



## NEWSLETTER No . 11 : 30 April, 2015

**Dear Parents,**

The fifth Sunday of Easter

The Lectionary of this Easter season draws out some of the 'classic' gospel passages, particularly some of the discourses from the Gospel of John. Like many 'famous' or familiar passages, it can be true that familiarity breeds contempt – we think we are so familiar with the passage that we don't need to pay it much attention. At first glance, it appears that there is a certain ruthlessness about the image of the vinedresser pruning the vine: perform or perish! However, the process of cutting away and pruning branches is an incredibly nurturing action; it is removing the unproductive portions of the plant so that the vine has an even better opportunity to produce fruit in the next season.

It an act of love; not an act of economic rationalism. Within our own lives we are called to make decisions about which of our thoughts and actions are life-giving (fruit-bearing) and which are unproductive; negative; crippling; life-diminishing.

If we are able to 'prune' our life-diminishing thoughts and actions we allow ourselves the freedom and the ability to really flourish. Feelings of jealousy, greed, resentment, self-doubt and lack of confidence can limit our ability to be fully alive just as addictive and harmful behaviours can physically take away our ability to perform at our best.

I am reminded of the old *Karate Kid* movie when the boy, Daniel, is introduced to the art of bonsai. He is told to close his eyes, imagine the perfect tree and then start clipping and shaping the plant to make real the perfection that lies within it. It is only through a process of cutting away and pruning that we can nurture ourselves to realise the beauty of our potential.

Living the Gospel – Bearing fruit

The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.

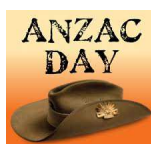
Lord Jesus,  
Help us to bear fruit that leads to new hope for the world.

May we always remain part of your vine.

Peace & Best Wishes

Noel Dillon

Principal



### ANZAC DAY CEREMONY IN HEATHCOTE

Congratulations to the students and staff who represented our school so well at the ANZAC Day ceremonies of Friday and Saturday. These are wonderful opportunities for the school to be represented in the wider community. I thank you all for your attendance and support of the ANZAC Day ceremonies

### ANIMALS AT SCHOOL

At our recent School Board meeting a motion was passed to avoid injury to children in the school from animals.

**NO ANIMALS ARE PERMITTED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SCHOOL GROUND OR BUILDINGS UNLESS PRIOR APPROVAL IS SOUGHT FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The following items were discussed at the April meeting.

**School Review** - The school will be undertaking a review of their Learning and Teaching and Religious Education policies and procedures.

**Amendments** were made to the Board constitution to include a procedure for the formation of new Board members.

**Staffing** for Terms 2 and 3

**Update** on the purchase of a new BBQ trailer and shade over the new play equipment.

**Car Park** poles to replace the current wooded bollards

**New flag poles**

**Parents** parking at the front of the school putting students lives in danger.

**Staffing replacement for Mrs Andrew**

Brooke Andrew will be maternity leave from the start of Term 3. Nicole McDermott will return to replace Brooke in the 2/3 classroom for Terms 3 and 4.

### TERM 2 DATES FOR 2015

#### May

Friday 8th : School Photos  
Mother's Day Luncheon

Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th : NAPLAN

Monday, 25th : SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOR OUR LADY OF CHRISTIAN'S ANNIVERSARY

Thursday 28th : Reconciliation

#### June

Monday 1st : SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - REPORT WRITING

Monday 8th : PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Queen's Birthday

Monday 15th : Gym : Grade F-2

Thursday 18th : Gym : Grade F-2

Monday 22nd : Gym : Grade F-2

Thursday 25th : Gym : Grade F-2

Friday 26th : End Term 2 - Reports sent out



#### SCHOOL TIMES

8.45am-10.45am - Class time

10.45am-11.30am - Recess

11.30am-1.30pm - Class time

1.30pm - 2.15pm - Lunch

2.15pm - 3.15pm - Class time

#### HEATING UP FOOD AT SCHOOL

Due to Occupation Health and Safety regulations, we are unable to heat food for the children. Please ensure your child has food that does not require heating. Many thanks for your support with this.

Noel Dillon

Principal

#### EARLY PICK-UP

If collecting your child early, please call at the front desk and sign them out. Your child will then be called to the office.

If you have arranged for someone else to pick up your child and they are not on our emergency list, please contact the school and let us know.

#### ASSEMBLY, 27TH APRIL

Our new flag poles were used on Monday morning. It is great to see the flags flying again. This is an opportunity for our students to recognise our country and celebrate the fact that we live in such a wonderful country with so many opportunities.



#### BREAKFAST CLUB TERM 2

The Breakfast Club will run from 8.00am - 8.30am each Thursday and will be held in the O'Dee.

