Dear Parents

We have had a very smooth and happy beginning to the 2015 school. The staff returned to work last week and undertook three days of professional learning which included a Writing Workshop facilitated by Kaye Lowe; a spiritual formation time at St Clement’s Retreat Centre, Galong facilitated by Paddy McGrath from Catholic Education. The theme of our time away was Missionary Discipleship. “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5. We finished the week with First Aid and CPR training.

On Monday, the students from Years 1-6 arrived looking relaxed and keen to be back at school. A special welcome to our new Years 1-6 students and their families: Enrico Beltrami (1 Hague), Olivia (1 Hague) and Jackson Cannell (3 Barcelona), Isabella (1 Hague) and Georgia Willshire (3 Osaka), Julia Trpkovski-O’Donnell (3 Barcelona), Rosie Hughes (4 Athens), Michele Barresi (5 Washington), Charlize Crockford (5 Panama), Bradley Hinds (5 Panama) and Lucinda Peapell (5 Panama). We also welcome back William and Gemma O’Rourke.

On Tuesday, 45 Kindergarten children arrived looking bright eyed and excited to begin their first day at school. We welcome the 26 children who have siblings already at Rosary and the new Kinder families: Bouttell, Box, Burton, Clark, Garreffa, Harman, Hodges, Knoke, Lane, Lipinski, Nguyen, Omosigho, Pham, Pochi, Stephenson, Sullivan, Tansley and Walsh to the Rosary school family.

Many thanks to the fantastic team of Year 1 parents who organised the ‘Tea and Tissues’ morning tea for the Kinder families.

Staffing for 2015 is as follows:

Executive
Principal Mrs Maureen Doszpot
Assistant Principal Mrs Melinda Hall-O’Brien
REC Mr John O’Brien
Coordinator Mrs Julie Godfrey

Classroom Teachers
6 Cairo Mrs Amanda Jiang
6 Bangkok Mrs Philippa Brotchie
5 Panama Mrs Kath Watson
5 Washington Ms Alison Marks
4 London Miss Beth Clarke
4 Athens Ms Janet Hanratty
3 Osaka Mr David Kelly
3 Barcelona Mr Greg Williams
2 Dublin Mrs Liz Higgins
2 Rome Mrs Beth Toole / Mrs Jodie Dawson (Fridays)
1 Hague Ms Yvonne Solly
1 Vienna Mrs Elisa Pavlic
K Tokyo Mrs Fiona Chapman
K Paris Mrs Ann-Maree Hinds
CATHOLIC CARE STUDENT AND FAMILY COUNSELLING SERVICE

Our Catholic Care counsellor is Nicole Villatobas who is available on Tuesdays between 9:30am and 2:30pm. Please contact the school if you would like your child/ren to see Nicole.

What?
As part of their pastoral care program for students, Catholic Schools have access to a Student and Family Counselling service provided by CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn (CCG). CCG are contracted by Catholic Education and Congregational Schools to provide a counselling service to students and their families. There is no fee to access this service.

The role of the counsellor is to focus on the emotional, social and educational well-being of the students. Counsellors welcome contact with students having difficulty with some part of their life, whether or not it affects their school work. The problem does not have to be a big one. It is better to seek help sooner than later. Some typical concerns that counsellors work with include: anger, anxiety, behavioural problems, depression, eating problems, family breakdown and family conflict, grief and loss, learning and educational challenges, parenting challenges, peer and other social relationships, school avoidance, stress and study skills. As well as individual sessions with students, counsellors can run groups, do family work, consult with parents and teachers and make referrals to other services and supports.

Counsellors are not employed as specialists in any area and at times will suggest referrals for specialist services. Counsellors also do not provide cognitive or learning assessments or court reports. Families requiring these will be referred to another service.

Who?
All Student and Family counsellors are professionally qualified Social Workers or Psychologists who participate in regular clinical supervision and professional development.

Student and Family Counsellors subscribe to a set of professional ethics that include duty of care and respect for the individual’s right to privacy and confidentiality. The counsellors’ obligation is to ensure the safety, wellbeing and confidentiality of the student they are working with. All counsellors are mandated to report any disclosure or sign of abuse (including self-harm) or neglect to Child Protection Services.

Kind regards

Maureen Doszpot

Principal
Vinnies Doorknock Invitation
The Vinnies Doorknock Appeal is held each February to raise much-needed funds for people in need in the Canberra, Queanbeyan and South Coast region. During the 2015 Doorknock Appeal, the Society is hoping to raise $350,000.

Monies raised through the appeal help fund a range of services provided by Vinnies - from the unique home visitation service through to emergency accommodation. If you would like find out more information, volunteer as a collector and/or donate you can visit the St Vincent de Paul website https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/News/ACT/Vinnies_Doorknock_Appeal_2015.

Sacramental Programs
At Rosary students receive the Sacraments in the following grades. Yr 2 Reconciliation; Yr 3 Eucharist; Yr 6 Confirmation. If any students (Baptised Catholic) have come to Rosary in the higher grades not receiving these Sacraments, please let me know if you would like them to receive the relevant one(s).

Opening Mass
Our Opening School Mass is on tomorrow, Friday 6th February, at 10am. All are welcome.

Regards
John O’Brien

LUNCHTIME LEGO CLUB
Do you have too much Lego at home? Are your Lego containers overflowing? Then perhaps we can help you.....
We are seeking any donations of Lego to establish a lunchtime Lego club. We will accept all types of lego.
Please send any and all pre-loved Lego to school for use in the ‘Lunchtime Lego Club.’
Please see Melinda Hall-O’Brien if you have any questions.

