



Mini-Newsletter – Week 6

Wednesday, 5th March, 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

SHROVE TUESDAY

A big thank you to our Year 6, 7, 8 and 9 students and staff who prepared, cooked and served pancakes yesterday for our Shrove Tuesday celebration. Thanks to families who donated some toppings and contributed a donation towards the pancakes. We are very excited that \$202 was raised for Project Compassion yesterday. Thank you and well done everyone!

The next Project Compassion fundraiser is being organised by the two Year 4/5 classes and they will be holding their stall on Thursday, 13th March.

THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF LENT

The Liturgical colour for the time of Lent is purple. We will see the prayer spaces around our school reflect this with purple prayer cloths and features. The priest will wear purple garments at Masses and Liturgies during this time.

The 40 days of Lent are the time from Ash Wednesday, leading up to Holy Thursday. During this time the focus will be on Prayer, Giving (to those who are poor and in need), Fasting (going without).

These days call to mind the forty days and forty nights that Jesus spent in the desert, praying and fasting, leading up to the events of Holy Week (his arrest, crucifixion and death).

Lent
a season of
Faith, Hope and Love

Prayer: We will focus on Lenten Prayer commencing with the Ash Wednesday Liturgy (today) and prayers during our weekly notices gatherings and in classrooms will have a focus on Lent.

Giving: Classes have been asked to buddy up for a fundraiser at some time during Lent. All funds raised will go towards Caritas Australia (Catholic Aid organisation), the fundraising campaign is called 'Project Compassion'. Caritas prepare many resources for us to use during Lent. One such resource focuses on people who have received funding support through Caritas, this supports them in their education, building infrastructure (toilets, water tanks, schools) and empowering them to improve their standard of living. We will share these stories at weekly notice assemblies and in classrooms.

Fasting: This is very much up to the individual. Some people give up something during Lent, to experience going without and develop appreciation for what they have when so many go without. Traditionally, Catholics fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and fast or go without meat on the Fridays during Lent.

PERSONAL PLAN FOR LEARNING

Personal Plans for Learning are being sent home today for our Year 1-9 students (further information to come for parents of children in Reception), with an explanatory letter. These will be in the newsletter envelope for parents and their children to read over and discuss in preparation for parent/teacher interviews to be held in Week 10-11 of this term.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN

Next week NAPLAN testing commences for our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students.

The timetable for the tests is below. It is very important that students are at school and punctual as testing starts at 9.00am. Disruptions make the conditions quite difficult for everyone.

TIMETABLE FOR NAPLAN WEEK 7

Catch up testing will be conducted in Week 7 and 8 as required with students who are absent on a testing day.

Tests must be completed in the following order:

	Year 3	Year 5	Year 7	Year 9
WEDNESDAY – 12th March				
Writing	40 mins	42 mins	42 mins	42 mins
THURSDAY – 13th March				
Reading	45 mins	50 mins	65 mins	65 mins
Conventions of Lang	45 mins	45 mins	45 mins	45 mins
FRIDAY – 14th March				
Numeracy	45 mins	50 mins	65 mins	65 mins

SPORTS DAY

LONG JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

As mentioned last week, we have held Long Jump here at school this week, in the lead up to Sports Day.

RESULTS OF CHAMPIONSHIP LONG JUMP

Congratulations to:

Boys – 10 years old – Tate Boundy

Girls – 10 years old – Isabella Dennis

Boys – 11 years old – Jhett Graham

Girls – 11 years old – Amaya Robinson

Boys – 12 years old – Lachlan Donnell

Girls – 12 years old – Trinity McLeod

Girls – 13 years old – Sophia Tamas

Boys – 14 years old – Lucas Phillips RECORD BREAKER: 3.40m

Boys – 15 years old – Ryder S RECORD BREAKER: 3.77m

Girls – 15 years old – Serena Hartley

Boys – 16 years old – Logan S

IMPORTANT CHANGES

SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY 7TH MARCH AT WALLAROO FOOTBALL OVAL

As you know there is a reasonably high temperature forecast (34) for this Friday. Our Sports Day is still going ahead, however we will shorten the day finishing all events at lunch time.

This means that we moved our Year 3-9 Team games to this morning, running them on our school oval with all students cheering for their teammates.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

RESULTS OF YEAR 3-9 TEAM GAMES

Congratulations to:

Baton Relay	1 st : Tappeiner	2 nd : MacKillop	3 rd : Woods	4 th : Joseph
Tug of War	1 st : Woods	2 nd : MacKillop	3 rd : Joseph	4 th : Tappeiner
Around the World	1 st : MacKillop	2 nd : Woods	3 rd : Tappeiner	4 th : Joseph

Sports Day Friday 7th March

- We will run with the programme up until lunch time with finish, presentations and **dismissal of all students R-9 by 1.00pm.**
- No events to be held after 1.00pm to avoid the hottest part of the day.
- If this earlier finish presents any difficulty for parents who were expecting students to be busy and engaged at Sports day until 2.00pm, please notify our front office. Students will be brought back to school by school bus and supervised at school until the previously advertised finish time of 2.00pm when parents can pick them up.
- Subway lunches will be distributed at 1.00pm, families are welcome to buy lunch from the food vans and then enjoy a picnic on the oval or head home.
- 1.00pm onwards all staff and parent volunteer helpers will be packing up the equipment.

Enclosed with today's newsletter is the Sports Day Programme.

Have a wonderful, safe and enjoyable long weekend everyone.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Ms Michelle Miller

PRINCIPAL

**Thank you to all volunteers who have offered their time and support on the day.
Following is our list of helpers**

SET UP OVAL – MORNING – 7.30am

Maris
Nelligan
Crosby
Lynch
Sawyer
O'Brien
Abela

PACK UP OVAL – AFTERNOON 1.00pm

Lockwood
Nelligan
Clifford S
Davey
Lynch
Quin
Sawyer
Cooper/Tieste
Walker
Adams
Hall



LONG JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 2025

