



Mini-Newsletter – Week 10

Wednesday, 5th April, 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week is known in the Church as Holy Week. This is because we remember what Jesus was going through at this time. Jesus had spent 40 days in the desert, praying and fasting, and being strongly tested in his faith. He left the desert to return to Jerusalem and people were very excited to see him again after being away for so long. This entry into Jerusalem is what we know as Palm Sunday.

On Monday morning this week, the Reception classes joined together to re-enact the Palm Sunday story. It felt like we were really there with Jesus as we waved our palms and bright cloths welcoming Jesus and his disciples as they came along the path. It was a very moving re-enactment.

Tomorrow we will reflect on the events of Jesus' last Supper, Jesus praying in the garden and then the trial of Jesus, his crucifixion and death on the cross.

When we return after our Easter break, next Tuesday morning, we will re-enact the Resurrection of Jesus.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday – Jesus' triumphant entry to Jerusalem.

Monday – Jesus clears the temple.

Tuesday – Jesus goes to the Mount of Olives and preaches for the last time.

Wednesday – Jesus is with his disciples in Bethany.

Holy Thursday – Jesus offers His body and blood in the last supper,
Jesus is betrayed by Judas.

Good Friday – Jesus trialled, crucified, died, buried.

Holy Saturday – Jesus' body lay in the tomb, guarded by Roman soldiers.

Easter Sunday – Jesus' friends go to the tomb, it is empty,
an angel appears and tell them that Jesus is risen.

God gives us eternal life in Jesus.

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



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.

Michelle Miller

Principal

THANK YOU

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

- All staff, parents and carers involved in the parent-teacher interviews this week and next week. Thank you for this important communication and partnership.

CRAZY SOCKS – SAVE THE DATE

A reminder about Adelaide's crazy socks fundraiser that was circulated last week. Please support the middle school as they raise money to buy a pet frog for the Sacred Heart Centre.

Our Crazy Socks Day will be held on Wednesday, 10th May, on this day all students are invited to wear crazy colourful socks (hopefully the ones purchased through the frog fundraiser), just for fun!

BLUE LIGHT DISCO – SAVE THE DATE

Our P & F will be working with SA Police (thanks to Tristan Graham) to organise a Blue Light Disco for our students to enjoy on Wednesday, 17th May, from 3.15-5.00pm, on our oval. The Blue Light Disco is a great way for students to join in and have lots of fun together. All welcome.

Parents will be invited to the MPLA area while the Disco is on where there will be drinks and nibbles available and this will be a lovely opportunity to socially mingle and have a chat while the children are well-looked after.

MOTHER'S DAY PICNIC – SAVE THE DATE

We invite all mothers, grandmothers, mother-figures in the children's lives to a picnic on Friday, 12th May, 1.00-1.40pm. Bring along a picnic lunch and enjoy this time with your child/children. This is our way of saying "thank you" and "happy mother's day". We hope you can join us.

CONGRATULATIONS TRINITY

Congratulations Trinity on the lovely article in the YP Country Times this week. Trinity is a member of the Henley Surf Life Saving Club and she competed in the Surf Life Saving Junior Championships recently. Last weekend, Trinity received a special award from her own club, the Under 10 Henley Safety Award. Trinity and her family spend many hours on the road to ensure she can be involved in her Surf Life Saving Club in the city. We wish you all the best Trinity.

BOWLS FUN

In PE lessons this week, students have been enjoying learning the skills for playing bowls. This has been so much fun (I've heard and seen lots of laughing, cheering and chatting). Thank you to Brett Herbert and Bob Scott from Bowls Australia for coming along and sharing your knowledge with us.

CASUAL DAY – LAST DAY OF TERM 1

The student leaders would like to invite all students to wear casual clothes on the last day of school for this term, Friday, 14th April.

HAPPY EASTER

From all of us here at St Mary MacKillop School, we wish you a very happy Easter. If you are travelling, take care and we wish you safe travels.



"PALM SUNDAY"