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NEWSLETTER

REFLECTION

My precious and crucified Lord, I offer You this Lent. I offer it to You with total abandonment and trust.

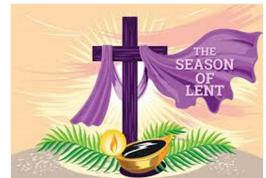
I offer You my prayers, sacrifices and my very life this day. Do with me, Lord, as You will. I pray that this Lent will be fruitful.

I know You have much to say to me and much to do in my life. May this Lent be a time through which Your mercy is poured in abundance into my soul, and into the souls of all Your faithful.

Dearest Lord, help me to especially see my sin, this Lent.

Humble me so that I may see clearly.

Give me courage and strength to confess my sins, and to turn from them with all my heart.



Enlighten me with Your Holy Word, dear Lord. Help me to come to know You and to deepen the gift of faith in my life.

Show me the plan You have for me, and place my feet upon the path You have chosen.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

This week has been a very busy week with the 4 year Review taking place over 2 days. The Review has been a very positive experience and the Reviewers Kerry and Helen were impressed by the school. The students in particular were fabulous during this time. They were articulate, knowledgeable and friendly towards our visitors. I am very proud of you all!

We also had our first Parents and Friends meeting and we had a great turnout. Please feel free to join this group at anytime. We made a Parents and friends calendar and I have included some of the events further in this newsletter that you might like to take note of.

Our open morning on Wednesday was very successful with 6 families having a look. Thank you to parents who promoted this via social media as this is where we got our interest from. We already have some definite enrolments for 2020 which is terrific for this time of the year.



Next week we have Shon Productions spending the day here filming teachers, students and some very fortunate parents! This company makes small videos to upload on school websites as a way to promote our name into the wider community. Stay tuned for an award winning movie!

Have a lovely weekend everyone as the sunshine continues.

Mrs. Robyn Kelly

The Month of March and April

Monday March 25th	Feast of Annunciation Mass	
Tuesday March 26th	Confirmation workshops for Gr 6 - 7pm at Corpus Christi Immigration Museum Excursion Grades 3/4	
Wednesday March 27th	F-1 going to local Kinder for a music lesson 10am	
Thursday March 28th	Shon Productions here to film	
Sunday March 31st	Festival at Williamstown	
Monday April 1st	Grade 5/6 Excursion - Parliament House	
Thursday April 4th	School Photos Checking in chats	
Friday April 5th	Last Day of Term SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1pm Please note there is no after school care Easter Paraliturgy	

HELPERS NEEDED: WEDNESDAY April 3 at 9am

The refurb of the community room is due to happen during the school holidays and we need to pack everything inside the cupboards so that we have an empty space to work from. I urgently need some parents to help take things out of the cupboards and pack them into marked boxes. You do not need to lift anything as we have tradesmen willing to do that for us. Many hands make light work so please consider staying for one hour if you can!





Feast of Annunciation Monday - 25th March

The feast of the Annunciation marks the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he told her that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. On Monday we will be celebrating this special occasion.

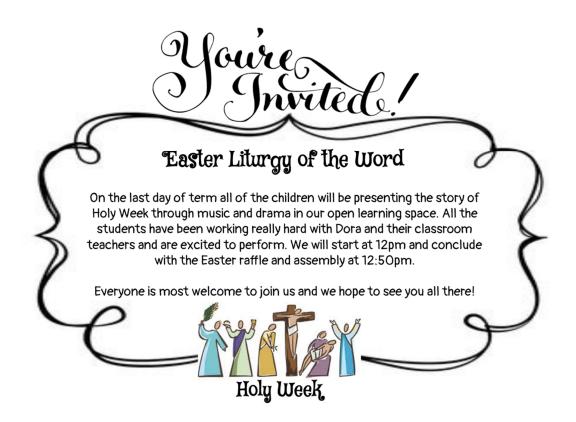
The day will start with Mass at 10am. Parents are most welcome to join us. We will be providing the children a small meal for lunch. Each child will be given a hot dog in bread and an icy pole at no cost. If your child needs more food than this, or does not like hot dogs, please send lunch along as usual.

The SRC have also organised, and will be running, a special tabloid sports activity in the afternoon as an event to bring the school together.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Pray. Fast. Give.

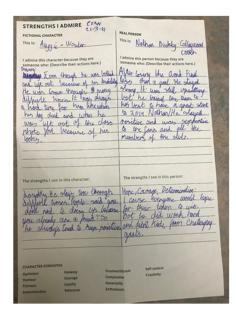
Our whole school Lenten promise is to raise as much money as we can for Project Compassion to help those around the world in need. Our goal this year is to raise \$100 and so far we already have raised \$53.30 with your help. Let's keep this momentum going, 'Give Lent 100%'!



