



Dear Parents,

**THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT**

With this week, we conclude the first part of Lent. We continue our lessons in the faith, as our practices of Lent become deeper and more full of grace.

We enter into this week reflecting upon the scrutiny that makes up our intense prayer for those elect preparing for Baptism. And, as we beg, as Church, that they be freed from sin and from all anxiety, we ask those same desires for ourselves.

The simple and powerful words of the Opening Prayer guides our daily prayer. We continue to wake each morning, pausing to ask for the graces we desire for the day. Throughout each day, the background of our thoughts and feelings is more and more taken up with what this journey means for our personal change of heart, the renewal of our Baptismal commitment to be placed with Jesus, and our growing desire to act in solidarity with the poor. We go to bed each evening, after pausing to give thanks for the gifts of the day.

*God of infinite love,*

*I thank you for this reminder of your love and your call that we be more patient, gentle and compassionate with others.*

*Here in the middle of Lent,*

*I turn to you to beg for your help.*

*Please soften my heart.*

*Help me to let go of judging others.*

*I ask you this, in Jesus' name.*

*Amen.*

Peace & Best Wishes

Noel Dillon  
Principal



**NORTHERN PLAINS CLUSTER CONFERENCE**  
The conference was a great success, with lots of learning for the staff to use and implement in the classroom.



**CAMP : GRS. 4/5/6**  
**Camp will be held at the Cottage by the Sea in Queenscliff**

**Tuesday ,17<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Cost is \$150.00 per child to be paid before departure.**

**PLAYGROUP**

You are invited to come along and join the Parent-Child Playgroup at Holy Rosary School, Heathcote.

- Who: For parents and their children 0-5 years
- When: Each Thursday
- Time: 10.00am - 11.00am
- Where: The O'Dee Centre at Holy Rosary Heathcote

For more information, please phone Jess on 0409 967 997 or Email:



**CAR PARK PICK UP & DROP OFF**

*To ensure that all children are safe, it is important that parents collect and drop off their children from the shade area near the playground. A number of parents are waiting in the cars and calling their children across the car park. This causes a dangerous situation for the children.*

*Please ensure that children are collected from the pick up area.*



**PREPS**

The Prep children will attend school each day after the March 9th long weekend.

Important dates

**TERM 1 DATES FOR 2015**

**March**

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	:	<b>Assembly 8.45am</b>
	:	First Friday School Mass 11.30am
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	:	<b>Labour Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL</b>
	:	Preps Full Week
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	:	March Class Mass Grade 2/3 9.00am : Chapel
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	:	Grade 5/6 Leadership Day Echuca
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	:	<b>School Closure Day – PUPIL FREE DAY</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	:	: Grade 4/5/6 camp Queenscliff
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	:	Class mass Grade 1/2 9.00am : Chapel
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	:	Class Mass Grade Foundation 9.00am : Chapel
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	:	Last Day Term 1 2.15pm

**April**

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	:	Good Friday
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	:	Easter Sunday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	:	Easter Monday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	:	<b>Term 2 commences 8.45am</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	:	Parent Teacher Interviews.



**BLUEARTH PROGRAM**

The Bluearth Health and PE program will run for all students on a Wednesday every second week on the odd school weeks, beginning week two Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February for all grades. The Foundation children will participate in the program when they resume full weeks. Our tennis program will run in Term 2.

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS**

**EASTER RAFFLE:**

Hi everyone, yes it's that time of the year again... Raffle tickets will be sent out shortly.

**Egg donation.**

To assist with the collection of Easter Eggs, a casual clothes day for the children will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. On this day, children are asked to bring an Easter Egg as a donation for wearing casual clothes.

If you can help with other donations, please have a look in your cupboards for spare baskets, plastic flowers, ribbon, cellophane etc. that we may use to make up the prizes.

We will be drawing the raffle at Assembly on Thursday 3rd April



**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Due to a short first term, we will hold our parent teacher interviews on Tuesday, 14th April (Week 1 Term 2). Students will attend school as normal on this day. Information will be sent out closer to the day with details of online booking of interview times.

