



23rd April 2015 Term 2 No.1

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2! Although we have had a very wet start to the new term the children's spirits are high and from all accounts they seem to be pleased to be back at school with their teachers and friends.

ANZAC DAY

Last year I had the honour of travelling with a group of principals and system leaders on a pilgrimage to Greece, Turkey and Italy, following the footsteps of St Paul the Apostle. One of the highlights of the tour was our visit to Anzac Cove in Turkey.

Many of you have undoubtedly seen recent TV documentaries honouring our ANZAC heroes, on this the 100 year anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli in 1915. You would have learned of the soldiers' courage and hardships and their sense of mateship and love of their king and country. Like all recounts of war, the stories are extremely sad as we remember that these very brave men were often just teenagers or young adults, the same age as some of your children or family members. All were volunteers and many having no previous military experience. What I find so interesting is that true to the makeup of modern Australia, many of our ANZACS came from countries all around the world or had parents who migrated to Australia. In fact it is estimated that 30 per cent of Anzac soldiers were born overseas. Some of these countries included: England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, China, Lebanon, Philippines, Malaysia, Greece, South Africa, Denmark, Norway, Russia, Italy, Malta, Germany, Switzerland, New Zealand, India, France and Sweden, There are probably other members of our Australian community that have Anzac connections that we do not know about. It is also very worthy of note that 1,300 Indigenous Australians managed to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF), although the Commonwealth Defense Act of 1909 prevented them from entering military service legitimately.

Let us remember some of our multicultural Anzacs as we prepare for Anzac Day, 25th April, 2015



- **Sicily/Ireland** Jack Vincent Corigliano c. 1911-13. Jack was eldest son of Sicilian born Father and Irish born mother. By the time he retired Jack had given almost 37 years of his life to naval service. Brother Charles enlisted in the Royal Australian Navy and brothers, Maurice and Peter enlisted in the AIF in 1915.

- **Greece** Greek born Sergeant Nicholas Rodakis enlisted in the AIF in 1916. Nicholas died at the age of 83 in 1961

The Distinguished Service Cross was presented to Nicholas Rodakis, Sergeant, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918, while attached to Machine gun Company, 105th U.S. Infantry, 27th Division, A.E.F. Organizing troops from different units, Sergeant Rodakis exhibited great bravery and dash in leading them into effective combat, inspiring all by his courage and fearlessness.



- **Germany/Holland** Victoria Christensen was the daughter of German born mother and Dutch born father. Victoria enlisted in the Australian Army Nursing Service in 1915 and served in hospitals in England and Bombay, India. She had 3 brothers that also enlisted.



Lebanon Private Vincent Mahboub was just a baby when his parents brought him and his older sister to Australia in the 1900 from the Ottoman province of Syria. He joined the 4th Battalion in 1918. He was just 18 when he was tragically killed after only a week on the front line.

The following text from the publication “Ancestry: Stories of multicultural Anzacs” pg3 sums up the importance being part of the Australian Forces was to these men.

Australians from all kinds of background served together during the Great War. For many, wartime service gave them the equality that was not available to them in Australian Society either before or after the war. They became mates serving alongside each other, wearing the same uniform, and experiencing the same conditions and hardships

This Saturday let us all celebrate the Anzac story of service and sacrifice that unites all Australians. Let us pray for all the soldiers who have lost their lives in service of their country. Let us continue to pray that we will look for peaceful ways to solve our differences in honour of the men and women who have fought and who are currently serving in campaigns around the world.

Lest We Forget

God Bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri
Principal



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.



Student of the week is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding application across any Key Learning area



st patrick's award

The St Patrick's award is given to the child who lives their life through Faith in Action



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:

Takeshi Liu, Joseph Romanos, Kalysta Livia Maharani, Pauline Said, Ivanka Markovic, Sienna Volante, Crystal Mkdissi, Antonia Behan, Mikaela Barrientos Salazar, Jethro Cauan



WORKING BEE

Sean McIntosh is currently organizing our first working bee. This will take place in Term 2.

3L	Zoe Borger
3T	Daniel Moussa
4B	Priscilla Nimmo
4G	Raymond Wehbe
5C	Chanel Achie
5T	Joshua Rizk
6P	James Moses
6W	Jordan Moubarak

3L	Eddie Batti
3T	Jessica Wehbe
4B	Natalia Gebrael
4G	Sara-Marie Wakim
5C	Kristiana Stevanja
5T	Kaitlyn Chiha
6P	Francesca Davino
6W	Erin Bautista

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY FOR ANZAC DAY Friday 24th April - 2.00pm start

On Friday 24th April Year 5 will be leading the Primary Assembly. At 2.30 the primary children will be joined by the infants so that they can participate in a special ANZAC Day presentation in the lead up to Anzac Day on Saturday, 25th April. To accommodate this special item we will be commencing the assembly at **2.00pm**. All parents are most welcome.

