Diary Dates

Week 6

Swimming Week
Years 3-5

Friday
9th March
9.15 Mass R/1’s

Monday
12th March
Public Holiday
Adelaide Cup Day

Week 7

Swimming Week
Rec – Year 2

Tuesday
13th March
9.15am Reconciliation Mass
4/5D

Saturday
17th March
St Patricks Day

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Friends and Students

This week our Years 3-5 classes are enjoying a very rewarding week of water safety, skill building and fun as they participate in this year’s Swimming Programme. Every morning it is wonderful to see children’s excitement and enthusiasm as they prepare for their day’s activity. Our thanks again to the many parents who are generously volunteering their time and energy to support classes during the week. Our R-2 Swimming Programme will be held next week.

This week we had the privilege of hosting a number of educators from Sweden together with consultants from Catholic Education SA to observe our school’s best practice in the teaching of Functional Grammar. Our school was selected as a model promoting good practice in the teaching and assessment of writing and the development of student outcomes across this stand of literacy. The visiting teachers were particularly interested in our co teaching and joint planning models of working with classes and the impact this has on the learning outcomes of all students. I take this opportunity to thank our ESL teacher Irena Boujenko who has developed this methodology within the school and to staff who have supported this initiative with great energy and passion. Our staff and students can indeed be proud of this recognition and I thank them for their very warm welcome of guests this week.

This Sunday we celebrate with 11 students who will be presented to the Albert Park/ Pennington parish as they prepare for sacraments over the coming months. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this significant time in their journey of faith. I also take this opportunity to thank class teachers and Nives Kresic for their generous time and commitment in supporting these students through the school’s Religious Education Programme.

All families should now have received notices regarding Parent Teacher Discussions. I encourage parents to return forms as soon as possible to ensure that a time is coordinated with your class teacher. This partnership is an important opportunity to share and celebrate student achievements and to discuss future learning goals with parents and students. If times nominated are not suitable please inform your class teacher who will arrange another time or date.

With best wishes

Grace Parletto

“Love one another, bear with one another and let charity guide you in all your life.”
Mary MacKillop 1909
From the Deputy Principal/REC

Easter Raffle
The P&F are in the process of organising our annual Easter raffle and are asking for the kind donation of Easter items or goodies that can be used as prizes. If you would like to make a donation, please leave it with Sylvia in the front office. A reminder that raffle books need to be returned by Monday 2 April. Extra tickets are available at the front office.

Swimming Lessons
Swimming lessons continue next week with the R/1 and 2/3 classes attending. To avoid disappointment, please ensure that your child has everything that they require each day, including asthma medication if this has been noted on the medical forms. Due to the number of students attending each day, we will be unable to phone home if items are forgotten and your child will be placed in a class at school for the duration of the lesson.

Project compassion
Your donations to Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion support long term partnerships for justice and transformation around the world. Did you know that a donation of $5 could provide one year’s supply of textbooks for a Burmese student in a community-based learning centre on the Thai-Burma border? With your ongoing support, together we will continue to advocate for all children’s right to education.

(Donations over $2 are tax deductible so please don’t forget to fill in your details on the box flap.)

‘If you want peace, work for justice’ Pope Paul VI

God Bless
Nives Kresevic

Child Safety

“Students and families are reminded to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or travelling to and from school. If they are approached students should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts.

Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and should report the event to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible.

SAPOL advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter the offender and they recommend the student making a formal report to their closest police station.”

Mount Carmel College
Open night and Multicultural Celebration
Wednesday 21st March 2012
4pm-7pm 33 Newcastle St Rosewater

Join us for an open tour of our school and celebrate the cultural diversity of our community with:
• Italian, Japanese, Indian and Vietnamese food
• Bollywood dancing and Sari demonstration
• Pasta making demonstration
• Italian performers
• African handicrafts
• Aussie BBQ and lamingtons with proceeds donated to Caritas Project Compassion
• Interactive Educational displays
• and much more including plans for new classrooms and Trade Training Centre

For further enquiries please contact the college on:
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www.mcc.catholic.edu.au
Enrolment enquiries to registrar Mrs Bev Benecke on 8447 0513 or bev.benecke@mcc.catholic.edu.au.
School Assemblies Term 1

Week 8
Friday 23rd March
R/1.
(Years2/3 and 3/4 at Mass)
4/5.
6/7
Week 10
Thursday 5th April
Whole School
Holy Week
P & F Raffle

Canteen Roster

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SUNDAY 25TH MARCH, 2012,

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Happy Birthday

Angus Crabbe-Perrott, Jermaine Shimwetheleni and Abbey Lamb

Joke of the Week

What do ghosts eat?
Spookgetti

Rocket Reading

We are offering another training session for anyone who missed out last week. The next session will be held on Wednesday March 14th at 2pm in the Library.
We’d love you to join us.
Grandparents welcome!
You’ll be amazed at the difference you can make!

Uniform news
A reminder to all families of new receptions. Winter uniform is worn in Term 2. Students who commenced school in Term 1 will need to come in to the uniform shop to try on the winter uniform. Please see Davina or Kathy regarding a suitable time.

Uniform Shop Hours
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8.30am — 9.30am
Wednesday
3.00pm 4.00pm

Weekly Mass Times

9-11 March, 2012
Friday 9 March
Pennington 9.15 Class R/1’s Mass
Port Adelaide 12.00 noon Mass
Saturday 10 March
Port Adelaide (Vigil) 6.00 pm
Sunday 11 March
Pennington 9.00am Mass
Albert Park 10.30am Mass

Scholastic Book Club
Issue 2 Has Arrived!

Your orders are due back by Thursday 15th of March.

You can pay for your order ONLINE with your Credit/Debit Card at www.scholastic.com.au/payment.

You only need to make one payment for the total of your order, then record the receipt information on only one of your order forms.

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International Women’s Day

Did you know that Friday 9th March is International Women's Day?

This year the Project Compassion stories are all about women. The stories tell how women across the world are working with Caritas Australia to build better lives for their families and their communities.

In 6/7A this week, we brainstormed a list of inspirational women in our lives and discussed ways in which they have impacted on our world positively. Here are some of the women from our list:

Amelia Earhart was an Inspirational woman because she was the first woman ever to fly across the Atlantic Ocean solo.

Saint Mary Mackillop was an inspirational woman because she began schools for students who needed care and help. She helped the poor and the helpless.

Our Mums are inspirational women because they gave birth to us. They love us unconditionally, always encourage us to do better and believe in us. Our Mums always help guide us and teach us.

The women in our family such as our sisters, Auntes, Grandmothers, Godmothers and family friends are all inspirational. They love us, care for us and are great role models for us to look up to.

Mary Mother of Jesus was an inspirational woman because she took great care of Jesus and always believed in him. She was always very humble.

Mother Teresa was an inspirational woman because for 45 years, she helped the poor, the sick, the dying and the orphaned without asking for anything in return.

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