The season of Easter is the most important time in the calendar of the Church. It is entirely centered on the Risen Jesus, the Christ. The word ‘Alleluia’ features heavily in prayer and liturgy at Easter. It means ‘God be praised!’ and expresses the joy and new life found in Christ Jesus.

Due to its importance in the life of the Church and of faith, the Season of Easter lasts for 50 days, beginning on Easter Sunday and finishing at Pentecost Sunday.

Jesus is the tangible presence of God among us. In this Easter Season, I encourage you to look for examples of the tangible presence of God in your day – the kind words of a colleague, the thoughtfulness of a friend, the love of a child or the energy of a new friendship – and see that truly ‘God is Love’.

Matthew Garton
Principal

Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival 2016
THIS SUNDAY, 3rd April

Hosted by St Benedict’s Primary School at the University of Canberra.
Thank you to those who have already helped so much and those who will assist this weekend.
Every dollar raised at this event goes solely to St Benedict’s Primary School and its students.

Nurturing personal and academic growth...
...a journey from Kindergarten to Year 6.
Holy Week & Easter Liturgies
Thank you to the Years Five and Six students who led us so prayerfully last week to reflect on the key events of Holy Week. Thanks also to the students of Years Three and Four for the carefully prepared liturgy on Tuesday, reflecting on the joys of Easter and the miracle of Jesus’ resurrection.

Project Compassion
A reminder that all money for Project Compassion needs to be returned. Money boxes can be returned via the classroom or directly to the Front Office. Many thanks for your generous support of this fundraising initiative for Caritas Australia.

First Communion
Families with children participating in preparing for their First Communion next term please note the following dates:

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<td>Wednesday 27 April 6:00pm – 7:00pm</td>
<td>First Communion Information Session</td>
<td>St Benedict’s School Library</td>
<td>Parents only needed – students welcome</td>
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<td>Sunday 5 June 9:00am – 1:00pm</td>
<td>Mass &amp; First Communion Retreat</td>
<td>St Benedict’s School &amp; Parish Centre</td>
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Meaghan Younger
Religious Education Coordinator
Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrates their special day this week are: Harry R, Matthew B, Jade C, Lachlan O and Joanna M.

**Weekly Notes**

The following notes have gone home this week and are currently on the website.

- Yr 6 Camp Payment – Due by 1st April
- Soccer Carnival – Volunteers – Player Packs
- Soccer Carnival – Parent Information Yrs 3-6
- Soccer Carnival – Food Vouchers Yrs3-6
- Soccer Carnival – Player Registration Yrs3-6
- Soccer Carnival – Volunteers Appreciated Yrs3-6
- School Fee Reminders – Please check students’ bags.
- Cross Country Permission – Due by 1st April

**Clothing Pool**
The school Clothing Pool will be opened each Friday straight after assembly, 2.50pm to 3.15pm.

With the upcoming Soccer Carnival, you may also like to call in and have a look at the second hand soccer boots currently at the Clothing Pool.

**Dates to Remember**

- 3rd April – Soccer Carnival
- 4th – 6th April – Yr 5/6 Camp
- 4th - 8th April – Parent Partnership Week
- 8th April – Whole School Cross Country
- 8th April – Kindergarten Preforming at Assembly 2.30pm
- 8th April – Last Day Term 1, 2016
- 26th April – First Day Term 2, 2016
- 26th April – ANZAC DAY Liturgy, 1pm

**Assembly Invitation**

Kindergarten would like to invite their parents/carers to next Friday’s assembly at 2.30pm. Kindergarten will be performing during the assembly and would love for all to be there.

**AWARDS OF THE WEEK AND HOUSE POINTS**

Due to Easter - time to reflect and the wonderful break we all had, no Awards or House Points were given out on Friday (public holiday).

**ANZAC DAY LITURGY**

Kindergarten would like to invite all parents in the Armed Forces to our ANZAC DAY Liturgy on Tuesday 26th April at 1pm.

If anyone has any type of memorabilia that the students could use at their Liturgy could it please be dropped off at the Front Office by 9.30am on the Tuesday morning. Thank you.

**PSSA Swimming**

On Tuesday we had a number of students swimming at the PSSA U12 South Weston Swimming Carnival at the AIS. We would like to congratulate all the students for their effort and team spirit.

**Coerver Coaching ACT**

Tom Crossley from Coerver Coaching ACT presented the school with 20 footballs in preparation for the Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival. Tom and his team will not only run clinics for all teams on the day of the carnival but will also return in Term 2 to run a clinic with all classes at our school.
COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Lost and Found Items

Found: Earring, necklace, silver watch and an older Apple devices car charger.
If you are missing any of the above items, please come to the Front Office to collect. All items will be donated to St Vincent de Paul if not collected by the end of term.

MONARO PANTHERS - SOCCER

Calling all 5, 6 and 7 year old children - we have some vacancies in our Under 6 and Under 7 football teams. We train at Narrabundah and play on a Saturday morning in Jerrabomberra. The cost to play is $165.00 which includes shirt, shorts and socks. Please register on myfootballclub.com.au or check out our club www.monaropanthers.com.au. If you have any questions please contact Haidee - registrar@monaropanthers.com.au

School Holiday Tennis Camps

At Old Parliament House Gardens this coming April and once again would like to invite the students to join the fun. We have 2 sessions running these holidays:

Week 1: April 11-13th
Week 2: April 18th -20th

For booking and more information please visit http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/holiday-camps/ alternatively you can email us on play@tenniscanberra.com.au or call 0423 366 014 (Robbie Manzano)

Raiders Masterclass School Holiday Clinic

When: Thursday 14 April 2016.
Where: Raiders HQ, 2 Eade Street Bruce, Canberra.

Masterclass Activity Summary:
- 8.30am – Registrations open
- 9.00am – Allocation into groups
- 9.15am – Welcome and overview
- 9.30am – 1.30pm
- 4 x skills rotations (each 30 minutes)
- Players/Kids breakout session – Wellbeing information and Q & A time
- Lunch with players and group photo
- 1.30pm – Close / Clinic packs distributed / Kids collected by parents/guardian
The English poet Philip Larkin wrote "Sexual intercourse began in nineteen sixty-three ... Between the end of the "Chatterley" ban and the Beatles' first LP". Fifty years on one might be surprised that while many other crazes born of that period have passed away the cultural preoccupation with sex and sexuality has increased.

This lecture will review something of the cultural preoccupation with sex and consider its implications for society. It will range from the debate over same sex marriage to the crisis of child abuse in the Catholic church.

Professor Haldane is in Australia to teach a 13 week unit on The Good Society, its Nature and Foundations at the University of Notre Dame Australia. Professor Haldane holds the inaugural J. Newton Rayzor Distinguished Chair in Philosophy at Baylor University, USA. He is also Professor of Moral Philosophy and co-director of the Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs in the University of St Andrews, Scotland. He is a Consultant to the Pontifical Council for Culture. He is also a member of the Pontifical Academy of Thomas Aquinas, and the Pontifical Academy for Life.

Date: Thursday 31st March 2016
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: St Thomas More School Hall
30 White Crescent, Campbell ACT
Attendance: $5.00
(Light refreshments included)

For more information contact: maria.crowley@cg.org.au
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