Inter Nos

Educating and developing the whole child for life in the Church and the world of today and tomorrow

Term 1 Week 7 16 March 2016

Diary Dates
- Coffee Club each Friday 8:50am all welcome
- Whole School Prayer each Monday 9:00am all welcome

Dear Friends and Families

URGENT INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS - Police Checks
From May 1st Police Checks will incur a cost of $65 where previously the cost has been $7.50. To minimise the financial impact this will have on our school budget, we invite everyone whose police check will expire in the next 18 months (November 2018) to renew theirs before May 1st as we can pay the lesser rate - but only until May 1st.

Staff Professional Learning Update I am incredibly proud of the professional conduct and learning of the staff over the past two weeks. We are eternally grateful to the school board for ratifying these important events. It is unusual to have two such significant learning opportunities so close together and unfortunately there was no avoiding the timing.

Making Space for Learning: Trauma Sensitive Schools Project was presented in partnership between the Australian Childhood Foundation and Catholic Education SA. The key learning outcomes of this two year project is ‘to develop an enhanced understanding of complex abuse related trauma, with a particular focus on its effects on brain functioning’. We learned about how the brain develops and how to exercise it for maximum wellbeing, particularly for children with trauma or anxieties which block learning. We were reinforced in our practices of social and emotional wellbeing for the students in our care. We are exploring a potential pastoral care project that will begin in term 2. More news to come........

Cluster School Numeracy Project – another robust day of improving our skills for the ultimate benefit of the students in our cluster schools. The relationships we have developed over the past three or so years is phenomenal and the deep and rich professional sharing is insurmountable. We explored Theories of Learning and the Image of the Child in the context of our Catholic schools. The express aim is to continue to improve overarching vision for teaching and learning. We are blessed to be working with a magnificent educator, Athina Fotopoulos from Catholic Education SA.

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Parish Priest
8271 2109
Fr Michael Brennan
Parish Office
7070 0022
Pauline Wilson (Thurs, Fri)
Mass Times:
Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am

School contact details: Phone: 8276 5528 www.sts.catholic.edu.au Email: info@sts.catholic.edu.au
There are numerous national days of significance that we are invited to acknowledge and educate the students about annually. All are of great importance and relevance and as a Catholic school we respectfully observe these in the way we ‘contribute to God’s mission of love in the world and the Church’s mission to proclaim and live the Gospel’. Here are the websites of the upcoming national days of significance that you may want to discuss as a family also.


Last Inter Nos I asked this question..... **How many families regularly access a term break vacation care service** and received eight responses. Please respond to this question if you haven’t yet had the opportunity and if this is relevant to your needs.

Thank you.  [info@sts.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@sts.catholic.edu.au)

Wishing you all a fantastic fortnight ahead,

Kindest regards

Angela

APRIM News

**This Lent, fast by listening to others; pray by opening your hearts to them; and give alms by holding your hands out to them.**

Caritas Australia’s annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty and promote justice and dignity.

On Monday the 21st of March, to support Caritas, we will be holding a fundraiser led by the Year 6/7 students. The day coincides with Harmony Day so we have decided to combine the two events. The Year 6/7’s are holding a ‘Multicultural Exhibition’ where they will provide information about the countries of their ancestors. We ask that your child donates a small plate of food that represents their heritage to be included in the exhibition. Examples could be a traditional biscuit, cake, a piece of fruit or some sweets. We also ask that you label the food with any information about it; ie the country it is from, its name and significance. All students will then be able to sample the food from around the world and learn about the vast cultures that have helped shape Australia.

We ask for a gold coin donation to visit the exhibition and sample the food. All proceeds will go to Caritas. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support. Keep your eyes open for further details.
Together we can empower the world’s poorest people with the opportunity to learn, grow and change.

Sacramental Programme
The first Sacramental support group meeting was held last night the 15th March at Kingswood. Thank you to those parents that attended. Presentation of the candidates will be in St Therese Church on Saturday the 2nd April at the 6pm Mass.

Parish/Class Masses
Last Thursday’s parish/class mass was cancelled due to a funeral held in the Church. This Thursday, 17th March, Rooms 1 & 2 will be joining the parish to celebrate mass. After mass there will be a shared morning tea. Please join us at 9.30 am for the mass and 10 am for morning tea.
Next Thursday, 24th March is Holy Thursday and there will be no class/parish mass. A prayer service will be held in the Dominican Building at 9am led by the year 6/7 students. Everyone is welcome!

Holy Week
Holy Week begins on Sunday 20th March and ends on Sunday 27th March 2016. This is week 8 of this term. During Holy Week our whole school will be reflecting on the main events of Jesus’ final days with liturgies led by the Year 6/7 leaders. School families and the parish community are welcome to in with our Holy Week events at school starting on Monday morning the 21st March at 9am in the Dominican building.

St T’s
Our first St T’s meeting was well attended. We are lucky as a school to have a group of dedicated hardworking parents who have the school and students’ best interest at heart. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 23rd March at 7pm.
The more the merrier so please think about joining us.

