



Important Dates

Good Friday

Friday 29 March 2024

Easter Sunday

Sunday 31 March 2024

Easter Monday

Monday 1 April 2024

SACPSSA Swimming

Carnival

Tuesday 2 April 2024

Last Day Term 1

Friday 12 April 2024

La Pasquetta

Friday 12 April 2024

Start Term 2

Monday 29 April 2024

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

It has been a very busy and exciting week for students, teachers and families as we settle in to our new building. The buzz on Monday morning was palpable and has continued! It will take some time to get into the rhythms of movement and protocols in and around a new space and I ask for your patience as we navigate this exciting new period on our school story.

Families will most likely have noticed a few unfinished areas of the building and surrounds, as well as a few defects. Given we are now operating in the space, our builders have tapered back their work for a short while. They will attend to most, if not all unfinished business during the holiday break. We are hopeful of everything being fully operational come the beginning of term 2-and that includes some new 'occasional' furniture in the central spaces. Other areas of the school should also come back 'on line' very soon, including the 'bush garden' space. I know our younger students are very much looking forward to this.

Over the next few weeks, remediation works will be undertaken in the old village precinct. This will include removal of transportable buildings, and I remind families to check szapp for a letter from me regarding the logistics of the move of these buildings. Once gone, we will be able to commence works to restore that area to 'green space' again.

I want to acknowledge and sincerely thank Stallard Meek Flightpath Architects – in particular Tim Hastwell and Stavroula Rozaklis; Horizon Constructions – in particular our wonderful site foreman Bryce Thompson and project manager Ben Manetti; and CESA representative De'Arne Matthews for their professional and capable support of this project over a long period of time-especially in dealing with a regularly demanding and stressed principal!! We have been blessed to have such outstanding support in bringing the project to life. An official opening of the new building is still some time away, and we will keep families up to date as this proceeds.

I would also like to acknowledge the generosity of our Federal Government in providing what has been called a "wellbeing boost" for all schools in Australia. We received a grant of approximately \$18000 to be spent on wellbeing initiatives and we have been using that funding to support the implementation of the "grow your Mind" program, as well as providing furniture and resources for our new sensory room – watch that space!

This week, and for the past 40 days, we have been engaging with our faith through a focus on Lent and the events of Holy Week. Easter is a most important season of the Liturgical year and the time when we remember and reflect on the core tenets of our Catholic Christian faith. Our students have been engaged in learning, and in awareness raising about the charitable mission of the church. This week we celebrated the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and the more sombre Stations of the Cross. Once we return from the Easter break, we will celebrate Jesus Resurrection. I encourage all St Francis families to attend Easter services-particularly on Good Friday and Easter Sunday-to engage in this most fundamental aspect of our Christian story. Our parish here at Christ the King will warmly your attendance! More information about Easter services can be found at www.lockleysparish.com

Now we have ourselves settled into our new spaces, our attention will turn to planning for parent-teacher interviews. Over the coming days and weeks, further information will be shared about the process for these important conversations.

God bless.

Phil Schultz.

FROM THE DEPUTY



Our Children
Our Communities
Our Future

Building a national picture of child health

From May 2024, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their <u>first year of full-time school</u>.

The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information.

The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

AEDC data is reported at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their first year of full-time school participating in the collection. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census. I will be sending home information to all current Reception families early next term. Our nominated week for the collection of data is 13-17 May 2024.

To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit: www.aedc.gov.au.

If you have any questions, you can contact me by phone or email.

Happy Easter

Wishing all families a safe and Blessed Easter.

I'm looking forward to seeing all students return for the final weeks of Term 1.

God Bless,

Nives Kresevic

CATHOLIC IDENTITY



HOLY WEEK

Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 24th commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It also begins the week where we follow Jesus' journey of sharing a meal, betrayal, arrest, trial and crucifixion.

The Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, is continued through Good Friday with the celebration of the passion of the Lord on Holy Saturday, reaches its high point in the Easter vigil, and concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday.

The season of Lent ends on Thursday of Holy Week. Then the Church remembers the death and resurrection of Jesus during the Easter Triduum. These three days are the most important time of the Church year.



Holy Week commemorations

During week 9 we will be commemorating the events which took place during Holy Week. The reflections will begin with Palm Sunday Liturgy on Tuesday 26th March in the Quadrangle at 12pm, classroom Last Supper liturgies and Journeying with Stations of the Cross on Thursday.

Lenten Bake for St Vinnies

As part of our Lenten journey, students have been listening to stories about how Caritas has helped communities become self-sufficient through access to clean water, education, housing, and medical care.

The Year 4 students would also like to be of service to those in our community who are in need. Through St Vinnies, the Year 4 students supported the Men's Crisis Centre in the city by baking and making food for the centre.

The students made Apricot balls and Milo balls, Jam Drop biscuits and breakfast bars.



Class Masses and Liturgy of the Word

Term 1

April 3rd Year 3 Christ the King Church at 9:15am

April 10th Year 6 Christ the King Church at 9:15am

NB please check with class teachers for confirmation of Mass times.

Marian Procession Date Claimer - Sunday, 19th May 2024 at 2.00pm

Wishing you Easter blessings

"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die." John 11:25-26

Have a safe and enjoyable break.

God Bless

Angela De Nadai

Assistant Principal: Religious Identity and Mission

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Congratulations to Bella Qualmann, Sophie Koldenhof, Jack Bullen and Felix Bowbridge for making the SAPSASA Airport District Softball teams. Airport girls finishing runners up and the boys going through undefeated to be District Champs.



During Week 6, several students went to the district trials for the Airport Swimming team. Congratulations to Angus Fisher, Stella Vaughan and Isla Sharman who were chosen to represent the Airport team at the SAPSASA State Championships during Week 11. On Tuesday 2nd of April, 18 students from Year 3 – 6 will represent St. Francis at the SACPSSA Swimming Carnival at the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre. Good luck to all students competing.

Congratulations to Sidney Fisher, James McCabe, Evan Cottle, Angus Fisher and Flynn Smitheram for winning their local Tennis competition for the Henley South TC green ball GOLD division.



Reminder nominations for school soccer and football are on the SZapp.

James Goldy Physical Education Teacher





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