SIGNS REQUIRED FOR CAR PICK UP PLEASE

Dear Parents,

Over the last few days I have been observing the school pick up procedure in the afternoon. As always thank you to the parents who follow the road rules and follow the direction from staff, who in this case were out in the cold, wet, windy weather. Thank you also to the children who are beginning to come down from their classroom quickly.

May I remind all adults, who are picking up children in the afternoon using the drive through that it important to have a sign clearly marked with the children's names including the surname. I noticed that during wet weather it is very difficult for the teachers to see the faces of the drivers through the windscreen thus hindering the smooth movement of the system. If you need any assistance in organising this sign please see the school office.

Bernadette Fabri

Numeracy Workshop for Parents of K-2

Early next term the Numeracy Team would like to offer a Numeracy workshop for parents of K-2 students. This workshop will take the format of some input from the team around current practice for teaching mathematics and suggestions for homework followed by a variety of hands on activities. More details to follow next term.

Date: Tuesday 28th April
 Time: 7:00pm
 Venue: School Library

OUR LIVING FAITH

On Monday Year Six used scripture and song to present a reflection on the great feast of Easter. They reminded us of the joy of that first Easter morning and of the hope and promise of resurrection for all of us.

This theme was echoed on Tuesday as students and staff braved the dismal weather to wear yellow and support Caritas, particularly in its work reaching out those struck by disasters. The people of Vanuatu were in our thoughts and prayers.

We are all called by baptism to be Christ to others. Year Six did this by sharing God's Word with us and our school community responded in a practical way by raising \$457.20 for Caritas.

Towards the end of the newsletter is a letter of thanks from the Director of Education in Rockhampton, thanking St Patrick's the generous donation we made to their cyclone appeal. We continue to pray for them as they repair the damage, both physical and psychological.

WORLD YOUTH DAY ICE BLOCK THANK YOU

A very loyal band of mothers have sold ice-blocks through 1st Term and even braved the terrible weather last Tuesday to make sure our WYD fund raiser continued.



Heartfelt thanks go to Mrs Rahme, Mrs Romanos, Mrs Sabat, Mrs Medak, Mrs Macadangdang and Mrs Gittany. Thanks to them and the support of their customers we are on the way to achieving our WYD target of \$6 000.

PARISH BASED CONFIRMATION

If your child has received First Eucharist and turns 10 by the end of June, he/she is able to prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Children who have participated in the St Patrick's Parish based program for First Eucharist need only to notify the Parish Office as their paperwork is up to date.

If your child has prepared for First Eucharist in another parish, you will need to collect the form from the school office and return it to Sr Susan at the Parish office.

If you have any questions please contact Sr Susan on **8839 8460**

ALL ENROLMENTS CLOSE ON JUNE 30, 2015.

First Reconciliation Omission

Congratulations to Aaron Neroy and Sienna Volante who made their first Reconciliation with other students from St Patrick's last term. I am sorry for the oversight.

Judith Kerr REC

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Date: 1st May, 2015
Uniform: SUMMER UNIFORM
Payment: Can now be done
online, cash or cheque in envelope



To make an online payment go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter our online code of MKW J3F KMB, no need to return the envelope to the school. An email will be sent as confirmation, ensure you keep this for your records.

Sibling photos can be ordered online or an envelope can be collected from the school office

WINTER UNIFORM CHANGE OVER

Official date for winter uniform changeover is **Monday 4th May, 2015 (Term 2 week 3).**

Please use your own discretion regarding the need for winter uniform before this date.



sub tuum praesidium

Our **VISION** is to be a child centred faith community within an innovative, interactive learning environment.

Our **MISSION** is to –

Live out the Gospel Values in a visibly Catholic tradition

Nurture students for Christian Leadership

Create a range of learning experiences which allow children to progress at their own level

Assist our students to develop into independent thinkers with a deep sense of responsibility and justice

Lead each individual towards reaching his/her potential

Generate a sense of community and compassion in which all experience belonging.

Opportunity for all

**MASS TIMETABLE FOR
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
PARRAMATTA**

Weekend Masses

Saturday 8.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8.00am,
9.30am (Family)
11.00am (Solemn)
6.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday 6.45am, 12.30pm
Public Holidays 8.00am

Pastoral Team

Fr Peter Williams elected Diocesan Administrator
Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan
Rev Fr Steven Hyun
Rev Fr Michael Gitau
Rev Robertus Kim
Sr Susan Ward rsj

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TERM TWO – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week One

Friday 24th April Whole School Assembly—Yr 5 2 pm
Anzac Assembly

Week Two

Tuesday 28th April Numeracy Workshop for Parents of K– 2
7.00pm
Friday 1st May School Photos—SUMMER UNIFORM
No assembly

