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No.6 Term 1 Week 10 7th April 2017

# DIARY DATES TERM 1



# Week 11 HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

#### **Monday 10th April**

⇒ 9am R/1 Liturgy

#### Tuesday 11th April

⇒ 9am 2/3RC Liturgy

#### Wednesday 12th April

⇒ 9am 2/3MC Liturgy

#### Thursday 13th April

⇒ Little Investigators
Playgroup 9—11am
⇒ 9am 4/5SB Liturgy

#### <u>Friday 14th April</u>

⇒ GOOD FRIDAY

## TERM 2 Week 1

#### <u>Monday 1st May</u>

⇒ PUPIL FREE DAY

#### Tuesday 2nd May

⇒ Students Return

#### Wednesday 3rd May

⇒ 9am 4/5LK Liturgy⇒ Assembly 2.30pm

## Thursday 4th May

⇒ Little Investigators
Playgroup 9—11am

# Purple Day Photography by Vanessa Potts



















# Tess Talks

Dear Families and Friends,

Term One is almost over and I am sure you will agree that there has been a lot happening and it's gone quickly! When I look back at the work that has been covered in *Growing Faith Building Knowledge and Working for Justice* (our schools Vision) I am amazed at the breadth and depth of what has been achieved. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term at St Anthony's School and Parish and although I'm looking forward to the two week break from routine, I am also looking forward to Term Two.

The most obvious work is that of the teachers, educators and administration staff, they have set up programs, protocols and procedures to meet the needs of the children whilst at the same time planning out the year to ensure we enable everyone to flourish. As if that weren't a big enough task in itself, they have also managed to get to know a class of children, work out what makes them tick, motivate them to learn, help children make new friends and develop strategies to cope with change, they have built relationships with parents, set up routines and rooms that are both welcoming and conducive to learning. I am sure this list doesn't cover everything but I believe it highlights their workload and their commitment. I would like to publically thank our staff for their work this term and I would encourage you to find a few minutes to pop in, to thank them personally.

At Palm Sunday Mass last year I watched a video clip of a man who is an inspirational speaker for high school students and his message was simple, if you fall down you need to keep getting up. This man has no limbs, so for him getting up is extremely difficult. I did initially wonder why this was being shown on Palm Sunday but then it occurred to me the message is one of hope — we all need hope and even though there are things that may appear unsurmountable, nothing is impossible if we try and we have faith. I invite you to take some time over Easter to talk with your child/children about hope and the effect positive thinking and attitudes can have on our daily lives.

I'd like to also thank everyone for supporting Purple Day, in my 30+ years working in schools, I can truly say, I have never seen such a wonderful event organized by children to help others in need. Robyn Mercer, class teachers and all staff were integral in its running but without our wonderful parent community, it wouldn't have been such a wonderful day. As I said to the staff; ...it was an amazing, fun, child centered, staff supported, community building and wonderful display of social just in action! The children will remember it and others will benefit from it.

As we enter into Holy Week (Palm Sunday is this week end) I remind you that this is a joyous time of year. We begin by remembering with sadness the way Jesus was treated. A person like you and I who had a message to share and was persecuted for it. When you reflect on the Easter Story I'd encourage you to put yourself in the picture, where have you been strong, where have you failed and who do you turn to in times of need? God is there (sometimes in disguise) whenever you need a shoulder to lean on or a person to walk with, you just have to ask.

I know there is still one more week of school left but I will say Happy Easter and wish you a restful holiday break now. I will be honest and tell you that I wasn't successful in what I gave up for Lent, actually, I forgot what it was! However, I have been wondering, if Easter is the cumulative story of Jesus life, I can't help but think what stories will be told about me when I am no longer around to defend myself!

I'm going to ponder this more over a few cups of coffee over the next few weeks! It might be an interesting family conversation over the holidays, what will you be remembered for and how would you like to be remembered?

Keep smiling, Tess



## **Religious Identity And Mission**

## **Purple Day Thanks!!!**

Many thanks to all those who helped make Purple Day such a wonderful afternoon! A special thank you to the many students who volunteered their time and talents to run their own stalls...and thank you so much to their parents who supported them. By doing this you have taught your child a most valuable life lesson...that the joy we get from 'giving' and helping others is a deeper joy...far deeper than the superficial 'joy' that comes from wanting more and accumulating things for ourselves.

## **Learning from Fr John about Timor-Leste**

One of the communities we are supporting through Project Compassion this year is in Timor-Leste. Last week Fr John Herd visited the Yr 4/5 learning community to speak about his experiences of living and working in Timor-Leste.

The children were attentive listeners, had some fantastic questions and also gave Fr John some excellent feedback on what they had learned from him. When we asked Fr John what he has learned from the people in Timor-Leste, he gave a most profound answer that might be good for us adults to hear.

