



School Newsletter

Term 1 Issue 9

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 30th March

Thursday 31st March

Friday 1st April

Sunday 3rd April

Monday 4th April

Thursday 7th April

Friday 8th April

Monday 25th April

PS Show - Cyber Wise 9.20am

Roadwise Blessing of the Roads 1.45pm

PS Assembly - Year 4 - 2pm.

Badge Presentation in the Hall 8.30pm

MS3 & MS4 Homeroom Mass 10am in the Church

All Universities visit for Year 10's

Last day of Term 1

Pupil Free Day

Anzac Day - Public Holiday

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Before the Easter break I spoke to the students of the importance that Easter is to our Catholic faith. While Christmas with all its gift giving and family reunions is what many people believe is the most important Christian celebration each year, it is in fact Easter, with Christ's resurrection and the hope for all that life is ever lasting. This is the central message in the resurrection event; that there is life for all who believe in God. This belief is so central to our faith that about 25 years after Jesus' resurrection, St Paul in his letter to the people of Corinth, stated, "If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith."

It is clear from the earliest accounts of the Resurrection that Christ was preached as having appeared to His followers not once only, but several times over many weeks. The Resurrection does not mean that Jesus resumed His previous life as an ordinary person, rather, it means that Jesus entered another kind of and level of existence. This Jesus alluded to when He said to the robber crucified next to Him, "Truly, this day you will be with Me in paradise."

This is the same promise made to us some 2,000 years later. It is the promise of life after death, the essential message of the Easter story.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

The next primary assembly will be held tomorrow at 2:00 pm in the school hall. It will be led by our Year 4 class. All are welcome to join us.

BADGE PRESENTATION

This Friday at 8:30 the Faction Captain and SRC badges will be presented to our school leaders. Father Mariusz will be present to bless the badges. All are welcome to attend.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MASS

This Sunday, our Homeroom 3 and 4 groups will be preparing the parish mass at 10:00 am Sunday. Please come along and support our students at this mass.

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

The last day for students will be Thursday, April 7. Staff will have a professional development day on Friday. The first day back for students in Term 2 will be Tuesday, April 26.

PROFESSIONAL RENEWAL LEAVE

For the first 4 weeks of Term 2, Mrs O'Halloran and I will be travelling to the USA to undertake some training with DataWORKS, the company that developed and wrote the EDI pedagogy and materials that we are currently using in English. This is a fabulous opportunity to learn from those who literally 'wrote the book' on EDI.

During our absence Mrs Jo Bumbak will be taking the Year 1 class, and Mr Gammon and Mrs DA Luz will be sharing the Acting Principal role.

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran
Principal

Middle School News

Welcome back everyone from our Holy Week! I trust you all had a relaxing and joyful break away from school, work and your usual routines. It is always a good time to reflect upon the mysteries to find a deeper meaning to all our lives. I found that even on social networking sites, many more people, (non-Christians included) were talking more and more about giving and helping others in need. There were even references to the lost meaning of Easter and to re-educate our children as to the significance of Good Friday and why we celebrate Easter Sunday. In light of the recent attacks around the world again – in Belgium and Egypt, it is only natural that people try and find some hope and peace amongst the fear and uncertainty pervading our society. Bringing back faith and a commitment to the greater good of mankind is a start on the right track!



"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."
Phillippians 4:13

I spent part of my weekend planning our "Shakespeare Shenanigans" with Miss Slattery – we are getting quite excited and buoyed by the enthusiasm shown by all the children about this upcoming event to be held in Term 3 where all of the Middle School English students will be presenting various excerpted plays and sonnets during an "Around the Globe" (pardon the pun) evening. We aim to inform, entertain and share our knowledge of the great Bard with the wider community.

This Friday 1st April at 8:30am, we will be presenting our Student Representative Councillors to the whole school at an assembly where a blessing of the badges will be conducted by Fr Mariusz and where the Councillors make their pledges. I have sent home the various letters and information to those concerned and hope to see many parents there for this special occasion.

Despite the many days off we have already had this term, it is important for students to re-focus before we break for the April holidays. There is still much to do and prepare for, especially in light of NAPLAN around the corner and Year 9 & 10 exams next term. So shake off those "long weekend blues" and engage once again with the learning programs that your teachers have spent countless hours preparing.

We also have the much postponed HR mass for MS 3 & 4 this Sunday at 10am. Due to other timetabling clashes and events beyond our control, we have had to move this date twice so this will be third time lucky and I know the students will do an excellent job for this Divine Mercy Sunday celebration. I hope to see you all there.

Newsletter Stop Press!

Congratulations to ex-student Khan Henderson who has won a scholarship to study Year 11 and 12 at the United World College in Costa Rica. Khan will be studying the International Baccalaureate starting in September. We wish him well in his studies and can't wait for the stories and pictures of his adventures to come.

Until next time ...

Kind regards

Sam Da Luz

Head of Middle School



Parish News

Father Mariusz is inviting any parents and/or their children who would like to be Baptised in the Catholic Church to contact him on 99411768 at the Presbytery.

News from the Bursar

SCHOOL FEES

Please remember to complete your Payment Options form and return it to the school. This indicates your commitment to the school with regards to your fees. Forms will be sent out with accounts to any families who have not returned their form. If you have any queries please call Anna on 99411328.

FEE CONCESSIONS

Holders of Centrelink Health Care and Pension Cards may be eligible to receive Fee Discounts. The card must be current and show the names of the children attending school. The discount can only be given to the person responsible for payment of the school fees. The discounts are available for students from Kindy to Year 10.

Secondary Student Assistance Parents who hold either card and have children in Yrs 7 – 10 may also be eligible for the Education Dept Secondary Student Assistance. Applications for Secondary Assistance close on **Friday 8th April**.

All families claiming fee discounts **MUST** complete new forms for 2016. Please bring your card with you as we are required to sight and copy the card.

Thankyou. Anna Brooks

Homework Classes

Homework classes last day for this term is next Tuesday 5th April.. They will re-commence for Term 2 on Thursday 28th April.



Carnarvon



Netball Association

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Junior and Net Set Go Registration

Junior (11-17 Years)

Net Set Go (5-10 years)

Time: 5:30pm-6:00pm

When: Tuesday 5th April

Where: Carnarvon Netball Courts (Festival Grounds)

Kidsport funding available to eligible athletes

If any parents can help take forms it would be greatly appreciated

Season commences Term 2.

For more information or queries please

contact Ainslee on 0400206732

Senior Netball

Season:

The netball season runs on a Tuesday evening with games at 6:30pm sharp, commencing on 3rd May. Please note that depending on the number of registrations we receive some teams may be required to play at different times.

Fees:

Senior netball fees this year will be \$120. This covers a minimum of 12 games, insurance, Netball WA affiliated, court fees, awards and social nights.

Teams:

Groups of people are welcome to register their own teams. However, anyone is welcome to join our association! You may come down as an individual or small group and we will create a team for you! No grading will be required.

Important Dates:

5th April: Registration Day @ Netball courts 5pm-7pm

26th April: Pre-Season Round Robin, 6:30pm

3rd May: 1st Official Netball game, 6:30pm

****If you require any further information please do not hesitate to call us!*

Association President: Bec Faithfull 0438949394