Teachers are also available to meet with you this term if you would like to discuss your child's progress. It is important that you make a time to speak to the teacher rather than during class time.

**SCHOOL MASS**

Our first Friday mass will be held on Friday, 6th March (tomorrow)

**CLASS MASSES**

Each Thursday a class mass will be celebrated in the school chapel.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY  
MONDAY, 16TH MARCH**

There will be no school for students  
on this day.

Staff will be working with David Anderson  
in a professional learning day.



Next week, Thursday, 12th March  
Will be the last breakfast Club for this term

### CAR PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

A reminder to families that the drop off and collection area for parking is in the back car park near the courts.



An increasing number of families are parking in other areas around the school causing a dangerous situation for students. Police have been notified and will issue penalty notices for offending vehicles. Please use the back car park for all drop off and pick ups.

### LEARNING STREET COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

An increasing number of parents are meeting in the learning street towards the end of the day to collect their children. We ask that parents refrain from this practice, as the noise level of the parents is causing a distraction to the classes.

### PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL

The playground is not available for children after school.

### RIDING TO SCHOOL

Storage of bikes and scooters is near the sports shed. This area is not locked during the day, so you may wish to bring your own bike lock along to secure your bike. Bikes and scooters are not allowed to be ridden in the school yard.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

**The uniform shop will now be open on a Monday after assembly until 10.00am**

It is important that all children are in correct uniform. Sports gear may only be worn on selected sports days. All items are available from the uniform shop.

### CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

If your child has Show and Tell or News in their class, practice what they will say the day before. Encourage your child to give a detailed description of their object/ experience. Some prompts might include colour, size, shape, sound, texture, what it looks like, smells like, tastes like, personality. For example, "This is my *new* transformer that I got for Christmas. It is *yellow* and *grey* and has *massive* arms and legs. It is so cool because it can turn into an *awesome sports car*".



### AWARDS

**As there is no school on Monday, assembly will be held tomorrow morning**

This week's awards will be presented to:

#### Respect for Self

Micah Hamilton Lily Johnson  
Summer Banbury Roxy Jorgensen-Neave  
Georgia Pianta-Cook

#### Respect for Others

Jamie-Leigh Hearne Zara Bibby

#### Making Jesus Real (for excellent manners)

Akira Doley Leah Robinson  
Kaleb Robinson Tomia Damchef  
Tahlia Anderson



**MAKING JESUS REAL**  
**THIS WEEK WE ARE CONCENTRATING**  
**ON BEING WESTIES**  
**WELCOMING**  
**ENCOURAGING**  
**SAYING SORRY**  
**THANK YOU**



### STUDENT ABSENCES

Please contact the school by 10.00am if your child is not attending school for the day. On returning to school, students must bring a signed, written note explaining their absence and give it to their classroom teacher.



# Holy Rosary School

Mother's Day Luncheon

Featuring

*The*  
*Brides*  
*of*  
*Heathcote*  
Fashion Parade

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015

O'Dee Centre, Holy Rosary School, Heathcote

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!**

Call 5433-2057



**Cost: \$25.00**

*Mother's Day Planning Well Underway!*

*With our annual Mothers Day luncheon just around the corner, I met last night with a group of wonderful ladies to help make this year's event a beautiful one. Tickets are on sale now from Joan in the office. After my letter last week, I had some amazing ladies offer their gowns and or family wedding photos for the day. I would love to hear from some more of you whom might have your gown or some amazing photos of your own mother, grandmother, aunties or relatives who helped build this beautiful community; even if you are only new to it, we all had to get here somehow.*

*We are also looking for donations and will be contacting most businesses in the coming weeks, but if you have something you might be able to contribute, we would be most appreciative.*

*If you have been wanting to help the school and have not been sure what you can do to help, then this is the opportunity for you. I still need some more help bringing this wonderful event to life so if you would like to contribute, I can be contacted on 0403 618 560.*

*Fiona Bradshaw*