Easter Bunnies and Easter People

The time of the Easter bunnies and chocolate over-indulgence is upon us! I’m not going to knock that. It does make Easter special and trying to grasp what Easter really is about is no mean feat. When Jesus rises from the dead, God is not saying that ‘everything is alright now,’ as though Jesus has kissed everything better when he died. In a very real sense, sin, pain, difficulties and challenges are still around and within us. So what has happened? Jesus in his dying and rising has really changed reality, has overcome sin and offers eternal life, and wants to transform the world – but it is through us and through each of our individual lives. You and me, even if we think we are not very important at all.

How can we do this? By being kind with no expectation of return, by forgiving even when people don’t deserve it (knowing that forgiveness isn’t the same as putting up with abuse), by trying to act positively even in bleak situations, by hoping for change when nothing seems to be happening. In short, the power of “Easter” is to transform the lead of our lives into the gold of God’s grace.

Loving Father, send us your Spirit that we may know how to let the new life of Jesus shine in our lives. We ask this in his name, confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Parents,

I was fortunate enough over the weekend to participate in two special events. On Saturday I joined eighty other people at a sustainability conference at St Virgil’s College. It was inspiring to see what great programs are offered in schools around Australia in regards to sustainability. This is definitely an area I would like to explore further when we commence our new School Improvement Plan. On Sunday my family and I participated in the Palm Sunday Pilgrimage from Bellerive to the Hobart City Hall with hundreds of other members of the Catholic community. A great way to commence Holy Week!

This week our teams have prepared a prayer service to mark the important events of Holy Week. Please feel free to join us for these special gatherings:

Tuesday – Palm Sunday Prayer Service (Kinder/Prep) at 2.00pm
Wednesday – Holy Thursday Prayer Service(1/2 Team) at 2.10pm
Thursday – Good Friday Prayer Service (5/6 Team) at 9.10am

Project Compassion

Congratulations to our Junior Joey group for running such a fun and entertaining event last Thursday afternoon. I am very proud to announce that the concert raised around $600. This money will be added to the amounts that come back from families in the Project Compassion boxes and then given to Fr Greg so it can be added to the Paris contributions. Can all Project Compassion box please be returned by this Wednesday.

Dates for your diaries

6th April - Good Friday
16th April - Students return from holidays
23rd April - Playgroup 9.30am - 11.00am
25th April - ANZAC Day
ICT Agreement Forms
Unfortunately just under half of our students had not returned their ICT Agreement forms. Our office staff resent the forms to students that had not returned them early last week. Students that have not returned the forms after the Easter break will unfortunately be unable to use the range of digital technologies that we have in each team.

Grade 6 ipad Trial
Our Grade 6 students received their ipads last Friday. An ipad Trial Agreement form went late last week with the students. Unfortunately we made a small error with these and sent home the draft letter rather than the finalised one. Due to the generosity of the P&F parents are not required to contribute funds to the trial. The P&F paid for the itunes cards and the new covers. Sorry for the confusion.

Eddie Rice Camps
Please don’t panic if you see lots of activity on the school site over the Easter Break. Eddie Rice Camps are using our school grounds to hold an Easter camp for around 30 children. Eddie Rice Camps are an organization that gives children an opportunity to experience the great outdoors who might not normally get a chance. I was heavily involved in the Eddie Rice movement many years ago.

Welcome
This week we welcomed Aston Fletcher and his family to our school community. Aston will be joining Mrs Moorcroft in our Prep Team.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Miss Hinchen who was married on the weekend. Mrs Dance will return after the Easter Break. Miss Caitlin Rice will be in the 5/6 team this week with Miss Longey.

At the Parish Easter Vigil Mass at St James Church this Saturday evening, Mr Stuart Grey is being welcomed into the Catholic Church. Stuart has been preparing for many months for this special occasion.

Easter Mass Times
The times for Holy Week celebrations in the Parish are included in the newsletter this week. Fr Greg would love to see some of our families at these gatherings.

Parent/Teacher return slips
Last week a letter went home to all families (Prep – 6) regarding our Parent/Teacher interviews that we are holding after the Easter Break. Please ensure these forms are returned to your child’s class teacher by the end of this week. Parents will be informed of appointment times after the Easter Break.

Kinder Enrolments
We need all Kinder applications to be returned to the school office asap. I am hoping to contact families to organise a meeting with families and the children in mid-April.

Playgroup
Our Playgroup is starting up after Easter. Playgroup is facilitated by parents in the school and is held every Monday morning form 9.30am to 11.00am in the Kinder learning space. All families are welcome!

I would like to wish all families a peaceful and safe Easter. I will be attending two days of professional learning after Easter break with members of our school leadership team (Mon 16th & Tues 17th April). The two days are part of our commitment to being a Positive Behaviour School.

Have a great week

Stuart Kelly
Principal

The Junior Joey’s group would like to thank all those who made the Talent Show so successful: the performers, the audience, and all those who contributed to the prizes and to the food stall.

You’ll be pleased to hear that we raised over $600.00 or Project Compassion.
We are very grateful to all our supporters.
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Merits
Callum Ballard – Following Mr Grey’s instructions and finishing his tasks. Well done Callum.
   - Enthusiastic attitude to tasks and sharing his reading ability with his teachers.
Harrison Johns – Great Sentence writing during letters and sounds.
Ila Usuga – Being focused on all of her studies.
Sienna Greene – Leading prep in our Palm Sunday soon rehearsals.
Angelina Bobbett – Always using her magnificent manners so well.
Elke Nelson-Bletz – Sharing her ideas with the class.
Campbell Scanlan – Following instructions and sitting on the mat when asked.
Will Gordon- Successfully completing some challenging learning tasks.
Maireade Brennan – Your patience and willingness to work with others.
Jack McQueen – Being a great partner during the maths challenges.
Sebastian Ransom – Being a great partner during the maths challenges.
Sophie Lovell – Being a shining light of school spirit and a great role model to all.
Nathan McQueen – Being an encouraging leader at the swimming carnival.
Maddy Sales – Being a great leader in her group for the stations of the cross work.
Laimon Oates – His positive attitude both in the classroom and in the playground.

Junior Joey’s
Shannan Doyle – For improving his good work in class.
Bailey Reeve – Showing great charity and helpfulness for those in need.
Olivia Riley – For giving a helping hand when people need it.
Maiha Campagna – For being kind and friendly, to little kids by helping them when needed.
Emily Sedgman & Lilijana Bobbett – Helping people when needed.
Sarah Duggan – Helping others when they fall down or don’t have anyone to play with.

WGMS
Connor – Positively playing with others.
Tiahn Abbott – Collecting balls after lunch.
Ben M – Playing nicely with others.
Beau Swanson – Using polite manners towards guests.
Jack H – Playing nicely with others.
Olivia Peatling – Helping the Preps play nicely.

EASTER 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 week’s 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
0427 560 151 (Fiona)

Kerrandie Junior Football Club
Due to Good Friday, training will now commence at the Oval 4pm Thursday April 5th.
We all wish everyone a HAPPY EASTER!

Huon Valley Soccer Club senior teams have commenced playing the 2012 winter season.
Junior / youth games are on Saturdays; with Under 19 already started 31/3, Under 14 starting 14/4 & Under 6-12 starting 21/4.

Players must be registered before being eligible to play.

Training is held from 3:30pm on Thursday nights at the grounds in Huonville; including this Thursday 5th April.

Come along to have fun with friends, learn new skills, be active and stay healthy.

Regards,
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