Dear Parents and Carers,  

March 17, 2016

Today the Church celebrates the Feast Day of St. Patrick and what better way to recognise St Patrick, than to attend Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral. Central to Catholic Education Week is the opportunity for students at Our Lady’s to deepen their sense of being part of a wider Catholic Education Community, indeed a wider Catholic community. Our Justice Leaders together with Ms McCormick and myself and over 1,000 students from the Catholic Schools of Melbourne celebrated the Mass of St Patrick’s Day at the Cathedral. Filling the cathedral is quite a challenge and today the crowd spilled out in to the gardens. As you can see from the photos we did find some Irish influences on this special day.

Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrated their birthday this week:


National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence: The sixth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is being held on Friday, 18 March 2016. This annual day is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools, and encourages all students to ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence in schools, the classroom and beyond. At Our Lady’s we acknowledged the importance of highlighting the anti-bullying message with all the children attending a production on Wednesday titled: *Sticks and Stones* by Brainstorm Productions. Make sure you speak to your child about what they learnt.
**Year Three Reconciliation:** Special thanks to all our year three teachers and students who supported our families during the preparation and the reception of the Sacrament of Penance.

I wish to also thank our Priests Fr. George and Fr. Francis for all their efforts and arranging extra Priests to assist at the ceremonies. I always love the way children leave the Church after spending their time with Father at their confession. They tend to have a more 'angelic' look about them???

**School Photos- School summer uniform required on this day:**
Black shoes & white socks please.

Have a great weekend,

Paul McEntee
Principal

**CAPTAIN’S CORNER**
This week is ANTI BULLYING week. Every year level from Prep-Year 6 went to see an Anti-Bullying production. We hope that your children learned something.
HAVE A GREAT WEEK !!!

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Friday 18th March
- Thursday 24th March
- Monday 11th April
- Wednesday 13th April
- **Monday 25th April**
- Tuesday 26th April
- Friday 29th April
- Tuesday 3rd May
- Wednesday 4th May
- Monday 9th May
- Monday 23rd May
- Monday 13th June
- Tuesday 21st June
- Wednesday 22nd June
- Thursday 1st September
- Thursday 8th September
- **Friday 30th September**
- Sunday 16th October

- School Photos
- Last day of Term
- Term 2 Commences
- Camp Meeting 7:00pm
- **Anzac Day Public Holiday**
- Year 6 campers off to Camp Rumbug
- Year 6 campers return
- Prep 2017 Information Evening 7:00pm
- Prep 2017 Information Morning 9:30am
- NAPLAN Testing Week
- Year 5 campers off to overnight camp at Sovereign Hill
- Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00pm
- Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00pm
- Year 4 campers off to overnight camp at Lyrebird Park
- Our Lady’s Feast Day
- **Grand Final Public Holiday**
- Parish Fete
Religious Education News
Mary McCormick, R.E. Leader

Easter HOLY Day

On Thursday March 24th our school will be having a HOLY DAY for all of the classes. The students will be walking a “Way of the Cross” around our schoolyard.

There will be 7 stations representing each of the main events of HOLY WEEK.

Each class is preparing information and activities for our walk. See below for a list of what each level is preparing for:

Station 1: Palm Sunday (Preps)
Station 2: Washing of the Feet (Year 3)
Station 3: Last Supper (Year 4)
Station 4: The Garden of Gethsemane (Year 1)
Station 5: The Arrest of Jesus (Year 2)
Station 6: The Trial and Passion of Jesus (Year 5)
Station 7: The Crucifixion (Year 6)

Students will be walking to these stations at various times of the day, and parents are welcome to come along and look, reflect and perhaps spend a moment in prayer at the stations.

Please ask Ms. McCormick or your child’s teacher for more information.

Reconciliation

The students and their families celebrated a Second Rite of Reconciliation on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Thanks to everyone involved for making these events very special and reverent occasions.

Project Compassion

Students are learning in their classrooms about how CARITAS is helping around our world.

The latest fundraising total is over $900 !!!

Only one more week to go ...

So please keep encouraging your children to donate so that CARITAS can continue helping those in our world who really need some positive change in their lives.
Important Sacrament Dates for 2016:

**First Eucharist**
Before the end of the term, parents will be receiving information regarding the time for the celebrations on June 5th

Sign-up weekend – April 30th or May 1st
Students and families attend one of the weekend Parish masses and hand in a special card to register for the Sacrament.

Presentation weekend – May 21st or May 22nd
Students and families attend one of the weekend Parish masses and receive their medal and mass book

Parent Child workshop evening – May 17th OR May 18th
Our Lady’s parents and students to attend ONE of these evenings. Our Lady’s School at 7.00pm.

First Eucharist masses – June 5th
Either 12.30pm OR 2.30pm Students will be celebrating their First Eucharist in Our Lady’s Church at ONE of these times.