He said.... 'What I have learned is that here, in Australia, we have so much 'stuff' and yet we have so many problems.... over there they hardly have anything and yet they are happy. They still have their problems...but their problems are different to ours and they work together to try and make life better for each other...and they are so kind and welcoming they always make room for someone else."

As we move into Holy Week...the most sacred time in the Christian year...perhaps we could consider how we can reduce the 'stuff' we have and increase the 'room' we make for others in our lives...in this way we are authentic Christians...living as Jesus calls us to!

#### **Learning about Timor-Lest**



#### Wondering about life in Timor-Leste



Fr. John presenting Thomas with a 'tais' – a welcoming scarf from Timor-Leste





## **Religious Identity And Mission**

## **Project Compassion Boxes**

Project Compassion boxes that were sent home on Ash Wednesday can be returned to school anytime during Holy Week – next week!!!

Please do not take boxes to classrooms......deliver them straight to the front office.

Thank you for your generous support for Project Compassion





### Holy Week: Sun April 10th - Thurs April 13th

Holy Week is the most important week in the Christian Church's year.

We remember the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The gospels tell us that Jesus lived a life of extravagant love, forgiveness and hospitality. He challenged the religious authorities of the time, teaching them that the law of love was the most important 'law'. He invited all people to encounter a God who is 'love'. He instructed his followers to reach out to people and to live lives of love, compassion and forgiveness. Jesus died on a cross, and that was sad, but it was also wonderful in an Easter kind of way....because somehow his Spirit is still with us!

During Holy Week (Mon April 10tht – Thurs April 13th) we will gather as a community for short liturgies each day at 9am to remember this story. All liturgies will take place on the Green Heart (outside the front office).

Students are invited to dress as characters from the time of Jesus (1st century Palestine!)

Here are some examples from last year.....please do not go to any expense or trouble...the simpler the better.





Children can keep their costumes at school and put them on each day for the 9am liturgies



## **Religious Identity And Mission**

Join us every day at 9am as we celebrate.....



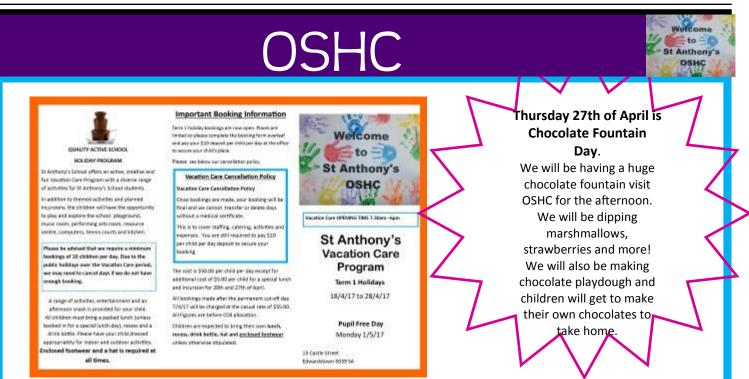
Mon April 10th **Remembering Jesus the King**(Palm Liturgy – led by students in R/1)

Tues April 11<sup>th</sup> Remembering Jesus' Life (led by students in YR 2/3 RC)

Wed April 12<sup>th</sup> Remembering Jesus' Last Meal with his Friends
(led by students in Yr 2/3 MC)

Thurs April 13<sup>th</sup> Remembering Jesus Died (led by students Yr 4/5 SB)

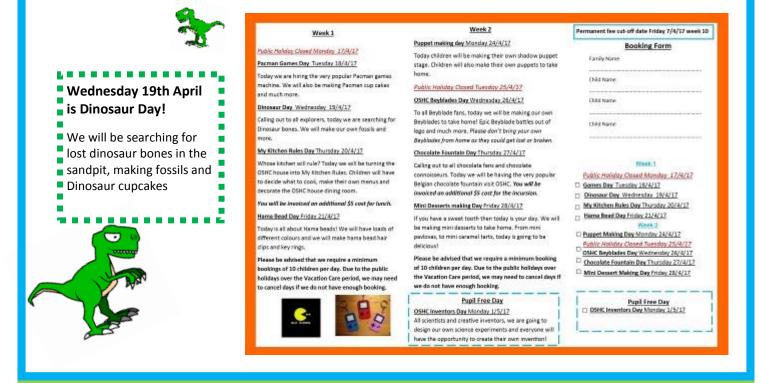
Next term....
Easter Joy Day Wed May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:30 pm
Remembering Jesus is Alive!
(led by Yr 4/5 LK students)



## **Vacation Care Program is out now!**

Please be aware that there is only 1 week until Vacation Care and we require a minimum attendance to ensure we can run the program each day. Please note that Monday, 24th April has been cancelled due to low numbers so there will be no service available on that day.

For all other days please book in at the front office as soon as possible.



# PSF Happenings



Hello Parents and Friends,

Hope you are well! I have been enjoying the lovely Autumn weather of late – it is my favourite season of the year!

