



Mini-Newsletter – Week 4

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 4!

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Thank you to the very passionate and caring group of parents who attended our first P & F meeting last night. We had vibrant and productive discussion planning for the year ahead. The enthusiasm was contagious! Plans were made for each term for social events for adults and children and for ways to have fun and raise funds to be used to improve our school equipment, resources and environment. Parents were kept informed about what has been happening in our school so far this year and what is planned for the weeks ahead.

This term the P & F will be working with the School Board to present our 'Hang Afternoon' on Friday 13th March, any time after school dismissal, families are welcome to hang around at school for fun, drinks, nibbles and a sausage sizzle tea. The P & F will offer food, drinks and a trading table at Sports Day on Thursday 26th March (information and order form in Newsletter next week). The P & F will also offer Subway lunch on the last day of school for this term Thursday 9th April. Lots of plans for the term ahead!

We sincerely thank the outgoing P & F executive for their dedication and support to our school over many years: Sam Iveson (President), Erin Blott (Secretary) and Sharon Steer (Treasurer).

The positions of P & F President, Secretary and Treasurer have been declared open and nominations will be greatly appreciated for these positions. If you are considering one of these positions, Sam, Erin, Sharon and Michelle Miller would be happy to have a chat with you about what is involved. We are a friendly group and help each other out, it is not a daunting job!

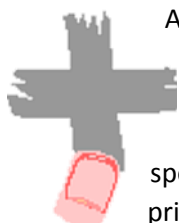
With today's mini Newsletter is a nomination form for P & F executive vacant positions and also a repeat of the nomination form for School Board vacant positions (as per School Board information in Week 3 Newsletter).

SHROVE TUESDAY

Thank you to families who have donated some bottles of pancake mix and toppings. Any other donations can now be dropped off by the MPLA entrance. We have a wonderful number of helpers for our Shrove Tuesday pancake cooking next week– Taya Dennis, Sallyanne Brown, Margie Ferrett and Kristy Lamshed. Thank you! We are all set to go.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Ash Wednesday Liturgy will be held on Wednesday, 26th February we will gather at 8.50am in the MPLA. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us for this time to begin our Lent journey.



Ash Wednesday derives its name from the parish practice of gathering up the leftover symbolic palms (twigs) from the celebration of last year's Palm Sunday, marking Jesus' happy entrance into Jerusalem, just before the tide of hatred turned against him. The left-over palms are burnt to ash and a special oil of catechumens is added to the ashes before being blessed by the priest.



A cross of ash is then marked on the forehead of each person as a sign of an intention of the individual to bring about a change of heart in our thinking, praying and actions – in connection with ourselves, in connection with others and in connection with God.

Our focus for the six weeks of Lent will be intending to do good for the benefit of others whether we actually know them personally, or maybe not. The symbolism of the cross made from ashes echoes the very old Eastern tradition of throwing ashes over one's head to signify asking God for forgiveness.

NEWSLETTER INCLUSIONS

1. Parents & Friends and School Board nomination forms
2. Physical Education Curriculum letter
3. Year 6/7 Curriculum letter

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for all things come from you.
You give us life.
You give us love.
You give us a world of plenty,
that we may learn to share with our neighbour
and give generously to each other
as you give to us.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Michelle Miller – Principal



Meet and Greet Evening



Moonta mini bus students enjoy reading waiting for the bus