NEWSLETTER 05 – 27 March 2013

There are some important and peak times in our Church calendar. Lent is one time in particular, where we are called to act, pray and reflect on the story of Jesus. We have met as a school each day this week to pray together and listen to the journey of Jesus in Holy Week. The story starts with Palm Sunday (Jesus entering Jerusalem), Holy Thursday (The Last Supper), Good Friday (Jesus’ death) and ends with Easter Sunday (Jesus’ Resurrection). We have a strong connection to the land where Jesus lived because Mr Tunchon is there at the moment. He marched with 10,000 other pilgrims on Palm Sunday and has prayed with people from all around the world in Churches and historic sites in Israel. The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in our school community tomorrow morning at 9.00am, starting in Ward House. All parents, families and parishioners are very welcome to walk the stations with their child. Our Year 6 Leaders will enact each station using our beautiful grounds as the backdrop to this important story of Jesus and his Sacrifice. I look forward to seeing you tomorrow at 9.00am.

Mr Tunchon at Palm Sunday March in Jerusalem 2013

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Responsible Parenting meeting last Wednesday in Ward House. Our guest speaker was informative and the feedback from the 40 parents who attended was that it was very worthwhile. We work on the understanding that our parents are really good parents who are trying to become excellent parents. I thank the Parent Group for being active in assisting all parents in our community by sponsoring this event and the Michael Grose website. Attached to the newsletter are two articles from his website.

Easter is a special time in the Doyle family and I am looking forward to our traditional Easter Egg hunt (even though we are all over 20 years of age!!) and the beautiful lamb roast lunch that is a tradition in my family. I will thank God for the gift of Jesus, the many blessings I have and for all the families in the Good Shepherd community. I hope your Easter is a family time of celebration of; the resurrection, all the blessings you have and the gift of your faith

Happy Easter

God Bless

Gabrielle M Doyle
Principal
Fifth Week of Lent

Ditosa’s Story

Ditosa, 12, lives in the village of Matuba in Mozambique. Her parents died of AIDS related illnesses some years ago, so Ditosa and her little sister, Fique, 7, are cared for by their grandmother and aunt who are both HIV positive and too weak to work.

An extremely poor community, most of the houses are built of mud bricks and there is no sewerage system. Two years ago a water pump was installed in the village, so Ditosa no longer has to walk two kilometers to collect water.

Many children in this area have lost one or both of their parents to AIDS. In Mozambique, an estimated 11.5% of adults live with HIV (Source: UNICEF 2009).

With a generation missing and many grandparents struggling to provide for grandchildren, Caritas Chokwe, in 2007, coordinated the Matuba Children’s Centre and Caritas Australia supplied the funding.

Here, children learn about computers, carpentry and handicrafts; receive help with homework; grow vegetables to eat and sell, learn about health, nutrition and hygiene, plus they are provided with antiretroviral drugs (ARVs) to help manage HIV/AIDS.

With your support, Matuba Children’s Centre opens doors for children and young people; they find hope for the future and a safe place where they can grow.

“The love that I have for my own children is the love that I have for these children too,” said Elvira Mabundi, Centre Coordinator.

Prayer

Jesus Our Lord,
This week we remember your Passion.
We will walk with you during Holy Week.
We acknowledge our sins,
and the times when we have been unkind or selfish.
We turn to you,
knowing that in Lent especially,
we are called to repentance and conversion.
Jesus, Our Lord, we acknowledge our sins, and we turn to you this Holy Week. Amen.

Holy Week

This week we celebrate Holy Week. Each afternoon the students have been gathering as a school community in the outdoor classroom to reflect on the journey of Jesus in this time of Lent.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will take place starting in Ward House at 9.00am on Thursday, 28 March. All are welcome to join our students as we journey around the school as a community.

Project Compassion 2013

Thank you to all the students, parents and teachers who continue to give so generously to Project Compassion 2013. All boxes must be returned from home by Friday, 5 April. Please make an effort because as you know every small donation can help make a big difference.

Important Term One Dates

- Stations of the Cross (school) Thursday, 28 March at 9.00am
- Year 6 Camp Mass at Bicton Friday, 12 April 11.00am
- Good Shepherd Feast Day Mass (Church) Friday, 19 April 9.30am

More information regarding the above dates will be issued in later newsletters.
Priest Availability
A reminder to all families that Father Andrew will continue to make himself available for parents on Thursday mornings after the liturgy (approx. 9.45 a.m. to 10.30 a.m). Parents are welcome to come along and talk about prospective baptisms or anything else that our priests could assist you with.

Birthdays
Congratulations to the following students who have celebrated their birthday leading up to this week:
James Ryan, Daniel Corrigan, Brodie Whincup, Dylan Scaffidi, Camden Flockhart, Vashti Blackman, Madison Thompson and Cate McAuliffe.