We are almost done with Term 1! It has been pretty busy - what with the Disco, Purple Day, Pizza Day, and swimming lessons all happening in the last few weeks, but those special activities have definitely made it easier for me to 'encourage' my children to get ready and out the door to school!

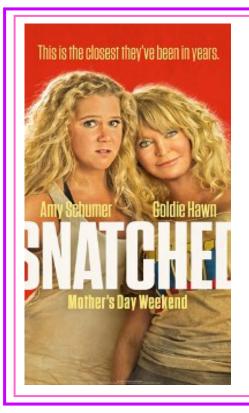
Speaking of the Disco – I was only there for half of it (had to leave early to attend India's netball grand final), but the kids seemed to be having a fabulous time, and we received feedback from quite a few parents and kids that they loved it! A very BIG thank you to the organising committee – Sally Downs, Kylie Rowe, Annette Pix, Michelle Lewis, Emily Carey (and myself!) as well as Annette's daughter, Krystal (who was a rocking DJ in the R/1 room!), and our various husbands who assisted with some heavy lifting, setting up, and packing away. We had almost 100 kids at the event and fundraised over \$840!!!

Our next P&F social event is the Ladies movie evening on Sunday May 28 at Wallis Cinema, Mitcham. We will provide you with more details next term, but put the date in your calendar because the movie we are showing. 'Snatched' looks like a cracker!! You'll also be able to have a glass of champagne, a peruse through our Eb and Ive winter stock and get out of the usual Sunday night pre-start of the week chores! Sounds like an all round good night to me!!

Wishing you a relaxing and safe Easter break and fun filled school holidays!

See you next term,

Letitia, Emily, Jennie and Jenny.



## St Anthony's P & F Ladies Movie Night

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017

630pm

Wallis Cinema, Mitcham

More details soon

# Sports News





What a fantastic week!

A huge thank you to our wonderful parents who volunteered each day. Your help made such a difference to the smooth running of our week.







## **ATTENTION FAMILIES**



### **SIBLING ENROLMENTS FOR 2018 & 2019**

We are currently updating our records for 2018 / 2019 and want to be sure we have accounted for our families currently at the school. Please ensure you have completed an enrolment for any siblings due to start over the next two years. Enrolment forms maybe collected from the front office.



## **Online Lunches**

There will be no lunch orders next week (week 11) due to our last day of term being Holy Thursday

Just a reminder you can order lunches online every Friday prior to 8:30am. If you want to set up your online ordering, it is a simple process.

Please visit <a href="https://www.schoollunchonline.com.au">www.schoollunchonline.com.au</a> to register.

Can all parents please check your details online to make sure your child is placed in the right year and class. This can be done via 'my account' and then click on the 'user details' tab to check and change if necessary, thank you.

## **General Notices**



Purple Day Photos - A huge THANK YOU to Vanessa Potts who took some beautiful photos of our children at
Purple Day last Friday. We have a folder of these photos in the front office for you to view and purchase for \$2.00
each. Vanessa has kindly donated these photos and has requested all proceeds to go towards Project
Compassion.

## School Fees



Thank you to our families who have completed and returned their fee payment option forms and paid their school fees or commenced with a payment plan.

For those families who have elected to pay their fees in 3 x instalments, please be advised that your first payment (one third of school fees) will need to be paid prior to the end of this term Thursday, 13th April 2017.

Statements will be sent home via classrooms early next term. Please ensure you check your statements and how your payments are progressing. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

#### **School Card**

If you feel you may be eligible for School Card and you are yet to complete your school card application form, please do so as soon as possible (prior to Thursday, 13th April 2017). Once these have been received and approved, I will then apply the appropriate credit and forward you a new statement.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or issues regarding your school fees.

Kind regards

Sue Hargreaves Finance Officer

## Colonel Light Gardens Football Club is looking to recruit players for

our U8 squad in 2017.

To be eligible, players will need to be born between 1st May 2009 and 30th April 2010 ie. They are in Year 2 at school.

The U8 competition plays 9 a side, in 3 zones, with modified rules and on a smaller field.

**Training:** is held on Friday afternoons from 5:00—6:00pm at Mortlock Park **Games:** are Sunday morning (usually the early times lots of 8:30 am or 9:30 am)

Season commences: Sunday 30th April 2017

**ORS Sports Vouchers:** can be used to reduce the registration fee

If you would like to register or have any queries please contact Sarah Hazelton, CLGFC Junior Football Manager on Junior.registar@clgfc.com.au or on 0429 431 233.



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Parish Weekday Masses

Tuesday - Friday 9:30 am

Wednesday— Adoration all day after weekday Mass then 6.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available and concluding with Benediction 7.15—7.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after Mass

**Rosary** Tuesday 8.50am

**Anointing of the sick Mass**1st Friday of the Month

Fr Phillip Alstin Parish Priest 8297 1699 Robyn Grave Parish Secretary 8297 1699 St Anthony's Weekend Mass

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Times:

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 9:30am