Kindness is my only guiding star. In its light, I sail a straight route, I have my motto written on my sail: “To live in love.”
— St. Therese of Lisieux

Have a wonderful fortnight
God’s blessing to you and your families

Jacky APRIM

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival
We have completed our 5th training session at Unley Swimming Centre in preparation for the carnival TODAY, Wednesday 16th March, 12-3:30pm. I am pleased to announce and congratulate the following students who will represent St Therese School as the squad:

U10- Lily, Abbey, Jarrod, Matthew, Nicholas, Madison
U12- Cameron, Dhanan, Conor, Tahlia, Zachariah
Senior- Kirsty, Siena, Nadia, Ermias, Tahlia

We are looking forward to a fantastic day. Results will be in our next Inter Nos or please check the PE Board.
Beach Volleyball Carnival

What an amazing day Rooms 6 and 7 had at the Beach Volleyball Festival on Thursday 10th March. Congratulations to you all for playing fairly and exhibiting wonderful sportsmanship and team spirit. A special congratulations to our Year 4/5 Boys Team and Year 4/5 Girls Team on your success as runners up in the grand final!!! Thank you so very much to our volunteers.....Anne Kermode, Ciara Keogh and Sue Markou. Without your support, days like this cannot go ahead. Well done to you all!!!!!

Sporting Schools

Term 1 Sporting Schools sessions are now underway. Last week CRICKET for Reception -Year 2 began and this week GOLF will start for Years 2-7. A reminder for all students to meet under the office verandah for roll call. We will then walk as a group to Mortlock Oval.

Winter Sport

During the following week NOMINATION FORMS will go out for this year's WINTER SPORT SEASON. Sports on offer will be Netball, Soccer, Basketball and Volleyball. If you are a Year 6/7 student and you would like to be part of a cluster schools Football team please come and see me this week. Please return your forms by the due date so that teams can be arranged as quickly as possible.

Athletics Carnival

The annual SACPSSA Athletics Carnival is in Week 6, Term 2. Information and Try Out forms will be out soon.

Yours in sport, Mrs Mee

Canteen Roster Term 1

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Happy Easter
Hello From Room 3
Emergency Procedure - Evacuation/Lock-in

Each term our school practises an evacuation or lock-in drill to ensure everyone is aware of our emergency procedures and they are carried out in an orderly, efficient manner. As parents/caregivers and other community members may be present on these occasions, it is important everyone is acquainted with these safety measures. Beside the door in each room is:
- an emergency procedure sheet
- a school map indicating the evacuation route to the park
- a green sign labelled long burst siren – evacuation
- an orange sign labelled short burst siren - lock-in

For an evacuation, the assembly point is the park between Oxford Circus and Goodwood Rd.
In the case of a lock-in, lock the door, close the blinds then ring the front office (Ext 100) giving the names of those with you in the room. If there is no internal phone and you have a mobile, dial 82765528. Lock the door and remain out of sight until the all clear is given by the front office.
If you have any queries regarding any aspect of our emergency procedure, please contact the school.

Lesley

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Friday 18th March is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

The National Day of Action provides a focus for schools and the wider school community to strengthen their everyday messages against bullying and violence.

There is a very informative website for parents and carers which provides information about bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence in schools.

This can be found at:

For parents with older children, the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner is also a valuable resource. There is a very simple eSafety health check which is a great starting point for conversations with our young people. https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-the-office/events/national-day-of-action-against-bullying-and-violence

It’s well worth the look!
Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Each year at Kingswood on the St Joseph’s School oval, we hold an Outdoor Stations of the Cross for Families, at 11 am on Good Friday, 25th March, followed by Hot Cross Buns in the hall.

We are looking for school aged children to perform a beautiful dramatization of the Gospel. There are no speaking parts, just acting and easy to remember. The rehearsal will be at 10am, one hour before the service. The only ‘costume’ requirement is to wear black or dark clothing.

We are also looking for a few children to join in the singing – it’s a very simple tune, easily learnt on the day. Singers would need to arrive 10 minutes early.

If your child would like to take part either acting or singing, please contact Karen on:
P: 7070 0023, M: 044 88 90 515 or E: kingswoodparish@eparish.org.au.

If just coming along for the service please bring some Hot Cross Buns to share and put them in the hall on the way to the oval.

We hope to see you there.
My School™

Schools demonstrating substantially above average gain

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for Australia’s national reporting program, including My School. The My School website is updated annually with the previous year’s NAPLAN results and other enhancements.

For the past few years, ACARA has released information on schools demonstrating substantially above average gain in their NAPLAN results as students progress from Year 3 to Year 5 and from Year 7 to Year 9. Gains of this magnitude are significant and worthy of acknowledgement.

School leaders in schools with above average gain can talk about how they achieved these gains to enable other schools to learn from them. For example, a new school-based literacy or numeracy initiative may have led to better NAPLAN results.

Identifying substantially above average gain

My School reports three types of gains in student achievement:

i. overall gain compared to previous years; and
ii. gain compared to schools with similar students based on the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) level; and
iii. gain compared to other students at the same average NAPLAN starting score.

Schools identified with above average gain have demonstrated substantial improvement in reading, numeracy, or both, as follows:

1. an overall gain that exceeds the national average by more than one standard deviation unit; and
2. an overall gain higher than the average shown by schools with similar students based on ICSEA, by more than one standard deviation unit; and
3. an overall gain higher than that shown by students with the same starting score, also by more than one standard deviation unit.

In addition, to ensure diverse representation of schools within each state and territory and ICSEA levels, some schools that do not meet each of these strict criteria, but nonetheless show gains that are above average in reading and numeracy were also identified.

All identified schools had to have matched NAPLAN results for at least 15 students and the overall percentages of matched students had to be higher than 70 per cent. For more information, contact ACARA.

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Blessings for Easter

Fra Angelico, in these two images, reminds us of the paradox of the Easter story. As we prepare to enter Holy Week may you and your family be richly blessed this Easter.

From Holy Thursday, 17 Pilgrims from across Australia and The Solomon Island will be travelling to The Lands of Dominic.

All who work in Dominican Schools in Oceania will be with us in prayer. Please keep us in your prayers that we have a blessed time and return safely.

Mary O’Shea - Promoter of Orisons in Easter Australia
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