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Mini-Newlsetter

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"Never see a need without doing something about it." St Mary MacKillop

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 6. Today we reach the half way point of Term 1. Term 1 is flying by.

One of the three pillars of Lent is fasting and traditionally this is the self-discipline of going without particular foods such as meat on certain days during Lent.

This has often then been translated into giving up something such as ice cream, chocolate or something else we enjoy. Another way to look at this is to 'give up' some of the negative habits we have fallen into and 'take up' a positive habit in place. Something to consider for Lent:

Give up gossip – Take up speaking kindly

Give up complaining – Take up gratitude

Give up buying treats – Take up putting that extra money in the Project Compassion box

Give up half an hour of TV – Take up spending time with family

Lent is a great time to really better ourselves and the world. Let's use this time really well for Jesus.

SCHOOL NEWS

3/4 ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY

Mrs Ryan and the Year 3/4 class are busily preparing for Assembly which they will host this coming Friday 6th March at 8.50am in the MPLA. The students will share their learning in various curriculum areas.

Teachers of all classes will present awards to students who have been living out our school values in their everyday actions and interactions.

Everyone is welcome to come along and support the students.

SPORTS DAY PREPARATIONS

All students have been practising sports skill in their lessons with Lisa Caffyn. The House Captains and supporting Year 7 students have been busy with preparations for House meetings, Health Hustle and House Cry. Next week, from Tuesday, we will start whole school practices first thing in the morning. Students will stay over at the oval from morning play and we will commence our practices led by the House Captains. The excitement is building towards our sports day!

INTERVIEWS

Meeting with parents and caregivers is always a valuable time and the positive exchange of information and ideas in this relationship benefits the wellbeing and learning of the students. Interviews will be held in Week 10 of this term, that will be the week beginning Monday 30th March. Booking sheets will come home for interviews with next week's Newsletter.

DOLPHINS SWIMMING TEAM

Under the guidance of Lisa Hanson and Paul Northeast, students are practising and preparing for the Catholic Schools swimming carnival which will be held on Friday 20th March. Each Friday afternoon they have been heading off to swimming practice. This is quite a commitment for them all over 6 weeks.

Keep up the great work: Shann, Harrison, Jack, Ella, Stella, Mia F, Lilly D, Jasmine, William, Brodie, Scarlett, Airlie, Mia D, Emmett and Johanna.



SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Our School Board Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th March, starting at 7.30pm in the MPLA. We have received excellent nominations for positions on the Board. Please come along to the meeting, celebrate the successes of the past year and hear about plans for the coming year. A crèche will be available to enable parents and caregivers to attend.

Following the AGM, there will be drinks and nibbles and a chance to have an informal chat while the Board members have a brief meeting and then we will join you. All welcome, I hope to see you there.

P & F NEWS

It's that AGM time of year!

On Tuesday 17th March we will have our P & F AGM starting at 7pm. Please save the date and come along. Once again a crèche will be available to enable you to attend. Nominations for executive positions can be made using the slip in previous Newsletters. Please see Karen if you need a nomination slip. Come along and support our wonderful P & F.

Mother's Day Raffle Book

Included in today's Newsletter are Mother's Day raffle books for the families who didn't receive them last week.

SAVE THE DATE

Remember our social get together on behalf of the P & F and the School Board, we will have an 'Afternoon Hang' on Friday 13th March, from 3pm onwards.

Enjoy the long weekend this coming weekend, it's a blessing to have that extra day at this time of the term! Blessings for the week ahead.

Michelle Miller - Principal