Chris Burns
(Assistant Principal Religious Education)

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Honour Certificates
Congratulations to the following students who received Honour Certificates last week;
Devlin Flockhart, Ashton Bradford, Bindi Berkhout, Nadia McKay, Harvey Nelson, Eva Boardman, Tori Gladwell, Mark Williams, Reuben Spreadborough, Elijah Green, Ella Berkhout, Ben Foley, Jessica Ryan and Sheridan Alp.

KINDY ENROLMENTS 2014
Kindy interviews for 2014 will be held next term. Please make sure that if you have children of Kindergarten age (born July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) that you complete an Application for Enrolment Form a.s.a.p. (including siblings of students already at school and students in the 3 Year Old Program).
There are also places available in some of the other year levels from Pre-Primary to Year 6. Please contact the office for an application form.
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Science News!
As a part of our ‘living things and their environment’ unit, the Year 3 and 4 students have been learning about oviparous animals (egg laying animals). To reinforce this concept and to consider how difficult it would be for an animal to protect an egg, the students participated in an ‘Adopt an Egg’ challenge. The students were required to take on the responsibility of an oviparous parent by carrying around and protecting the egg for the duration of 1 week. The following students are to be congratulated for passing the task and proving that they are indeed, eggcellent parents:

Year 3
Mark Williams
Kahli Bradford
Travis Wildsmith
Gabriel A
Sarah Benny
Shevana Pado
Emily Roberts
Jacob Walker
Ceraph Toh
Samantha Wood

Year 4
Jack Pasznicki
Jayde Dewhurst
Breanna Craig
Jessika Addison-Edgar
Annabelle Ring
Isabella Papalia
Isaac Vassallo
James Ryan
Ida Dew
Ines Kelly
Bailey Legg
Rhiannon Merrey
Reuben Spreadborough

Well done to all students for their efforts in designing a suitable house for their egg and for taking part. You are all eggstrordinary!

Mrs Maher
Science Specialist
Youth Advisory Committee on Cybersafety

As part of an Australia wide education and awareness campaign run by the Federal Government, fifteen members of the Year 6 class have been selected to participate in a Youth Advisory Committee on Cybersafety. The students, in conjunction with the Department of Broadband, Communication and the Digital Economy, will be discussing issues that concern young Australians and their use of technology and the internet. These students will communicate with other students between the age of eight and eighteen from all over Australia via a secure website. The information gathered will be used by a working committee to ensure other students are safe when they enter the online world. It is great to see our school so well represented in this project.

Chris Burns
Year 6 Class Teacher

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Wendy Lazzari, Canteen Manager

**Good Shepherd Netball Club**

Attention Years 5 & 6

This Thursday, 28 March from 3.30pm the players will be graded by Southern Districts Netball Association. Please give me a call if you are unable to attend on 0409 994 332.

**Chocolate Fundraiser**

We have a couple of boxes of chocolate fundraisers left. If anyone would like a box please let me know and you are welcome to collect one. The boxes are $50 and they are either assorted fredos or a variety pack.

**Fees**

Just a quick reminder the fees are well overdue. Thank you if you have already paid.

Kind regards
Lucy McAuliffe

**Canteen Meal Deals**

The canteen will be offering some special meal deals on the following dates after the Easter break to highlight some new lunches on the menu that will be warm and filling on the Winter Menu. The normal menu will be available on these days.

**Friday, 5 April-Chicken Sub-$5.50**
- Chicken strips served in long roll with tomato sauce, lettuce and cheese
- Choc chip muffin
- Orange, apple or tropical Juice

**Monday, 8 April-Meatball Sub-$5.50**
- Meatballs served in long roll with tomato sauce, lettuce and cheese
- Choc chip muffin
- Orange, apple or tropical Juice

**Wednesday, 10 April-Fried Rice-$5.00**
- Fried Rice
- Choc chip muffin
- Orange, apple or tropical Juice

Please select your choice of juice when ordering your lunch and place lunch order in the classroom basket as usual.

Thank you
Wendy Lazzari, Canteen Manager

**Winter Uniform**

When school resumes after the holiday, students will be wearing their winter uniform. Please ensure that you place an order with Linda in the Uniform Shop, especially for the girl’s winter dresses that are made to measure, before the end of this term.

**Good Shepherd Parish**

**Holy Week Services**

**Thursday, 28 March – Holy Thursday**
7.00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper and afterwards until 9.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Friday, 29 March – Good Friday**
8.00am Morning Prayer
11.00am Stations of the Cross (Kelmscott & Karragullen)
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (Kelmscott & Karragullen)

**Saturday, 30 March-Holy Saturday**
8.00 am Morning Prayer
7.00pm Easter Vigil (Kelmscott)

**Sunday, 31 March-Easter Sunday**
8.00 & 10.00am Mass at Kelmscott
9.30am Mass at Karragullen

NO EVENING MASS