Whitefriars Catholic School Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 9

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"Living in a simple humble way we want for nothing."

(St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 1881)

For your diary…..

Term 1
Friday 26 March
- Mass, 4L, 9.15am

Wednesday 31 March
- Parents & Friends Meeting, 7pm

Friday 2 April
- Good Friday

Sunday, 4 April
- Easter Sunday

Monday 5 April
- Easter Monday

Tues 6—Thurs 8 April
- Year 5/6 Camp

Friday 9 April
- Last day of Term 1, **students dismissed at 12.30pm**

Term 2
Monday 27 April
- First day of Term 2

Tuesday 4 May
- Sports Day, Athletics SA Stadium, Mile End

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Carnevale Day

Thank you to the many parents who took the time to pass on their gratitude and appreciation for Carnevale Day. It is truly a joyful day for all our children, parents and grandparents, in particular those from Italian heritage. From the beautiful traditional Italian music from the accordion 'fisarmonica' in the morning, to the car races, Italian food and to the Italian Play in the hall, the children love the whole day. A sincere thank you to our amazing Italian Teacher, Vicky Radetti, who brings so much passion and enthusiasm to her role and to all the staff and amazing parents for their support of the day. Vicky is a gift to our school community.

School Picnic

As you are aware this year, we were able to re-commence our School Picnic at the McInerney Reserve after two missed years, due to playground renovations and COVID respectively. This year we had close to our SA Health limit of 200 with both children and parents enjoying the beautiful weather and company. This year, we asked the eight School Captains to plan fun activities, relays and a soccer game. A particular thank you to three of our School Captains: ***Olivia Horsell, Emmason Wallace and Nathan Nguyen*** who lead close to an hour of interactive activities. They did a fantastic job and I was very proud of them. Thank you ***Praveer Gill*** who also joined us later to help with our Soccer game.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, based on the successful integration of migrants into our community. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. Held every year on 21 March. The Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Since 1999, more than 70,000 Harmony Day events have been held in childcare centres, schools, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies across Australia.

The continuing message of Harmony Day is *'Everybody Belongs'* and its annual observance aims to encourage **inclusiveness**, **respect** and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural background, and celebrate core Australian values.

Whitefriars Catholic School is celebrating Harmony Day this week with buddy activities and a Casual day this Friday where children can wear orange to celebrate Harmony Day, purple to acknowledge the Season of Lent or a costume of their culture heritage. This is a wonderful day for the children as we instil in them the message that we all belong.

Thank you to the Reception parents who joined their children to read a prayer in their native language at Monday morning School Community Prayer. It truly exemplified our cultural diversity in our school community.

Yellow lines on the side of driveways
The council are arranging for the yellow no stopping lines to be installed at each sides of the driveways in both Beaufort Street and Ranelagh Street. I would expect that this work will be done during the April school holidays.

This I hope will help guide all drivers to ensure that they do not encroach on any driveway.

Kind regards
Frank Congedi

Religious Dimension

Caritas AUSTRALIA

Project Compassion – Fourth Week of Lent

PROJECT COMPASSION
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

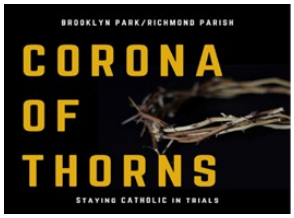
In India, over 70 million people live on less than US$1.90 per day.

Sakun lives in a village in central north India. She developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. Until now Sakun, an indigenous Gond woman, has been isolated in her community, unable to earn a livelihood and without knowledge of government schemes that could help her.

In 2018, Sakun joined a Caritas Australia-funded program which is implemented by Caritas India and its local partner, Samarthan. With your help Sakun now earns her own income and makes a small profit which goes towards her family's basic needs. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent.

Please support Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au Let's Go Further, Together! lent.caritas.org.au

Community Prayer and Holy Week Celebrations
Community Prayer on Mondays will no longer occur for the foreseeable future.
Our planned celebrations for Holy Week (Week 11 of this term), which was to have a series of community prayers each day will also no go ahead as planned. Classes will celebrate Holy Week in class through their religious education planning, and through prayer services.
We apologise for the inconvenience during this time, and the limits we have regarding these gatherings however we need to follow the advice of the government and the Catholic Education Office in order to maintain the safely of our students, and the wider school community.



