Whitefriars Catholic School Newsletter

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"Let us thank God we are as we are."

(St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 1874)

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Holy Week
In this most important week in our Church's calendar, we are taking the opportunity to help our children understand how the original events of Holy Week around 2000 years ago shaped Christianity and changed the course of the world forever.

One of the key messages of this week is about Jesus washing the feet of his disciples as a symbol that, although people were calling Jesus the King, he served them by washing their dusty feet. This was a changing moment in the world as, up until then, Kings were powerful and used people serving their needs and wants. Not Jesus! His model of leadership was one of service and this model continues to be part of our Christian Tradition. Leaders serve others and my role as a Principal is to serve the Whitefriars Catholic School Community to the best of my ability. Together with our staff, we do our best to serve this community and to look after our children and teach them to know God.

This service leadership model shapes the way we teach our House Captains that their role is to serve others, to support others in any way they can. It is the way we teach all our children to take up the increased responsibility of looking after others as they become older members in our school community.

It is truly a privilege to be part of developing children's spirituality and helping them to see the world through the lenses of looking after others and looking out for the common good.

As we move through the week to the crucifixion of Jesus and eventually resurrection, I hope that the joy of Easter fills every family. I hope you take the time to enjoy one another's company and spend quality time together. Happy Easter to you all.

For your diary…..

Term 1
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 26 April
- Public Holiday

Tuesday 27 April
- First day of Term 2

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

Staff Appointments
Ms Phuong-Chi Twigden has been appointed as the Leader of Learning from the beginning of Term 2. Although this is a new role in the school, it effectively replaces the role of Key Literacy Teacher/ Leader of Pedagogy vacated by Ms Natalie Cameron. Please join me in congratulating Ms Twigden as she works with teachers to build their capacity and improve learning outcomes for our children.

Following Ms Twigden's appointment we have appointed Mrs Rosalina Meo to team-teach with Ms Twigden in 2T. We have also extended Ms Anita Ulbrich's appointment in the Year 3P class for the rest of the year.

Year 5/6 Mylor Camp
I am looking forward to joining the Year 5/6 teachers in taking the Year 5/6 children to camp. The teachers are working very hard behind the scenes to coordinate this camp, which is often the highlight of the children's primary school years.

Although camps can be a bit of an anxious time for both children and parents, it is a wonderful step towards independency in a safe environment with friends and teachers and taking part in new experiences.

Attending camp has always been such a joy and privilege and, I am not sure if I am showing my age, but I remember taking Jake Rugolo's dad and Nate Nguyen's mum to camp years ago. Now, a generation later, I am taking their children. Where does time go?

Kind regards
Frank Congedi
Principal

Religious Dimension

Caritas AUSTRALIA

Holy Week

PROJECT COMPASSION
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

As we enter Holy Week, we continue to reflect on the lives of people vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice, and how we can respond through supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion appeal.

Let us take time to remember the life and teachings of Saint Oscar Romero. His many lessons include: live a simple life, commit to bringing peace to the world, speak the truth and of course aspire not to have more, but to be more. Some words from what has become known as the Oscar Romero prayer; "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Campaign. Your generosity will work for the freedom of those living in poverty, challenge unjust structures, and empower people to work for a sustainable way of life.

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." Please support Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au
Please return all Project Compassion boxes either to the office, or to your child's classroom to be added to their large box (on their prayer spaces). We ask all boxes to be returned by the end of Week 1 of Term 2 – Friday, 30th April. Thank you for your fundraising efforts during Lent and for supporting Caritas Australia.

Community Prayer
As this coming Monday is a public holiday we will not have community prayer in Week 11 – our next community prayer will be in Week 2 of Term 2 on Monday, 3rd May.

Holy Week
This week we are celebrating Holy Week which is the most important week in our Liturgical Year as we celebrate the last week of Jesus' life – incorporating the Cleansing of the Temple, The Last Supper, Washing of the Feet, Praying in the Garden and then the events of the Stations of the Cross – before celebrating his Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

I pray that you all have a wonderful long weekend with an enriching Easter with family and friends as you share in some family time together.

Upcoming Masses
Please see the information on the next page for details regarding Easter celebrations in the Croydon Park Parish.

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)

Rec WD

It's been a busy term! Here is a snap shot of some of the wonderful learning experiences we have shared together.

We read the book, 'When Possum Goes to School'. We made possum ears and made our own book about our adventures at school.

Participating in our first liturgy for Ash Wednesday.

Celebrating our learning about 'Our Families' with a liturgy with the other Rec classes.

Carnevale!!

Happy Birthday to these children wo celebrate birthdays from 31st March to 6th April:

Lola Delchev, Abhijit Dhonsey, Leo Gadaleta, April Haley, Nikola Lalic, Callum McCaffrey, Jenny Nguyen, Vasili Nicolitsi, Axel Phan and Jason Vulaj.

Parents & Friends

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EASTER RAFFLE—This raffle is for the students only (raffle books ***will not*** be sent home for sale) with donations of Easter goods received from families will be 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.

Sports News

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.**