Next week special : Smoothies  
Also cereal and toast / spaghetti / baked beans weekly

#### AWARDS

This week's awards will be presented at Assembly on Monday

##### Respect for Self

Liam Hennessy Summer Banbury  
Lily Johnson

##### Respect for Others

Jed Featonby Matthew Doherty

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

Riley Johnson Oliver Ayres  
Annabel Johnson Phoebe Banbury  
April Flood-Conway

#### 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.

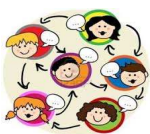
#### Tennis Term 2



Our tennis program will run on a Monday for Grs. 1-6. Sessions will run for 30 minutes from 11.30am - 1.30pm

### 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*".



On long car trips you might like to build a story, where each person adds a new part in turn. Make sure you include the following important parts;

A setting: 'who' the story is about, 'where' the story is taking place and 'when' the story is taking place,

A problem which arises in the story or a kick off event

Feelings: how the character feels about the problem,

A plan, action and solution to the problem,

And an ending.

You can make it as humorous or as far-fetched as you like, most importantly it has to be fun!

### RECONCILIATION

On Wednesday, 6th May, we will have a get together with those students and their families wanting to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation this year. This is for students in Grs 3-6 and any parents who would like to receive the sacraments with their children.

The preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation will be completed this term. Our first meeting with parents and students will be on Wednesday, 6th May at 3.15pm in the O'Dee. This will be a short meeting to inform parents of the preparation and what will be covered in the program. Please feel free to contact either Bernie O'Keefe or myself at school if you require further details.

Noel Dillon

Principal

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

**The uniform shop will open only on**

**Mondays after assembly until 10.00am**

**Urgent orders : txt Natt on 0437 628 626**

**to arrange another time or leave order at office**

All children should be in full winter uniform

**School Photos : Friday 8th May.**

If you need uniforms, please organize this ASAP as we may need to order items and they take time to get here.

Please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform at all times. Runners with school uniform is not correct uniform. Sports uniform is only to be worn on sports days. We appreciate that there are times where full uniform cannot be worn. Please send along a note to the classroom teacher informing them of the situation. This will avoid unnecessary embarrassment to your child



### MJR is 24/7

Making Jesus Real: Our focus for weeks three and four is teamwork at home/school and doing the 1%

TAS team work at school

TAH teamwork at home

Teamwork 1 percenters, giving 101%

We are asking children to focus on what teamwork looks like at home and at school and making a positive effort to be a team player. We are also focusing on the 1%. The little things we do that support others in our community.

Team work make the dream work

Whatever the dream we have is Happy family, happy class, happy sporting team, happy school. We are often in a team situation and if we are conscious of our role to play as team workers not receivers and takers, we can give ourselves and make our team work so much better for everyone.



ON SALE AT THE OFFICE  
*Tomato Relish - \$2.00 per jar*

### OPEN DAY

Monday, 11th May, 2015

8.45am - 10.45am

An information morning will be held for all parents and children entering Foundation in 2016. Tours of the school will be available and the children will participate in activities.

As of Term 2, we will be offering our Flying Start Program for students moving into Foundation in 2016 to help support their transition process.

Sessions for Term 2 will be held on:-

Monday, 11th May : 8.45am - 10.45am

Monday, 15th June : 8.45am - 10.45am

## CENTRAL VIC MARTIAL ARTS

Kelly Warren

☎ 0409 428 948



Central Vic Martial Arts



MUAY THAI (มวยไทย)

BJC MUAY THAI™ is one of the fastest and easiest sports to learn in the world.

- Thu 6.30pm Guide Hall, High St Heathcote

ZEN DO KAI (Adult Karate)

Zen Do Kai is a system of Martial Arts that adds principles and techniques from many Martial Arts disciplines.

- Thu 5.30pm Guide Hall, High St Heathcote



KIDZ KARATE

The aims & objectives:  
Basic Martial Arts Based Training, Basic Self Defence Skills, A Healthy Attitude to Sport, A Healthy Attitude Towards Self, Basic Motor Skills, Group Socialization, Co-operation with Others, Basic Discipline, But most of all to 'have fun'!

- Thu 4.30pm Guide Hall, High St Heathcote



### MOTHER'S DAY STALL : THURSDAY, 7TH MAY

Opportunity for students to buy a gift for their mother/grandmother. Prices range from 50c. - \$5.00

**There will be no IOU as we are still owed money from last year.**

Helpers needed on the day. See Natt or Michelle.

### MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Not only for the ladies. Invite your mother and grandmother along.

Please support our 50th year. Your support will be greatly appreciated as the Mother's Day Luncheon is one of our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Helpers wanted - please see Fiona Bradshaw



You are invited to come along and join the Parent-Child Playgroup in the O'Dee Centre at Holy Rosary School, Heathcote. For parents and their children 0-5 years.

