

Important Dates

Pupil Free Day

Monday 2 May

Term 2 Begins

Tuesday 3 May

13.04.22

From the Principal

Dear Families

Here we are at the end of term one in a blink of an eye!

As a school, this week, we have been focussing on Holy Week. This is a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast.

Holy Week is the week which precedes the great festival of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, and which consequently is used to commemorate the Passion of Christ and the events which immediately led up to it.

The children have been involved in daily liturgies that have been faith filled experiences at the children's level. Students have designed a modern interpretation of the Stations of the Cross, that have been placed around the school, for classes to visit and reflect on.

NEXT TERM WE HAVE A NUMBER OF STAFF CHANGES

Returning from Long Service Leave are Stella Foley and Kristen Victory.

We are also pleased to announce that Jhovana Fenu will continue to work with us next term for two days a week.

Matt Perry will be an Acting Principal next term and we wish him all the best.

Georgia Burbrook will be busy having her baby.

NARELLE SANDERCOCK - ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Narelle is a teacher at Cabra College and has held the following key leadership responsibilities:

- Pastoral Care Coordinator and House Fellowship Program
- Student Wellbeing and Academic Success
- Leadership of House Activities (assemblies, liturgies, awards, sports day)

and Pastoral Care Teachers in Boylan House

YEAR 1 - LAUREN ROMEO

Lauren comes with a wealth of experience having taught for a number of years in Victoria. Lauren has been working in our school over the last 6 months replacing teachers when they have been sick. Lauren will be replacing Georgia on Fridays in 1MB.

PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY MAY 2nd

As you know CESA has declared this day as pupil free day to prepare for the possibility of remote learning and to prepare for term 2. We look forward to seeing students return to school on the Tuesday.

BOARD TALK

At last month's School Board meeting we discussed the AGM, coming up on May 30th, please see our newsletter in week 1, next term

for all the information. A Covid update was given but it is amazing how quickly things change. I am sure I will have a Community Release just before school returns for term 2. The School Board has approved an increase in Vacation Care Fees which will come into effect for the July School holidays (\$65/day).

May I wish you and your family a very happy and spiritual Easter.

Damian Weeks

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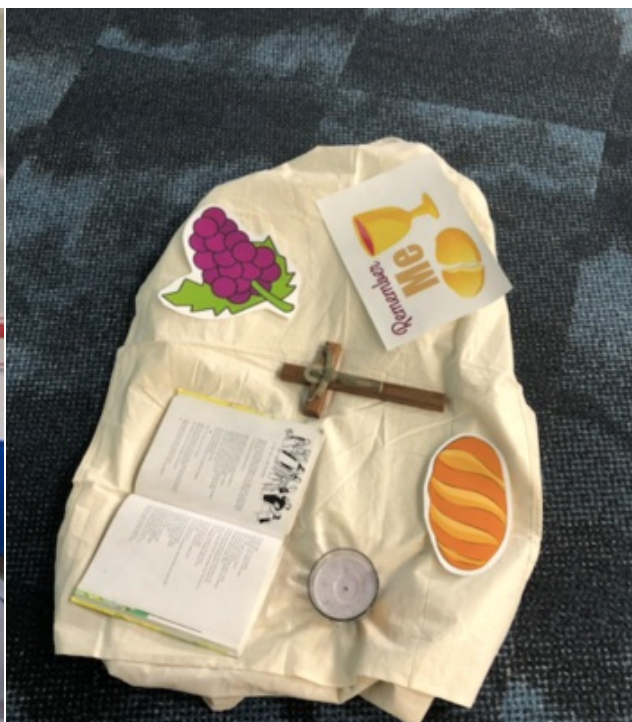
Palm Sunday

During Lent, we have been preparing our hearts and minds to celebrate Easter at Star of the Sea school. On Monday we joined Christ as he entered Jerusalem. Students joined in a class Liturgy to remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem where crowds waved palm branches as a sign of respect. They shouted 'Hosanna!' meaning "save us."



Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday is the day we commemorate the Lord's Last Supper. On Tuesday we came together in Liturgy to remember Jesus as he gathered with his disciples and washed their feet as a sign of service. During the meal Jesus took bread and wine and shared them with his disciples. This became the very first Eucharist.



Good Friday

Good Friday is the day our Church remembers the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus. On Wednesday we prayerfully remembered the sacred story of his death on the cross. Jesus lived, died, and rose to help us understand more about our Lord.



Scriptural Way of the Cross

This year we followed the stations of the cross based on those introduced by Pope John Paul II on Good Friday 1991. They invite us to reflect more deeply on the Scriptural accounts of Christ's passion.

