We Remember

We are coming into the serious end of Lent, when the story of Jesus’s death and resurrection will be retold and even re-enacted in our churches and our schools. This is a good time to pause and wonder why we do this. As one little boy said, when preparation for the school’s ‘Passion Play’ began, “But we did that one last year!”

We remember not because we have forgotten the story, but rather to remind ourselves that this story of salvation is to have an impact on our lives and we are different people to who we were last year. Ask yourself how you have changed. What have you learnt? What do you need to learn? In the Gospel, we hear stories that, if we allow them, will give light to our hearts and show us how to relate to God.

The Passion Story focuses not so much on Jesus’ suffering, as on the reaction of people to Jesus. As we experience the Passion Story in the coming weeks, we should ask ourselves who do we relate to: the faithful women?, the frightened apostles?, cowardly Peter?, the man forced to carry Jesus’ cross? Most likely we relate to different ones in the different aspects of our lives. As you ‘recognise’ yourself in this year’s remembering, ask Jesus for the wisdom to enter more deeply into the mystery of God’s love in your life.

Loving God, change is such a part of our lives and at times we struggle to make sense of ourselves. As we hear of Jesus’ love through suffering and death, may we learn how to make love the cornerstone of our lives. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all families for restructuring their week yesterday so our staff could participate in the pupil free day. It was a great gathering for all primary teachers in Southern Catholic primary schools. Our staff were able to work collaboratively with their colleagues and hear about the current directions in Catholic education. A highlight of the gathering was the address by our Director, Dr Trish Hindmarsh. Trish’s inspiring words reminded all in attendance about our mission in Catholic Education – to offer a Christ-centred and quality education to all.

This week is an extremely busy one with the teams being actively involved in numerous activities. Our swim team participated in the Huon/Channel Carnival today and our Kinder/Prep students have an excursion planned for tomorrow. Kym Lardner, the well-known and very funny Australian author, entertained all our students today. Please ensure you ask your children about this visit. They had a great time! We have a number of Kym’s books in the library if you would like to borrow some to share with the family.

Parish Mass

Our first Parish Mass for the year is being held this Friday in the Church at 12.00 noon. Thank you to the Grade 3/4 team for organising the Mass. Please feel welcome to join us.

Easter Break

Our break begins on Friday 6th April and we return on Monday 16th April.

Dates for your diaries

Wed 28th March - Assembly 2.20pm
Friday 30th March - Mass 12.00pm
Sunday 1st April - Palm Sunday  - Fun Day @ Geeveston
Assembly
Our fortnightly assembly is being held this Wednesday afternoon. Our Kinders are showcasing their learning at this gathering, which will also see other students rewarded for positive work behaviour.

New ipads
We finally have our new ipads ready to go. It has been quite a learning curve with the ipads as they have taken quite some effort to set up. The Grade 6 students will receive their ipads this week as part of our trial that is looking at how personal devices can enhance student learning. Thank you to Miss Ellice Direen for all her efforts in setting up the ipads.

Palm Sunday Pilgrimage
This week a flyer went home to all families promoting the Palm Sunday Pilgrimage that is happening this Sunday. My family and I are participating in the events that are being held throughout the day and would welcome any other families that would like to join us. We are walking from Bellerive to the city hall where there will be activities for families, including a concert.

Geeveston Family Fun Day
This Sunday there is also a family fun day in Geeveston. There is a range of activities and events for families, particularly for the children. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter.

P&F Easter Raffle
Thanks to the families that have already returned the P&F Easter raffle tickets. If you would like more tickets, please contact the school office. The raffle will be drawn next Wednesday afternoon in the hall.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Miss Sarah Hinchen and Mark Dance who are getting married this Saturday afternoon. Sarah will be on leave from this Friday until after the Easter Break. Miss Hinchen will return after the break as Mrs Dance. All the best Sarah!

Kinder Enrolments
A reminder that our Kinder enrolments are open at the moment. I would like all application packages to be returned asap, so I can contact families for an appointment for a Kinder Interview. The Kinder interviews will be held in mid-April. Hopefully all current school families who have a Kinder child for 2013 have picked up an enrolment pack already.

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal

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WGM
Jack Halton – Writing some fabulous letters on his whiteboard.
Denver Chase – Doing a brilliant job with his writing, especially his weekend news.
Prue Kennedy – Always putting her best effort into everything.
Gabby Seabrook – Always sitting and listening beautifully.
Brooke Short – Always being ready to listen.
Jake Dowling – Excellent listening.
Riley Griggs – Showing responsibility in his role as library monitor.
Will Tinker – Fantastic contribution to class brain-storming activity.
Fraser Johns – Your great contributions during class discussions.
Sophie Buick – Your persistence in everything you do.
Mollie Riley – Great work adding ten to 2-digit numbers.
Reece Norris – Working hard on his ‘letters and sounds’ work.
Bridie Pepper – Listening during all activities.
Jayden Gane – Showing leadership skills in the playground.
Ben Stride – Always making positive contributions in class discussions.
Sarah Duggan – Always improving her abilities in all areas of the curriculum.
Shayla Ackerley – Using a variety of strategies in maths. Great Work!

Junior Joey’s
Chelsea Ballard – Being thoughtful to staff members.
Elyse Rowe – Being a positive and helpful friend.
Nic Paul – Assisting with school grounds and showing leadership when we had visitors from another school.
Emily Sedgman – Always looking out for others without looking for praise.
Nathan McQueen – For being a respectful classmate.
Willis Short – Being a super bus buddy.

WGM
Brooke Short – Holding the door for others.
Tim Mitchell – For packing up other peoples sport equipment without being asked.
Willis Short – Being an awesome help.
Tommy Wall – Excellent packing up.
Philip Nichols – Encouraging other students.
Sophie Riley – For picking up rubbish.
Sophie Lovell – For helping out younger students in the playground.
Jayden Gane – For being welcoming.

EASTERN CEREMONIES 2012
Mass of the Oils
Tuesday 3 April: 7.00pm St Mary’s Cathedral, Hobart

Ecumenical Service Huon Valley Churches
Wednesday 4 April: 6.30pm St James Anglican Church Shared Meal and Prayer.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s supper with the washing of feet
Thursday 5 April: 7.30pm St Mary’s Franklin

Good Friday:
6 April: Stations of the Cross: Dover 10.00am and Geeveston Noon.
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion: Cygnet 3.00pm

Holy Saturday
7 April: 10.00am Ranelagh Prayer of the Church
Easter Vigil
Saturday 7 April: Cygnet 6.00pm, commencing with the Easter Fire.

Easter Sunday
8 April: Franklin 9.30am
CCT ANNUAL FOOTY POINTS TICKETS

Round One winner was The McQueen Family with number 63
Tickets will come home for 2 weeks to cover Easter break.
It’s not too late to join in just fill in the below and return to school by 4th April, with money.

Name: ..............................................................

Send tickets home with .................................. in Grade .........

Season ticket = $26 please enclose with the above.
OR
I would like to purchase a ticket in this weeks game:

Round Two – Brisbane Lions V Carlton Thursday 5th April

............... @ $1 each ...............

Round Three – Carlton V Collingwood – Friday 13th April

...............@ $1 each ...............

If you have any questions please ring.

Thanks

Fiona and Trish
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