**Confirmation**
Sign-up weekend – July 30th OR July 31st
Students and families attend one of the weekend Parish masses and hand in a special card to register for the Sacrament.

Parent Child workshop evening – August 3rd
Our Lady’s parents and students to attend. Our Lady’s School at 7.00pm.

Presentation weekend – August 20th OR August 21st
Students and families attend one of the weekend Parish masses and receive their medal.

Confirmation mass – August 28th at 3pm
3.00pm
Students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at Kolbe Catholic College Hall
Student Wellbeing @ Our Lady’s
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Playground Awards Week 7

When children are playing on the yard all teachers have been very keen to catch children who are following our school expectations. The following children are this week’s winners:

Be **RESPONSIBLE** – Mikhayla 1R
Be **RESPECTFUL** – Munique 4A

Grinners are Winners

Congratulations to all the children who received awards this week
Winners of Week 7: Prep E
A perfect score this week
Great work!

Grinners are WINNERS
As part of our Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons, children have been focusing on the social and emotional competency: Relationship Skills. This competency is about teaching children to develop positive and respectful relationships. It includes strategies to make friends, work in teams and effectively deal with conflict and bullying.

This week is National No Bully Week. Classes have been particularly focusing on ‘What bullying is?’ and ‘How do we deal with it?’

**IS IT BULLYING?**

When someone says or does something *unintentionally hurtful* and they do it once, that’s RUDE.

When someone says or does something *intentionally hurtful* and they do it once, that’s MEAN.

When someone says or does something *intentionally hurtful* and they keep doing it, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you’re upset, that’s BULLYING.
All classes had the opportunity to see a live performance by Brainstorm Productions called ‘Sticks and Stones’. There were many messages conveyed in the performance:

- Bullying is not tolerated
- Fighting back is a ‘NO GO ZONE’ as this never solves the problem
- When you feel angry, it’s about finding strategies to calm down
- Be a problem solver

Here are some comments and thoughts from some children:

**We didn’t like when the character was being mean to Toby. We liked it when they became friends.**

Prep T

**If someone hurts me, I put my fists down and put my hands in my pocket.**

Mikhayla (1R)

**Bullying is bad**

Nathan (1R)

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**Canteen**

**Roster:**

*Friday 18th March*

Jane 9:00 – 10:30am
Maree 9:30 – 2:15pm
Grace 9:30 – 2:15pm
Kersty 12:30 – 2:15pm

*Wednesday 23rd March*

Sanaa 9:00 – 2:15pm

*Thursday 24th March*

Mary 9:00 – 10:30am
Rana 12:30 – 2:15

**Please note that there will be no lasagne or spaghetti until next term. Sorry for any inconvenience.**
FIJIAN CYCLONE DISASTER

As you may be aware the most recent tragic events in the islands of Fiji have devastated the island nation. More than 42 people died when Cyclone Winston hit on the 20th of February, the most powerful storm to make landfall in the southern hemisphere, it smashed their schools, houses, churches, roads and crops. A huge tidal surge, up to four metres high, compounded the losses for many villagers. Incredible tales of survival have emerged from shattered towns and villages on and around Fiji's main island Viti Levu, which are still reeling two weeks after Cyclone Winston struck.

This disaster has brought many in our school community to tears none more than our school counsellor Donna Zander as she feels compassion for her family there. Donna is married to a Fijian, pictured here with her family last Easter on their return home and they plan to return again this Easter on their return home and they plan to return again this Easter to an unrecognisable village to help rebuild homes and lives. Donna is asking for any assistance - donations of clothing can be made to her at the school to take home and/or cash to her husband's Go Fund me fundraising campaign for Save my families village!:

https://de.gofund.me/yfqpqpa4&rcid=91da8edee4ff11e59165bc764e04e5a7

Preliminary damages currently stand at 3.3 million
The number of completely destroyed homes around the country is 7,043

For more info: https://shar.es/1CDVHU or contact Donna directly on 0411 399747

DONNA’S FIJIAN FAMILY

SOME RESCUED BELONGINGS SAVED AFTER THE STORM – THIS IS ALL THEY HAVE LEFT

ALL THAT'S LEFT FROM DONNA’S SISTER-IN-LAW’S HOUSE AFTER CYCLONE WINSTON
SPORTS UNIFORM FOR SALE – all in great condition

- 1 x Pair Sports Shorts Size 14 $15
- 2 x School Bags $10 each

Please see Julie in the General Office

SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SALE:
All items in excellent condition:

- Waterproof jacket with hood (Bottle colour size 6C) $25
- Gold short sleeve polo t-shirt (size 8) $5
- Long sleeve polo shirt (size 10) $10
- Unisex bomber jacket with new school logo (size 10) $25
- Unisex bomber jacket (size 10) $20

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