Mass of the Day Podcast – Fr. Peter Zwaans
With the news that all Catholic Masses in the Adelaide Archdiocese have been suspended for the moment, and foreseeable future – Fr Peter Zwaans, Parish Priest in the Brooklyn Park/Richmond has started a podcast called Corona of Thorns.

The podcast will be uploaded daily and will have the readings of the day, followed by a homily and spiritual communion – a chance to experience the readings and prayers in Mass, in the absence of being able to physically step foot inside a Church.

It should be available on all podcast platforms shortly, but is currently available on Spotify. Following this link should take you there: https://open.spotify.com/show/4qPkCT8eCMZJ0xUathwvoO

Feel free to share this link with anyone in your circle of friends, family and parishioners from your parishes especially those you know who in the absence of Mass would benefit from being able to access this podcast.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week, and is staying safe in this challenging time.
God Bless,
Josh Page, APRIM

HOLY WEEK

For Easter Triduum Bookings (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday):

www.croydonparkparish.com.au/holyweek

Bookings open: 22nd March 2021 (Monday), 10am
Bookings close: 30th March 2021 (Tuesday), 12nn
unless booked out prior

*****Note: Those with "regular bookings" will need to call the Parish Office to inform us of which Days and Liturgies they would like to attend***

PALM SUNDAY **27th/28th March 2021**	Masses as per regular schedule for Saturday and Sunday *Palms to be distributed upon entry. Parishioners may bring in their own palms if they wish.*
HOLY THURSDAY **1st April 2021**	MORNING PRAYER 9am—St. Margaret Mary's Church (no bookings required) MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7.30pm—St. Margaret Mary's Church (bookings required) • Live feed to St. Margaret Mary's Hall (bookings required) • Live Stream available online 7.30pm—Mary Mackillop Centre, Whitefriars School —*Vietnamese* (bookings required) NIGHT PRAYER 10pm—St. Margaret Mary's Church
GOOD FRIDAY **2nd April 2021**	MORNING PRAYER 9am—St. Margaret Mary's Church , followed by Stations of the Cross (no bookings required) STATIONS OF THE CROSS followed by the PASSION OF THE LORD *(Vietnamese)* 1.50pm—Mater Dei Church, followed by Passion of the Lord at 3pm (bookings required) PASSION OF THE LORD 3pm—St. Margaret Mary's Church (bookings required) • Live feed to St. Margaret Mary's Hall (bookings required) • Live Stream available online
EASTER SATURDAY **3rd April 2021**	MORNING PRAYER 9am—St. Margaret Mary's Church (no bookings required) BLESSING OF THE FOOD FOR EASTER 11am – St. Margaret Mary's Church—*Polish* (no bookings required) CONFESSIONS 12nn—St. Margaret Mary's Church EASTER VIGIL **No 6pm Mass at Mater Dei Church 7pm—St. Margaret Mary's Church (bookings required) • Live feed to St. Margaret Mary's Hall (bookings required) • Live Stream available online 7pm—Mary Mackillop Centre, Whitefriars School —*Vietnamese* (bookings required) *Parishioners encouraged to bring their own candles with wax protectors for the Easter Vigil Mass.*
EASTER SUNDAY **4th April 2021**	Masses as per regular Sunday Schedule
EASTER MONDAY **5th April 2021**	MASS FOR THE MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER 11am—St. Margaret Mary's Church—*Polish* (no bookings required)

Carnevale 2021!

Last Thursday we celebrated Carnevale at Whitefriars. Whole school events are never possible without engagement of the staff, students and school community. At Whitefriars we are so blessed to have all three of these! Carnevale morning was a testament to the strong presence of the Whitefriars families and a fantastic sense of community and culture. A BIG thank you to The Sopranos for the Italian music and Carmen Tasovac who volunteered her time to make coffees for all!

