



Mini-Newsletter

Wednesday, 31st March 2021 (Term 1, Week 10)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our holiest three days of the year are the Triduum (Latin for three days), which begin tomorrow evening (Holy Thursday) and continue through the evening of Easter Sunday. The triduum, although over three days, is one single commemoration and celebration of the dying and rising of Christ (referred to as the Paschal Mystery).

- On Holy Thursday evening, we begin with Jesus' Last Supper. Fr Matthew has invited our House Captains to be involved in the Holy Thursday Mass (8pm Kadina). A very significant action of Jesus at The Last Supper was to wash the feet of his disciples, as a sign of his great love. Fr Matthew will wash the feet of the House Captains in commemoration of this.
- On Good Friday we are drawn into the Passion of Jesus, symbolised through the Stations Of The Cross.
- During the night of Holy Saturday through to Easter Sunday, Jesus rises from death to new life and we celebrate this full of joy and hope.



John 3:16

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
so that whoever believes in him shall not perish,
but have eternal life.*

I wish you all a very safe, enjoyable and blessed Easter break.

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FRIDAY LUNCHES

The Friday Lunches run by our P & F and wonderful volunteers are simply not possible without people giving generously of their time and gifts. The Friday Lunches are the main fundraiser for P & F, as mentioned at our School Board AGM last night, in 2020 Lunches raised \$10,244.58.

Tarnya Wilson has been one such person, being the overall coordinator of the Friday Lunches. Tarnya is stepping down from this role and we need someone who will take this on.

The role includes the following:

- Shopping
- Ordering Callippos through our Streets account
- Organise the roster of volunteers for the term
- Keeping the Qkr app up to date with pricing, products and when lunches are available

Tarnya would be able to chat with anyone interested in taking the role on and answer any questions. The role could be shared, two people could take this on and work together, help each other out and lessen the load.

Sincere thanks to Tarnya for her work in this role last year and this year. Tarnya has worked quietly and tirelessly in this role, brought fresh ideas to the menu and has kept our Lunches going for this period of time. Thank you Tarnya!

THANK YOU

There is always a lot happening and much to be thankful for in our busy little school. Thank you to:

- The 5/6 class, Hannah, Katherine for their Assembly last Friday
- The three R/1 classes, Charlotte, Hayley and Lisa for their presentation of Palm Sunday
- The 4/5 class and Ali for their presentation of Jesus' Last Supper
- Lisa and Fr Matthew for taking the seven Year 5 students to their leadership day last Friday, the students had a wonderful day and were full of energy upon their return
- To our Year 3, 5 and 7 students for their efforts with the NAPLAN testing last week; Francesca for her overall coordination and preparations for the NAPLAN online testing, to the teachers Abbey, Ali, Katherine, Lisa and Maddy and to Bernie and Amy for supervising the Year 2, 4 and 6 students
- Families for your understanding and accommodation of our Pupil Free day last Monday enabling us to complete very important First Aid training; thanks to our OSHC staff for providing care for children on the day
- All staff, parents and carers involved in the parent-teacher meetings last week. It is an important commitment of time and takes a lot of preparation. Thank you for this important communication and partnership

WELCOME MARCUS KERIN AND AMY SPARKS

We have welcomed to new relief teachers to our school: Mrs Amy Sparks who started with us a couple of weeks ago and Mr Marcus Kerin who started today. Today Amy worked in the 2/3 class and Marcus worked with most of the classes, meeting the students, working with them in Reading groups and taking Science lessons. Welcome Amy and Marcus, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

WEEK 11 NEWS

Next week Jane Owen will enjoy some leave and Agatka Murphy will be taking the Year 2 class on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Have a wonderful break Jane and thank you Agatka.

The Year 2 and 2/3 classes will lead us in a reflection on The Resurrection of Jesus, this will be on Tuesday morning at 9.30am and parents of the students in these two classes are welcome to join us.

The P & F will have their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 6th April at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

On Wednesday, 7th March we will have some special visitors: Bishop Karol Kulczycki (Bishop Port Pirie Diocese) and Mrs Nichii Mardon (Director of Catholic Education Port Pirie Diocese). They will visit the classes and meet the students and have morning tea with our staff. You might remember that Bishop Karol and Nichii joined us for our end of year Mass last year and it will be lovely to welcome them back again.

Our last day of Term 1 will be Friday, 9th April and dismissal will be at 3.00pm.

EASTER RAFFLE

Congratulations to our P & F Easter Raffle prize winners:

- 1st: Jack Venning
- 2nd: Aria Gearing
- 3rd: Riley Nitschke
- 4th: Griffin Miers
- 5th: Maggie Woodroffe
- 6th: Jarrod Wall
- 7th: Bentley White
- 8th: Shauna S
- 9th: Stella Russack



Thank you to everyone who has donated towards prizes and bought tickets.

