Week 2 Term 1
1st February 2016

RE NEWS

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday 10th February. Years 3 – 6 will travel to the Cathedral to participate in the Parish Mass. A separate permission note will be sent home. Please return this note promptly to your child’s classroom teacher. Kinder - Year 2 will participate in an Ash Wednesday Liturgy at school in the old library.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. This is a season of reflection which prepares us for Christ’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The cross of ash marked on our foreheads on Wednesday reminds us that life passes away on Earth. These ashes are made from blessed palms used during Holy Week of the previous year.

Project Compassion

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia’s annual fundraising, awareness and education appeal. It is held during Lent, the six week period before Easter. The theme for Project Compassion 2016 is “Learning more, creating change”.

As Pope Francis says “Education is an act of hope”, so this year Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Each classroom will have a Project Compassion donation box. Please give generously; your support can make a big difference.
Dear parents and carers

Welcome back everyone, it was so lovely to see the happy smiling faces of the students and hear the chatting about their school holidays. Our Kinder students will be starting on Monday 1st February.

Our school newsletter will be sent home fortnightly - in the odd weeks of the term and the last week of each term, if needed. The newsletter is also available from the school website. All items for the newsletter need to be at the school office by Tuesday 12.30pm of each newsletter week otherwise it will not be included in that fortnight’s newsletter. If you wish to have the school’s newsletter emailed to you please contact the office with the necessary details.

Good luck to all swimmers who will be participating in our school swimming carnival on Thursday 4th February. A special thanks to Cathy McCarthy for the time and effort she has put into organising the event.

"Learn with Excellence. Lead by Example and Love with Jesus in your Heart"

Cherish your family and friends each and every day
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Classes
All students have been allocated to their classes for 2016. These class lists are set for the year and we encourage parents to support the children in their new learning environments. We anticipate a productive and educational year for each and every child at the school.

School Hours
Our school provides supervision for students from 8.30am onwards each morning and until the departure of the last child from the bus and car park area in the afternoon. The school day begins at 9.20am with a morning assembly and all children need to be here for that gathered occasion. School concludes at 3.20pm each day.

Please ensure that your child/ren have clear instructions on how they are to go home each afternoon. If you are collecting your child in the car pick up area please display your surname sign on the dashboard of the car to make it easier for the duty teacher.

Student Requirements
A list of student requirements for each grade was sent home at the end of last year. Copies are available from the front office, on the school website under the Links section and the school app. Please ensure your child has all of these needs for their schoolwork.

Use of Technology Agreement
A Student Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement is being sent home this week to students who have moved into Year 3 as well as those who are new to the school. These forms are required by the Catholic Education Office to ensure that both Students and Teachers are complying with Technology regulations within our school. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs Wilsmore. Please ensure that all students read and acknowledge the acceptable use of technology within our school and return the completed form to their classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Thank you. Cassie Harris.

P&F Meeting
The P&F will meet twice a Term on the Wednesday night in weeks 2 & 6 in the library at 6.30pm. All parents are welcome to come along & share ideas. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents.
Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a safe and enjoyable break with family and friends. It was great to see all our students return with smiles on their faces, ready for another exciting school year.

A big welcome to our “new families” joining us this year, I look forward to meeting you and getting to know your child.

**Garden Club:** The school Garden Club is on again this year, every Friday at 11:40am. You are more than welcome to come along and help out if you wish. We will be working hard at preparing the Vegetable Garden Beds ready for planting seeds in the coming weeks. The big goal this year is to establish compost and worm farms to place our food scraps so that we reduce our footprint on the environment.

**ICAS:** In the coming weeks, students in Years 2-6 will receive ICAS information. This is the University testing that is optional for your child to participate in. This will be held in Term 2.

**School App:** We hope that you are finding the School App useful. A reminder about the great items available on the app. Features include: school calendar, canteen price list, uniform price list, a form to fill in your child’s absent notes, meeting request form and the most important feature being the instant notifications.

**Newsletter:** We will be sending out a survey soon to ask for your input on the school newsletter. Ideally we would love to go paperless and send it to you via the school app each fortnight. This would save money and limit our impact on the environment. Please keep an eye out for the survey.

**Student Medical Alert:** By now you would have received a medical alert form. It is important that if your child has a specific medical concern that you fill the form in and return it to us as soon as possible. This includes conditions that we are already aware of.

Have a great term and take care.
Grant Haigh

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**Swimming Carnival Reminders**

**Who:** Years 3-6
Years 1-2 from 11.00 - 1.30pm

**When:** Thursday 4th February

**Where:** Goulburn Aquatic Centre

**Departure Time:** 9.30am

**Cost:** $4 ($2.50 per child for the bus & $1.50 to enter the pool)
To be paid in a labelled envelope and returned with your permission note by **Monday 1st February**.

- Please remember to be Sun Safe. Your child needs sunscreen, hat and must wear their sports uniform at all times unless competing. We encourage the children to bring suitable house coloured attire to wear once they are at the pool.

- Don’t forget water, recess and lunch. Pizza order forms (Yrs 1-6) are due by **Monday 1/2/16**.

- Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to help. We look forward to your involvement on the day.

- If you would like to help and haven’t yet contacted the school please fill in the Volunteer Helpers Note which can be found with your child’s permission note.

- All parents are invited and encouraged to attend the day and enjoy the carnival.

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL CLOTHING
2016 Sacramental Program

This year our Parish will be offering the following Sacraments.

Term 2
Sacramental Information Night for all Sacraments: Tuesday 7th June at 7.00pm at Our Lady of Fatima.
If your child is in Year 3 to Year 6 and you would like them to make one of the Sacraments, then you are required to attend the Information Night where the Sacramental Program will be explained.

Term 3
First Eucharist: Year Four Students.
First Eucharist will be held on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th August at Ss. Peter & Paul’s Cathedral.

Term 4
Reconciliation: Year Three students.
First Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday 29th November at 7.00pm at Our Lady of Fatima.
Confirmation: Year Six students (2016)
Confirmation Preparation will begin in Week 2.

Health Tip

Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a nut free school.
We have children at the school with nut allergies so it is very important not to pack any food items that contain nuts eg peanut butter, nutella and certain muesli bars.

Uniform Shop

Monday & Wednesday
9am to 9.30am.

Boys shorts & socks have been ordered & should arrive soon. Sorry for any inconvenience

Please remember to label all clothing.

All enquiries to:
Danielle Haigh 0418 459 057
Tuckshop Roster

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Week 3 Term 1

| Tuesday       |
| 9th Feb       | Di Bennett |
| Wednesday     |
| 10th Feb      | HELPERS NEEDED |
| Thursday      |
| 11th Feb      | HELPERS NEEDED |
| Friday        |
| 12th Feb      | Janelle Drakakis |

Opening Times for 2016:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

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Dianne Bennett Tuckshop Coordinator
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School Banking is Monday.
Please remember to write your student ID & fill in the deposit slip correctly.

Term 1 reward is:
Flying Snake Tail
or
Wildlife Writer Set

SCC Email Contact
The School Community Council has a new email address:
scc.sppg@gmail.com
If you have any feedback, suggestions, complaints or ideas for the SCC, please send us an email. A parent member of the SCC will check emails weekly, and you’ll receive a response within a week.