To all the parent volunteers that took time out of their day to help with bagging cannoli, helping in the canteen and Jacinta Zandona, who took her expertise into the Reception classrooms—grazie!!

Our cannoli and crostoli were made by Pasticceria Regina and Vittoria Coffee donated by Cantarella Bros – thank you to both of these businesses.

Again, Luisa Farinola spent time with us and taught the Year 4 students how to make a traditional Carnevale sweet – Frittelle. We are so lucky to have Luisa volunteer her time to be with our students.

I look forward to many more days like this and engaging the students to learn to love language and culture!

Vicky Radetti, Italian Teacher

The following students celebrate birthdays from 24th March to 30th March:

Adhar Attar, Austin Daniel, Daniel Lu, Nahla Nicholls, Lewis Robertson and Amanda Vukaj.

Whitefriars Parents & Friends

EASTER RAFFLE—***Families are asked to donate Easter goods for prizes for our Easter Raffle.*** *These can be left at the office* ***by Monday 29th March***. This raffle is for the students only (raffle books ***will not*** be sent home for sale) with donations of Easter goods received from families being divided into equal prizes per class and drawn on Thursday, 1st April.

Tickets will be $1 each and each child is limited to one ticket. They will be sold by class teachers in the classrooms from Monday, 29th March. Funds raised will aid Project Compassion.

Please make sure you order your Hot Cross Buns for the P&F Fundraiser or for Recess time or your children next week— Please read these flyers for information and place your orders via the QKR App today!

Sports News

Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival

Last Wednesday, the Whitefriars Swimming Team attended the Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival at the world famous SA Aquatics Centre at Oaklands Park. Our team included 18 dedicated and talented swimmers who competed in a range of events like freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and relays.

All schools at the Carnival were supporting and encouraging their swimmers, but none as loudly and proudly as Whitefriars. In the past two years our school has been promoted up in divisions so we competed in the very tough Division 3. We had some great individual results, especially within the Year 3 and Year 4 Age Groups and Whitefriars finished 6th overall.

Congratulations to all our swimmers for representing our school in such a wonderful manner. A massive thanks to Daniel Alves Dos Santos and Christine Tassone for taking on the high-pressure jobs of timekeeping and place-judging. Thank you also to all the parents who came and supported, I know the students loved seeing you on the side of the pool cheering them on.

School AFL 2021 Season

Some great news for our aspiring AFL players – the season will be getting underway early next term!!!!

The SANFL has re-structured the competition which is open to both boys and girls from Years 2 – 6. The games will be played at a central venue, Adelaide Uni Hockey fields, at West Beach (opposite AFL Max and Adelaide Airport).

Games are scheduled to start on Saturday, 8th May with 12 rounds planned. There are three age groupings for the competitions – Year 2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. Game times will be 8.30am, 9.30am and 10.30am.

This year the cost to play is $90 and Sport Vouchers can be used. Registration must be completed via the link below. Upon registration, players will receive two SANFL match tickets, their choice of SANFL club hat and a football. When registering, make sure Whitefriars School is selected.
https://membership.sportstg.com/regoform.cgi?formID=64660

We require volunteers to help coach and manage the teams. Extensive AFL knowledge is not required, just a passion for young kids to be involved in sports. Volunteer coaches and managers will need to support on game day and must have a Catholic volunteers' clearance (please see the front office if you have questions about these clearances).

For more information please contact Mr Brigden at school or Paul Economou on 0405672714.

Sports Day 2021

Tuesday, 4 May, 2021 at Athletics SA Stadium, Mile End

House Coloured T-Shirts

All students are required to wear T-Shirts (not tank tops) in their house team colours on Sports Day. Please confirm your children's house colour with their teachers or the office staff if you are not sure which team they are in. These T-shirts can be purchased from Lowes but will need to be ordered beforehand. Samples of colours and sizes are available at Lowes and **orders can be made until the 3rd April.**

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS				
Sport	Division/Team 1	Score	Team 2	Score
Basketball	*Whitefriars*	*40*	*Lockleys North*	*18*
Netball	*Year 4/5 Whitefriars Blue*	*13*	*Kilkenny Yellow*	*2*