Thursdays : 10.00am - 11.00am

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

[jdawson@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jdawson@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au)

## HEATHCOTE JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

will be holding NET SET GO for Kids aged 5-10

at Barrack Reserve Wednesdays  
4.00pm - 5.00pm  
commencing 27th May

Cost of \$60.00 running for ten weeks

Please come down to the stadium

on any Wednesday for more information

Or call Julie Gellatly on 0401 490 845

## Come and See



### LEARNING WALKS: 9.30am

- Tuesday, April 28
- Wednesday, April 29
- Thursday, April 30
- Tuesday, May 5
- Wednesday, May 6
- Thursday, May 7

Walks will be led by our Principal and will last for an hour. You will be able to see our learning community in action with students and educators running a normal school program. The walk will provide a Q&A session with our Principal.

### EXPLORE MARIST: 4.00 – 6.00pm

- Thursday, April 30
- Wednesday, May 6

Explore Marist is designed for those unable to attend a learning walk or would like to come back for another look. You will meet students and staff and be able to chat freely with them. No booking required.

### TRANSITION DAY: Year 6 Students

- Monday, June 1

On this day all our prospective year 6 students will spend the day at Marist, during this day they will be given the enrolment pack to take home.

### ENROLMENT CLOSING DATE:

- Friday, June 19

### BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

To book for the Learning Walks/Transition Day or any further enquiries please contact our Office Leader, Mrs Carmel Fitt.  
Phone: 5400 1252  
Address: 95 Golf Links Rd, Maiden Gully.  
Email: [cfitt@marist.vic.edu.au](mailto:cfitt@marist.vic.edu.au)  
Website: [www.marist.vic.edu.au](http://www.marist.vic.edu.au)

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken next Friday, 8th May.

Personalised pre-paid forms have been sent home today with the students.

**Parents should return their completed order form to school with the correct money or credit card details on photography day**

Orders can be placed online prior to and up to three days after photography. Please use the unique code on your child's envelope.





# Holy Rosary School

Mother's Day Luncheon 2015

Featuring

The  
**Brides  
of  
Heathcote**  
Fashion Parade

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

RSL Hall, High St, Heathcote

\$25 per head

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!**

Call 5433-2057



*Mother's Day Luncheon on our doorstep!*

*What an amazing journey this year's planning process has been for me. We have some wonderful new faces helping me out; thank you Lisa Foster, Carly Anderson, Catherine Roberts, Jodie Bruce and, of course, Mem Luscombe, I appreciate your help. This year's function will be held at the RSL Hall to cater to our beautiful brides and is going to be amazing.*

*It has been truly amazing to have so many women in our community agree to display their gowns for our luncheon, having some Mums from school, others in the community that I do know and complete strangers call me wanting to be included and it has truly warmed my heart. We do have some gowns that date back to the late 1800's as well as some from more recent years in both traditional and more unique designs and I am so very looking forward to seeing it all come together. As it stands, we have around 30 wedding gowns and a number of flower girls, Bridesmaids and Mother of The Bride gowns and it is looking very interesting. I am still looking for more gowns and have hit over 40 wedding, which was my target.*

*We are also still looking for donations, so if you have something you may be able to contribute, we would be most appreciative.*

*Tickets are still on sale at the office but are selling fast. They are only \$25.00 per head so grab a group of friends, your Mum, your Sister, your Aunty, your Cousin and join us. It is looking like a great day is coming up.*

*This year we are looking to raise funds to cover the newest playground at school for the kids, so please support the luncheon however you are able.*

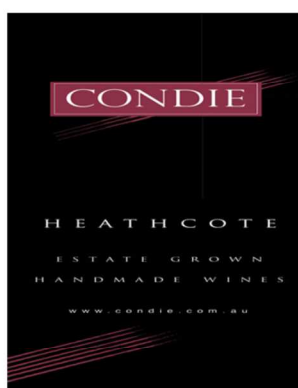
*Fiona Bradshaw*

## *Holy Rosary Primary School Heathcote Mother's Day Raffle 2015*

### **\$2.00 per ticket**

**All money raised going towards the new shade area over the playground.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize 32" LCD TV  
with DVD player  
Valued at \$399.00**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Condie hamper  
2 x Bottles of wine  
2 x Glasses  
1 x Wine carry bag  
Valued at over \$100.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Gift  
Voucher from BP  
Heathcote  
Valued at \$50.00**



**Tickets need to be back to the Office by Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.  
Raffle drawn on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 at the Mother's Day Luncheon  
Winners notified on the day**

**For extra tickets please call the office on 5433 2057**



### **MAY IS NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH**

Snap a picture of your self and family members (pets too) in front of your favourite bookshelf and you could win a \$100 Book Club Voucher. There are ten vouchers to be won.

#### **How to enter**

Simply tell us in no more than 25 words what makes your bookshelf look so good.

Email your answer to shelfie picture to [competitions@scholastic.com.au](mailto:competitions@scholastic.com.au) with subject line 'Share a Shelfie Competition'. Include your first name, surname, age, school name and state. Closes: May 15, 2015



**HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL HEATHCOTE**  
**Mother's Day Luncheon Raffle**

**Drawn : 8th May, 2015**

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