole school ‘Bounce Back’ program. Here are some of the topics we have covered so far this term:
* Everyone has unhappy times, not just you
* People can bounce back, just like a ball can bounce back
* Growing up and bouncing back
* Losing someone or a pet you love.
Please discuss these topics and relate them to real life experiences at home and in the community as this can only make the learning experience more meaningful for your child.

Have you seen our Kinder Picasso portraits on display in our classroom? We explored a variety of portraits by famous artists including Renoir, Holbein and Rembrandt and discussed the various techniques used. We then had a go at creating our own portraits using the collage technique.

In Science we are learning about the needs of living things. Give your child this little quiz:
* Name 3 living things.
* What are the 4 needs of living things? (Shelter, food, water and air.)
Thank you to the many visitors who came along to the Catholic Schools Week celebrations last Friday, we enjoyed welcoming you into our classroom and sharing our learning experiences with you!

Have a great week! ☺

Year 1/2
In Religion we have been learning about the Seasons of the Church year and about Lent in particular. We have looked at when Lent occurs in the year and how long it lasts for, as well as the colour of Lent too (purple). In English we have begun our study of the text ‘My Place’ by Nadia Wheatley. We have noticed the changes in the Sydney neighbourhood where the story is set as the decades go further back in history. The illustrations tell us stories about the growth of our multicultural society, and how world events (such as The Great Depression) were impacting on Australian families. We have related the story back to ourselves by sketching and annotating maps of the local areas in which we live. In Maths we have been learning about fractions this week. We have been cutting shapes into halves and also finding half of a collection. Year 1/2 will also be looking into finding quarters of shapes and collections. In Science this week we have been taking a close look at worms - learning about how they move, what they look like, how they help the environment and also how they help us!

Year 3
This week year 3 has been learning how to measure length using metres and centimetres. We measured ourselves and compared heights. In English we considered a rubric to assess our narratives and applied this rubric to our own writing assessment. In science we were taxonomists this week using a flowchart to help us discover animal groupings. In History we read Tiddalick, an Aboriginal story from the Wollombi area. We considered the meaning relating to greed. In Religion we read some gospel references relating to Lenten practices. We also examined and responded to a video recording of our drama performance from last week.

Year 4
This week in Religion we discussed ways that the Church today continues the mission of Jesus. There are organisations such as Catholic Care and Mercy Care that help refugees, the homeless, the lonely, those who have very little possessions and those in prison. There are also Church-run Nursing Homes and hospitals that help the aged and the sick. In Maths we have been learning some new things about fractions. We have compared fractions that have the same and different denominators and written some corresponding number sentences i.e. $\frac{3}{4} > \frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{2}{10} = \frac{1}{5}$. In English we finished reading the book "The Tale of Despereaux" and wrote a review. Many of us would recommend the book to others to read, giving it a rating of 5 stars!
Year 5
In our Lenten work on 'Journeys', we discussed the differences and similarities between 'personal journeys' and 'spiritual journeys' then defined each term. We also wrote about a personal journey of our own and what it meant for us. In Mathematics we reviewed and practised conversion of length measurements and with Mrs McGann, began working on multiplication and Division. In English, we worked on building noun groups and continued designing a new cover for our novel which we will include in our email to Jackie French. In History we read a text about different groups of people who were part of the new Australian Colonies and identified why each group was there and how they contributed towards the growth of the colony. In Science we continued our research into desert species and their adaptations. During our Bounce Back session we defined unhelpful thinking and how it can make us feel more upset, so we need to think again.

Year 6
In Religion, we summarised our understandings of Lent before moving on to discuss new life and Easter. We also learnt about and discussed the meaning of the Paschal Mystery as the Catholic term used to refer to the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. In English we divided the class into two groups and, after time for discussion and gathering of arguments, debated on the theme of refugees/boat people coming to our country. We are learning about the struggles faced by refugees as we work on the story Soraya the Storyteller by Roseanne Hawke. In Maths we have completed a variety of activities as we continue our work on fractions and decimals, including online activities, creating fraction lines on the cement outside and determining fractions of collections. In Library with Mrs Spencer we have completed online activities about Federation. We are busy organising activities for our Mini-Olympics to be held next Wednesday on the Feast of Our Lady of Victories.

SPORTS CORNER
School Cross Country
Seems Term 1 is a very sporty term.

On Wednesday, 29 March we will be conducting our school Cross Country Championships. A course will be laid out in Northcott Park (adjacent to the school on Lovell Pde) and the children will compete, running different distances according to their age groups.

The infants up to the age of eight will participate in a 1 km event, 8-10yr olds in a 2 km event and our seniors in a 3 km event. The children are encouraged to participate at their own pace and complete as much as they can, or more if they like. But, if children wish to represent the school at the Diocesan trials in term 2, then they will have to complete their distance under the qualifying times.

Racing commences at 10am and parents are invited and encouraged to come along and join in the exercise with their children.

Lexia awards go to:

Harry F Level 8

Well done Harry!!

Mrs McCallum

May you be in heaven 5 minutes
Before the devil knows you're dead.

Kind regards, Gerry Vandermaat - Principal.

Happy Birthday!

We would like to wish the following children a happy birthday:

Ava G  15th March
Siann C  16th March
Zachary H  17th March
Peace H  18th March
Lochlain H  19th March
Cooper P  19th March

Congratulations and we hope you have a happy day.
# Canteen Roster

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