As children need to be given roles to perform at the Easter Liturgy, it would be much appreciated that if your child is not going to be at school on the last day of term, could you please advise the office immediately.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

In Respectful Relationships, Grade 5/6 are learning about Personal Strengths. Through a range of activities



and discussions the students had to identify the difference between talents and character strengths and identify the character strengths they admire or value in others. Today they chose a fictional character and a real character. They had to write down what the character strengths of these people were and how their actions match that strength. The students then reflected upon how these people become Role Models and how they can also become a Role Model to others developing their own character strengths.

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KINDER VISITS

As part of our enrolment strategy we are making many new connections with the local Kinders. One kinder that we have formed a relationship with is OAC (Only about children) in Misten Ave. We have planned something with them once a month Next Wednesday the Foundation/1 grade will be going to participate in a music lesson with Miss Tran and Mrs J. This is a wonderful



opportunity to showcase our beautiful students and to also make connections with our community.

VISIBLE LEARNING

We had the Visible Learning team visit our school last week and they were very positive about



where we are at in our learning as a staff as well as where the students are as learners. They visited each grade and spoke to the children. The feedback they gave us was:

- Students can articulate our mindsets
- Learning Intentions and Success criteria are used in all classes
- Students know what to do if they can't do something

Our next step is to develop effective ways for students to receive feedback about their learning.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thankyou to all the families who donated an easter egg to go towards the Easter Raffle. If you still want to donate you can leave your donation with Connie at the office. Raffle tickets will be sent home next Monday.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Our first meeting went really well and we went through the year and planned some social events as well as some fundraising events.

Here are some dates you might like to take note of:

P&F Meetings	Social Events	Fundraisers
April 23rd 7pm	Mother's day Luncheon (starts at 12pm) May 10th Tickets available soon	Easter raffle Drawn April 5th
June 25th 7pm	Multicultural Night (Families bring food to share) August 1st from 6pm	Mother's day raffle Drawn May 10
July 16th 7pm	Father's day Breakfast starts at 7:30am August 30	Father's day raffle Drawn Aug 30
Sept 17th 7pm	Grandparents Mass and fun morning October 23	Bunnings sausage sizzles Dates to be advised
Oct 15th 7pm	Grade 6 Graduation Tuesday Dec 10	Colour run (Date to be advised but will be in 4th term
Dec 3th 7pm	Christmas Carols from 6pm Dec 17th	Christmas raffle Drawn at Christmas Carol night
	Winter Movie Night Date to be arranged	

Do you know anyone that owns a business?
We would love any donations to add to our Mother's day raffles or for the gift bags we give out.
Anything gratefully accepted and we would be happy to advertise the business in our school newsletter.

PLAYGROUP - HERE AT ANNUNCIATION, EVERY THURSDAY MORNING

A Playgroup called 'Brooklyn Fun for Tots' is operating in the Community Room each Thursday Enquiries - Phone Lauren 0411 895 775 or Michelle 0432 517 222

Annunciation After School Care - Daily - 3.30pm. - 6.00pm. (not during school holidays or the last day of term)

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

"Looked After" has now introduced their software and this is who we are using now to sign students into after school care. If you would like to use the program we have all the details at school. It is very easy to use.

If you intend on using the after school care program you must register online first. (Details can be obtained from the office.) If you have already registered and want to put your child in care could you please make sure that you go online and book them in for the day, the night before. If it is an emergency situation and you haven't booked your child in you can ring the office.

REMEMBER IF YOU WANT TO USE THE PROGRAM WHETHER IT BE AS ONGOING OR CASUAL YOU MUST BE REGISTERED.

HOBSONS BAY LIBRARY NEWS



Students in Grades Prep through Year 12 are invited to enter their creative writing into the seventeenth annual Write by the Bay competition. There are three categories (short story, poetry, song writing) and students are permitted to submit one entry per category. There is also a class competition – all schools have received emails and letters with

information regarding this. Cash prizes are up for grabs, as well as the chance to have your writing published! Competition closes Sunday 28 April 2019. All entries must be submitted via http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/children/write-by-the-bay-2019

Andy Griffiths will present prizes at the Write by the Bay Awards Night on Thursday 6 June. Don't forget to book in via the library website!



Primary aged children are invited to join us at the libraries for fun, free and fantastic fun these school holidays. Bookings open soon – check out http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/whats-on/event-calendar/children/2074-autumn-school-holiday-program for more information.



Cre8tive Kids Club is a drop-in after-school session for primary school kids offering a range of STEAM-focused activities such as craft, construction, science, robotics and more! This program runs weekly during school terms. No bookings required. Each branch has its own session 4pm – 5pm. Check out

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