Let Mercy live among us

Dear Parents and Carers,

Catholic Schools Week 2016

We’ve had a wonderful week so far celebrating Catholic Schools Week.

Ms Younger and Mrs Tomadini helped to organise Maths Mania on Monday where our mixed-age teams used many of their numeracy understandings and skills to solve challenging problems and have fun together.

Lauren and Georgina lead a group exploration of capacity.

Trying to find the most effective ways to measure the perimeter of Australia.

Working together to develop the best combination of throws on our dartboard to add to one hundred.

Representing data collection in graphic forms.

Rolling dice to race horses to the end of the grid.

Collecting and recording data about how many chairs are in the school.
Yesterday we learnt our school prayer in Italian.

While students also worked with Ms Berry (Performing Arts) and Signora Marzano (Italian) to give Comeddia dell’arte a go playing many of the typical characters.

Today we launch our Book Drive to create an outdoor Library. We’re looking forward to our students accessing more books to read, more often. We also thank the number of families that have already started donating books.

On Friday we will hold our Open Day for Years 3-6. We undertook a letterbox drop throughout Narrabundah to advertise. Thank you to the Norgrove, Alexandar-Maricic, Baggoley, Caruana and Stratford families for dropping these into the letterboxes throughout our suburb. It was very generous of you on such warm days.

We look forward to sharing more of our Catholic Schools Week celebrations with you through Skoolbag and our website as the week continues.

Matthew Garton  
Principal

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LIFE

Project Compassion  
Evangeline’s story - Australia  
Creating new connections to traditional culture
When Evangeline left high school she had a limited vision for her future. But the training she’s received while working at the Djilpin Arts Ghunmarn Culture Centre, supported by Caritas Australia, has helped her develop new skills and ignited her passion for the maintenance and preservation of her Aboriginal culture.
**This opportunity has helped me turn my life into something more positive.**" 

Evangeline

Evangeline is a proud young Ramingining woman living in the small community of Beswick (Wugularr) in the Northern Territory. Like many remote First Australian communities, Beswick faces a range of complex ongoing challenges, and many people in the town feel disempowered by poorly conceived policies and decisions.

Read more about Evangeline’s story:  

**First Reconciliation**

Congratulations to Sebastian, Layla, John, Claudia, Teresa, Grace, Ashley, Marcello, Johny, Maxima, Ventura, David and Jacinta as they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Sunday. We pray they continue to grow in God’s love.

**First Friday Mass**

Thank you to Mrs Stratford and 5/6 for their preparation of Mass last Friday. It was a prayerful celebration of our environment and the gift of Creation that God has given us.

**Ember Days**

Our Mass last Friday focused on Ember Days. Below are some ideas of actions you can take for Ember Days and perhaps during the coming week. Let this action become a way to show solidarity with the earth, our common home, and with those who most need our help because of poverty, hunger, violence and deprivation.

Some creative choices on how to keep Autumn Ember Day:

- Eat less today - no snacks between meals, and remember those who don’t have fridges.
- Fast from meat at your evening meal today and think of those who are hungry tonight.
- Instead of spending money on yourself today, make a donation, however small to the Project Compassion box.
- Go through your wardrobe today and make a bundle for St Vincent de Paul.
- Ring a friend or acquaintance who lives alone.
- Write a letter or an email to someone you haven’t contacted for some time.
- Just for today, consciously stop yourself from reacting in anger or impatience and take a deep breath of fresh air instead.
- Put a limit on your Facebook time or streaming time today and have a ‘face to face’ conversation with someone instead.
- Read a Psalm or your favourite piece of Scripture and then spend a few quiet moments reflecting on how it speaks to your life right now.
- Write in your journal about what (in your life) might need to be released - just as an Autumn leaf falls from the tree to make room for the new growth.
- Give thanks for all you have received ...Tonight, write your own short prayer of gratitude.

Meaghan Younger  
Religious Education Coordinator
**Canteen**

**Friday, 11 March 9.00am – 11.30am**
Mary Anne Flectcher  
Helpers Needed  
**11.30am – 2.00pm**  
Helpers Needed  
**Monday, 14 March 9.00am – 11.30am**  
Canberra Day  
Holiday

Thank you for all help given.
Nancy Lyons, Canteen Manager

Happy Birthday to the following child who celebrates their special day this week is: Addison C

**Weekly Notes**

The following notes have gone home this week and are currently on the website.
- Soccer Carnival – Parent Information Yrs 3-6
- Soccer Carnival – Food Vouchers Yrs3-6
- Soccer Carnival – Player Registration Yrs3-6
- Soccer Carnival – Volunteers Appricated Yrs3-6
- Canteen Special Lunch Day – Friday 18th March – Notes Due by Monday 14th March
- Kindergarten Health Check – Due Back Now
- Book Club – Due by 18th March
- Caritas Awareness/Fundraising Yrs3-6
- Book Drive – Thursday 10th March 2.30pm-4.00pm

**Dates to Remember**

- 10th March – Publication Celebration 2.30pm – 4.00pm
- 11th March – School Open Day 9am-12pm
- 16th March – Yr 5/6 Excursion – NGA
- 18th March – Canteen Special Lunch Day
- 21st March – Harmony Day
- 3rd April – Soccer Carnival
- 4th – 6th April – Yr 5/6 Camp
- 4th - 8th April – Parent Partnership Week
- 8th April – Whole School Cross Country

**AWARDS OF THE WEEK**

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**House Points**

The point totals as at the end of Week 5, Term 1 were Murramai on 6,222, Arakoola on 4,980 and Tangara on 4,290.

Week 5 totals were: Murramai on 220, Arakoola on 780 and Tangara on 550.

**Congratulations to our weekly winners**: Arakoola on 780!

Well done to **Yr 5/6Y** who earned the most house points (900)!

**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.
Lost and Found Items

**Found:** Earring, necklace, Silver watch, glass teapot charm and a car charger.

If you are missing any of the above items, please come to the Front Office to collect.
COUNSELLING & THERAPY SERVICES

Counselling Services
» Managing emotions
» Social skill development
» Managing worry and depression

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» Speech sounds
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» Develop program to manage the behaviour
» Provide training to parents/carers on implementing program

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ASHES to EASTER

CONCERT with PETER KEARNEY
A prayerful sequence of songs, stories & reflections on Lenten and Easter themes.

Sunday March 13th
3.00-4.15pm
Lovat Chapel
Meehan Street
YASS
Suggested donation $10 / $8 conc at door

Advance registration essential.
Send SMS to Peter: 0425 328 185
specifying ‘Yass’ and number of seats needed.

Event needs minimum 15 registrations to go ahead

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