Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory!

Yesterday Holy Week commenced with the celebration of Palm (Passion) Sunday. Holy Week is a solemn time when we remember Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, followed by his persecution, crucifixion and resurrection. Unlike the busyness that leads up to Christmas, Holy Week is a time for prayer and reflection in preparation of the paschal mystery which is at the centre of our Catholic faith. As we draw closer to Easter, the children will gather for the Stations of the Cross at 2.45pm in the church. All families are invited to attend.

Our value focus for the week is RESILIENCE.

Dear Parents and Students,

A big thank you for the fantastic support of our open air cinema night on Friday! Despite a few drops of rain just before the movie starting the weather held off to allow us to have a wonderful time together as a school community. The night was organised by the Parents and Friends Association, and I take this opportunity to thank all those involved planning, preparing and helping on the night. I would also like to thank the local businesses who supported the event through sponsorship. What a success!

At the start of next term we will begin the transition from summer to winter uniform. This usually takes the first two weeks of term, however we will adjust accordingly if the weather is warm. Hats are expected to be worn at all times during the uniform transition.

This Thursday is the school cross country at the Knob Reserve and all students are expected to participate. A reminder to pack an extra drink bottle for the day. Please complete the permission note attached to the newsletter. Full details of the event and a permission note are included in the newsletter.

A working bee is being scheduled for Sunday 14th April from 2.30pm. There are a few maintenance projects that require addressing that includes the installation of goal posts on the oval. Please mark this in your diary if you are able to attend.

Please note Term 1 finishes this Thursday 28th March at 2.30pm. The change of finishing time has come in response to parent requests for the finishing time to be in line with bus services on the day. Please note there will be a short assembly at 2.00pm on this day.

Wishing everyone a fantastic week, and happy, holy and restful Easter.

Nick

PROJECT COMPASSION WEEK 6

When Rollen was in year 10 of high school, she met Sister Maryanne, Director of Mercy Works (Goroka/Mt Hagen) in Papua New Guinea. A project of the Sisters of Mercy and supported by Mercy Works (Australia) and Caritas Australia, this group supports vulnerable people, particularly those aged 15 to 25 years. Together they spoke about problems affecting PNG youth such as poverty, unemployment, HIV/AIDS, addiction, high child and maternal mortality rates, law and order issues, and low rates of children accessing education. Growing up in Kerenga, a small village in the Bena district, Eastern Highlands Province, Rollen always felt “useless and hopeless”. Every day, she would look after the goats, care for the vegetable garden and do the housework, but she desperately wanted more. One day, while looking at her blistered hands, Rollen, then 17, decided she was going to start school. The next day she did, and after completing grades 7 and 8, she then completed Grade 9. The following year, on World Youth Day, she volunteered to plant trees for Mercy Works. This was her first contact with the organisation. They taught her microfinance, so her family could earn an income and assisted her with further schooling and studies. After completing work experience, Rollen now 24, works in a hotel in Port Moresby.

With a humble heart I would like to acknowledge Mercy Works for their support, encouragement and advice. Thank you to the Australian people too for supporting Caritas and Mercy Works.”

Rollen
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Jackson A & James G for 200 magic words.

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Allanah W for excellent story writing.

Year 2/3: Benjamin L for excellent work in maths.

Year 4/5: Emily D & Abigail C for writing an article about St Patrick’s Day for the Town Crier.
Chloe R for making her First Reconciliation. Congratulations!

Year 5/6: Hannah P, Lani A, Lachlan S for great work with fractions.

SCHOOL FEES

Due dates for payments are:
1st Instalment due by 23rd April 2012
2nd Instalment due by 23rd July 2012
3rd Instalment due by 15th October 2012

We offer a range of payment options including credit card, direct payment, cash and cheques.
Please see the office staff if you have any concerns regarding your fees. If paying by cash, please have correct money.
Thank-you

PE/SPORT DAYS
Sports uniform to be worn on Monday and Friday for all classes.

STUDENT AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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CROSS COUNTRY

Just a reminder that Cross Country is this Thursday. As always it is a great day for students to finish off the term.

A permission slip is attached to the newsletter. Please make sure this is filled in and handed to your child’s teacher by Wednesday 27th March.

For these days to run successfully we do need parent helpers to assist on the course while students are running. If you are able to help can you please be at the Knob by 10.00am.
Once students begin running, we do stop all traffic coming into and out of the Knob as students run on the road, please be mindful of this if you are coming to support the children.

Janelle Stothers
Sports/PE Co-ordinator

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to these students celebrating their birthdays on the holidays:

Caleb L, Chloe R, Elise N & Kayd R.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop will be held this Wednesday 27th March.
CONGRATULATIONS
Well done to Zoe R, Lila C, Isabelle C, Leyla B, Sarah D, Dane N, Ella-Rose S, Aimee T and Ruby R who ran a very successful fundraiser for the HEYFIELD & DISTRICT BUSHFIRE APPEAL. They raised an amazing $314.20.

MUSICAL NEWS
Already I am planning the school musical, and once again I am asking for our school community to become involved in the process of bringing this together. If you would like to help out in anyway please let me know. We need people to make costumes which is always a huge task and you don’t have to be a sewer to help out. If you would like to help in the dance routine process I would be very happy for your input, setting up the hall we need muscle power. Back stage helpers and other tasks. The children always enjoy and gain valuable skills from participating in the musicals.

Anita

LOST PROPERTY
Please check the lost property tub in the Multi Purpose Room if you are missing any items of uniform.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
If any parents would like to get involved and help out with the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion for our school, please contact the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

AUSKICK 2013
Stratford Football Oval
Thursday 25th April 2013 at 5.30pm
Please register online
Any enquiries please contact Luke Clohesy Ph: 0417 710 099
St Mary’s Cathedral Parish, Sale
Lenten Reconciliation and Holy Week Timetable

Holy Week:

Monday 25th March,
St Mary’s Cathedral Sale 11.00am Mass

Tuesday 26th March,
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale 11.00am. Mass of the Holy Oils
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale – Parish 2nd Rite of Reconciliation (4 Priests)

Wednesday 27th March
Ashleigh House – 10am Mass
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. 11.00am Mass
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. 7.00pm-7.30pm. Reconciliation
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. 7.30pm. Ecumenical Tenebrae

Holy Thursday, 28th March,
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. 5.30pm – 6.00pm Reconciliation
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. 7.30pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper - Watching with the Lord till 10.30pm.

Good Friday 29th March
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale Stations of the Cross 11.00am
St Patrick’s Church, Stratford Stations of the Cross 11.00am
St Rose of Lima, Rosedale Stations of the Cross 11.00am
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale – 3.00pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion; followed by Reconciliation.

Holy Saturday, 30th March
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale 10.45am -11.30am Reconciliation (No Morning Mass)
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. 7.30pm Easter Vigil (Please bring your own candle with holder)

Easter Sunday 31st March
9.00am Mass. Loch Sport
9.30am Mass. St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale
11.00am Mass. St Rose of Lima, Rosedale
11.00am Mass. St Patrick’s Church, Stratford
6.00pm Mass. St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale.

SACRAMENTS 2013

Confirmation:
St Mary’s Cathedral Sale: Sunday 19th May
Pentecost Sunday - 9.30am

First Communion:
Stratford: Sunday 25th August 11.00am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5.30pm: St Mary’s Cathedral
Sunday 9.30am: St Mary’s Cathedral
Sunday 11.00am: St Patrick’s Stratford
Easter Sunday
Sunday 6.00pm: St Mary’s Cathedral