Week Three

Monday 4th May Winter Uniform changeover
Tuesday 5th May Diocesan Cross Country
Wednesday 6th May Mother's Day Stall
Nursing Home visit—Year 4
Thursday 7th May Mother's Day Mass & Morning Tea
(Details to be confirmed)
Friday 8th May Infants Assembly—Yr 1 2.15pm

Week Four

Tuesday 12th May Naplan—Language/writing
Wednesday 13th May Naplan—Reading
Thursday 14th May Naplan—Numeracy
Friday 15th May Primary Assembly—Yr 6 2.15pm

Week Five

Tuesday 19th May ICAS—Computer Skills—7.50am
Friday 15th May Infants Assembly—Yr 2 2.15pm

Staff Development Day Term 2

Term 2—Staff development day will be on Tuesday 9th June. Children do not attend school on this day.

KINDERGARTEN INTERVIEWS 2016

Enrolment interviews for Kindergarten 2016 will commence shortly. Interviews are scheduled with new families first and will then include siblings. Kindergarten interviews will be undertaken all of Term 2. **Mrs Nutter will be contacting families to book in a time over the next three weeks.**

The Parent Calendar is now available under events on the Skoolbag app. From the home screen go into events and all Term 1 events are available to view. Should you have any issues please contact the office who can guide you through it.

SNEEK PEEK

Mother's Day 2015



Flashing Cup \$4.00



Fluffy Bed Socks \$3.00



LED Heart Keychain \$2.00



Pedicure Set \$3.00



Glow in the Dark Torch

\$3.00



Compressed Face Towel \$2.00





Catholic Education

Diocese of Rockhampton

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Dear Bernadette

They say that in times of adversity you find out who your true friends are. If the generosity shown by people in assisting our schools and families in recovering from the recent cyclone is any indication, then Catholic Education in the Diocese of Rockhampton has many true friends indeed.

On behalf of Catholic Education – Diocese of Rockhampton, I would very much like to express my deepest appreciation to you for your most generous support to assist our school communities in Rockhampton, Yeppoon, Monto and Biloela to recover from the severe damage caused by the recent cyclone.

Your direct financial support has helped our school communities to get back up and running after the heartbreak suffered as a consequence of Cyclone Marcia.

This assistance and support came from other Catholic School communities within Queensland, from interstate and from all sections of the wider community and the words “thank you” can never hope to express adequately our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the support that we were given.

Although our schools and colleges through such great support have been able to return to something approaching “normal service”, I am very conscious that some families within our school communities lost possessions and for them the hardship and disruption to their lives continues as they will not be able to return to their homes for many months.

We gifted your donation to individual families in Rockhampton, Yeppoon, Monto and Biloela. People have been deeply touched and so grateful for the funds that you provided to us.

Thank you again sincerely for your support of our schools and colleges when we needed it the most. If ever the need arises, please know you can count on the absolute support of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Rockhampton.

Yours sincerely

Leesa M Jeffcoat AM
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2/4/2015



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POST SEPARATION RECOVERY PROGRAM- SPRINGWOOD

CCSS Solo Parent Services is offering its seven week Post Separation Recovery Program for the first time at Springwood, commencing on **Wed 6th May**.

Time: 7.30pm – 9.45pm.

Venue: Presbyterian Church Hall, 150 Macquarie Rd, Springwood.

Registration essential . For further details contact Eileen or Rita on 9933 0205 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

MARRIAGE ANNULMENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Each year CCSS Solo Parent Services present an Information Session to help people understand the process of Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church. The evening is open to anyone who is interested. **Venue:** Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd Orchard Hills **Date:** Tues 5th May **Time:** 7.30pm – 9.30pm. **Cost:** \$7.00. **Registration:** Rita or Eileen. PH: 9933 0205 or

Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

COWBOY'S (OR GIRL'S) PIZZA IN A HURRY RECIPE



Serves: 2 |Preparation time: 10 minutes |Cooking time: 7 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 medium potato, sliced
- 1 tbs water
- 2 ripe tomatoes, chopped
- ½ green capsicum, seeded and diced
- 4 black olives, pitted and quartered
- ¼ cup grated Mozzarella cheese

Method

Lay potato on a round microwave-safe plate. Sprinkle with water, cover with cling film and microwave on HIGH (100%) for 5-6 minutes or until tender. Drain well on paper towels. Overlap potato slices on a plate to form a pizza base. Cover with tomato, capsicum and olives, sprinkle with cheese and microwave on HIGH (100%) for 3-4 minutes until heated through and cheese has melted.

Women's Spirituality Night

'Discovering the Spirituality of the Magnificat'

When
Where
Speaker

Thursday, April 30 at 7pm
St Patrick's Cathedral Hall
Sr Isabella Naumann

Come and join with other women as we reflect on the Spirituality of Mary's Magnificat.

Please RSVP admin@stpatricks cathedral.com.au or 8839 8400