



NEWSLETTER No . 7 : 17th March, 2016

Dear Parents,



This Sunday is Palm Sunday which begins our Holy Week celebrations. Holy Week is the most intense liturgical celebration of the year. During this week we are celebrating the essence of our Christian faith; we are celebrating the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. and this essence of our faith is known as the "Paschal Mystery."

*Lord, you set your face towards Jerusalem and walked alongside those who suffer.
Be our vision that we too may walk the way of the cross and extend a hand to those we meet.
Lord, you stopped to heal the sick, cure the lame and give sight to the blind.
Be our vision that we too may give time to others and respond to their needs.
Lord, you said, "The first shall be last and the last first."
Be our vision that we too may work towards your kingdom when the exalted will be brought low and the lowly exalted.
Lord, you ate with tax collectors and sinners and heard their stories.
Be our vision that we too may listen to the despised and rejected and value their lives.
Lord, you took time to pray and time to be silent. Be our vision that through our prayers, fasting and almsgiving we too may draw closer to you and find your way.
Lord, you entered Jerusalem with peace in your heart.
Be our vision that we too may desire peace where others desire war, and may work for justice where injustice reigns.
Lord, give us the gladness of your help
And support us with a willing spirit
For you are our hope and our salvation.*

May we take time through this Holy Week to consider the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for us and our collective call to live the Good News.

After a very extensive newsletter last week this one will be much shorter being such a short week.

Once again our school has been busy with an emphasis on getting our work completed and staying on task. The focus for Behaviour and Engagement remains on lining up for class and teachers have been teaching this in class. The children have been very responsive to this and we have seen great improvement in all classes. Well done everyone.

St Patrick's day was celebrated well today with almost 100% of the students attending the school with a green outfit on. Such days always create a great sense of community and add to the Holy Rosary story.

St Paddy's day has always been a significant day for my family as my wife's father left Co. Galway, Ireland, in 1960 to start a new life in Australia. He has been a prominent Irish musician and community leader for many years. Sadly we bury him tomorrow in Melbourne and I will be attending with family. A life well lived.

Open classroom. Do not forget our open classroom this evening where you can meet the teachers and have a look at the wonderful work they have completed for the term. This is not a Parent Interview evening, as we will have these early Term 2.

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Next Thursday is our final day of Term. There will be a special notice go out on Monday outlining the days events which will be fun while at the same time reflecting the importance of Holy Week.

Interviews: Next Tuesday, 22nd March, we will be interviewing for the Admin Officer position while on Wednesday 23rd we will also interview for the .4 Teacher position in the Gr. 34LM class.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Dullard
Principal



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Why is it important that children are given opportunities for a longer turn to talk and listen?

Children's Chatter Matters!

Language Learning activities to have a go at home.

7. When learning to read and spell words, children need to be able to blend individual sounds together to form new words. For example, t – o – p = top. You can support your child to practice blending sounds together by separating sounds in words and asking them to say what the word is. Use words from their book.



You could also incorporate this into everyday conversation, e.g. "Can you please put this in the b – i – n (bin)", "We are going to t – ar – g – et (target) to buy a your friend a present", "Put on you b – oo – t – s (boots)".



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WALK AROUND AUSTRALIA

Milo and I are going to walk around Australia to raise funds for AMAZE a not for profit organisation representing people on the autism spectrum

We can be followed on Facebook under Steve Luscombe

And would appreciate any donations or help you can give us

We leave on World Autism Day the 2nd April 2016

Further information call Steve 0420550236

Autism Victoria Inc
To Donate

Go to www.amaze.org.au
click on donate and follow instructions
And reference Steve & Milo Aust Walk

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ICY POLE FRIDAY is back...

Starts Friday 11th March

Icy poles can be purchased during
lunchtime from the canteen.

50cents



HOLY ROSARY *Easter Egg Hunt*



**Thursday
24th March**

Mother's Day Luncheon

HIGH TEA

RSL Hall, High St, Heathcote

Friday 6th May **12**
midday

\$30 per head

Limited seats available

Bookings are essential

Phone: 5433-2057



CLASS MASSES - Parents welcome to attend

All class masses are in the school chapel at 9.00a.m.

Thursday, 24th March : Gr. 5/6

We place great emphasis on these visits; worshipping together strengthens and professes our faith developing an even