With this in mind, our students supported by their teachers designed an artifact to represent their nominated station. In addition, they

wrote a provocation for us to reflect on what that station means for us. Below is the list of provocations. This is an example of students being agents in their learning:

Father Peter visited our school and walked the Scriptural Way of the Cross. He was truly humbled by the experience and admired your way teachers captured students thoughts and ideas in a creative and prayerful way.

S1: 6M: "What is happening in our world that we need to keep our eyes open to?"

S2: 6KS: How might we do more to stand together and see the face of God within each person?

S3: 6SS: "Have you ever told someone something, but they haven't believed you? How has that made you feel?"

S4: 5P: Jesus, how can we find the courage to stand up when something is not right?

S5: 5T: How can we find the courage to speak up when people are treated unfairly?

S6: 4LF: How do we stand up for others?

S7: 4EL: Do you always get your way? Do you do what you don't want to without complaining?"

S8: 4F: Have you gone to someone that you didn't want to help but you still helped them?

S9: 3G: Think about who your protectors are. Who are they and why?

Can we be protectors of this world?

S10: 3R: What is forgiveness?

How do we show forgiveness?

What does forgiveness sound like?

What does forgiveness look like?

S11: 3S: What did you learn about the people (thieves) in this story?

There were two different views/responses to Jesus. What were the differences?

The choices are the same choices each of us make every day (to believe or not to believe) How are we like one or the other?

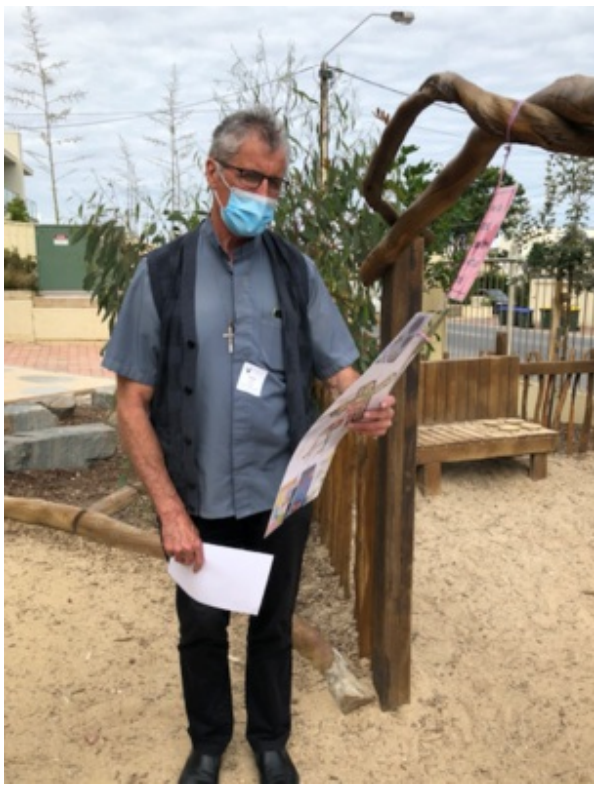
Do you believe in the promise made by Jesus?

S12: Year 2: Think of a time that something sad has happened in your life. How have others shown you comfort and love? How do we welcome and show inclusivity to others?

S13: Year 1: Did you ever feel that you wanted to make something better and if you had tried harder it would have been possible? Think of a time like that, then show Jesus your heart.

You can ask Jesus to help your heart be more like his heart and change things for the better.

S14: Reception: How can we open our hearts to let God's love shine through?



Star Outreach Parent Retreat

On Friday April 1st parents from our school community gathered for a Lenten Reflection in the Sacred Garden at the Glen Osmond Monastery. We visited each of the 14 Carrara marble sculptures depicting the Stations of the Cross and deeply reflected what each station means for us. A sincere thank you to Vania Dotto for organising the prayerful event.



Project Compassion

Thank you, Star of the Sea community, for your generous donation to Project Compassion. The funds raised will support people who are facing poverty and injustice in some of the most vulnerable communities in the world.

We thank Sienna Damjanovic (4F) who donated all the money in her piggy bank to Project Compassion. Sienna, you have the capabilities to live, learn and lead. Your generous action promotes the common good by thinking of those in need.



The Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2022

We wish the students who are receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation next term every blessing. Please note the following:

PARENT ENROLMENT AND INFORMATION EVENING: Wednesday 4 MAY, 7.00pm at OLSH Church. (This is WEEK 1 of the Second Term) Your attendance is Compulsory for this meeting, your child is not expected to attend this.

The Dates for celebrating the Sacrament are:

- Monday 20 June 6.00pm
- Tuesday 21 June 6.00pm
- Thursday 23 June 6.00pm

If you have any further questions regarding the Sacrament of First Reconciliation please email Stella Foley on:
sfoley@star.catholic.edu.au

Thank you

A sincere and heartfelt **thank you** for having me serve you as APRIM this term. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you

and your school community. I wish you all a blessed Easter as we celebrate the joy of new life in Jesus' resurrection.

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