NETBALL REGISTRATION 2015
Changes to the Canberra Netball Association's (CNA) registration process required our club to commence registering players late last year.
If there are any students who have not yet registered or are new to the school and would like to play netball for Rosary this year, then please complete the registration form attached to this newsletter (also available on the website) and return it to the school by no later than Tuesday, 10 February 2015.
Netball fees are expected to increase this year to take into consideration CNA increases and umpire fees. While parents of registered students will be notified of fees via email prior to billing, it is expected that fees will be added to each student's Rosary Primary School account. A guide to expected fees is noted on the registration form.
If you require further details, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Doble on 0409 445 312.
Welcome to all our returning families and a very special welcome to all new Rosary families!! The library is in full swing with children from year one to six taking home the first of many book borrowings for 2015! Find following the library days for this year. Be mindful from time to time there may be changes which your child’s teacher will alert you to for example, camps and the swimming program.

Kindergarten- Thursday
Year 1- Tuesday
Year 2- Wednesday
Year 3- Tuesday
Year 4-Tuesday (Athens) Wednesday (London)
Year 5- Thursday
Year 6- Wednesday

All students and families have access to World Book Online at both school and at home. You will find the link available on the Rosary Website under Fast Access Link.
User Name: rosary
Password: fleming

Always feel free to pop down to the library to have a chat or assist with shelving, book-covering etc if you have the time or inclination!

Chess Club
Rosary has a chess club that operates on Tuesdays from 3.10-4.45pm with tutors from the ACT Junior Chess League. The program will start back for the 2015 school year next Tuesday and continue until the end of term one. Cost is $90 per child per term payable by week four to the school in cash or a cheque to ACT JCL. Each child will need to bring afternoon tea to eat before tutoring begins. I have found the children's concentration wanes by the end of the day and that they are also 'starving'!
Conducted in the library, I supervise the students and bring them to the front office at 4.40pm to wait to be collected by parents. Please send a note or contact me at the school if you would like your child(ren) to participate in this program. All parents/guardians need to let me know transport arrangements for their child or if you make a change with another adult/caregiver. ROSACS staff collect any children that attend after-school-care at Rosary.
Sandy Vincent

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS
Parents and Carers of children aged 2-10 years are invited to Bringing Up Great Kids a parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation which will be presented by CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2015 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is 3 hours per week over a 4 week period and the fee of $100 includes course materials and supper. Bookings are essential please contact 61626100.

THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE
Program for parents of Adolescents will be offered by CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH 2015 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is run over 3 weeks and the fee of $80 includes course materials and supper. This course is suitable for parents of children in Primary Years 5 & 6 and Secondary School Years 7-12. Bookings are essential please contact 61626100.

For Your Diary

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Clothing Pool open every Friday 3.00 pm—3.30 pm
As we start a new school year, we would like to remind schools, parents and students about our bus services and how to best prepare for bus travel in the new year.

School Bus Services
Details of all school and regular bus services are now available for parents and students to begin planning their journeys. We ask that parents and students familiarise themselves with the most suitable route, times and stop locations. School bus services are available to school students only however, parents with young children may apply to travel on these services for a few weeks to help their child get used to bus travel. Please use the links below for further information on our bus services:

School bus timetables
Regular bus timetables

MyWay Cards
We are urging parents and students to check MyWay cards and top up if required. MyWay cards can be topped up automatically using the handy autoload service, online, over the phone via the ACTION and MyWay information line (13 17 10), or in person at Canberra Connect shopfronts and MyWay recharge agents.

Bus Fare Increase
A bus fare increase came into effect on 3 January 2015. Single trip school student MyWay fares are now $1.10 and cash fares are now $2.30. Parents and students can find more information on the Transport for Canberra website or by calling 13 17 10.

Network Changes
No significant changes have been made to the current schools network since the most recent changes on Monday 1 September 2014. Any changes are published on the School Services section of the ACTION website. All feedback received regarding the new network has been taken on board for future planning and scheduling.

New Student MyWay Card Holders
We would like to offer you free MyWay card holders and information guides for new school students, ideally those of primary school age who may be using the bus on their own for the first time. The card holder is designed to hold a MyWay card and has a secure clip device for attaching to a belt or bag. As a MyWay card can be of significant value, the MyWay card holder is a great way to keep students cards secure. Inside sits a MyWay information targeted at parents, which is a great introduction to MyWay and understanding the ticketing system. We can send you out a package consisting of the card holders, clips and MyWay information guide. If you are interested, please respond to actionmarketing@act.gov.au with the quantities required and the preferred contact and delivery details.

We would appreciate your assistance in circulating this information to parents and students using your existing communications channels, such as school emails, newsletters or notices.
Rosary Rugby Players
For 2015 Season U7-12

U7, U8 & U9 play 8.45am Saturday
U10 & U11 play 9.30am Saturday
U12 play 10.30am Saturday

We need you! To help keep ACT’s only primary school footy club going since 1964

Get a team going for your year | Convenient
Train at school oval | Make new school friends

REWARD
BRUMBY SEASON PASS!!

CLUB MEETING: THURSDAY 19 FEB (WEEK 3)
WILBURS CAFE, HACKETT, 7PM
CONTACTS: DAVE DWYER 0403 977575
MEL SMITH 0418 699663
Parents and Carers are invited to Bringing Up Great Kids—a parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation for Parents and Carers of children aged 2—10 years.

This course will give you insights and skills needed to:

- Promote positive and nurturing relationships between parents and children
- Explore the management of stress in your parenting role
- Encourage the development of your child’s positive self-identity
- Develop the ability to contain strong emotion and to think through the responses to your child, rather than give ‘knee-jerk’ reactions
- Overcome some of the obstacles that are getting in the way of being the kind of parent you would like to be
- Create opportunities for positive exchanges with your children.

The course is offered 3 hours per week over a 4 week period.

DATES: 25th Feb, 4th, 11th & 18th March
TIME: 6pm—9pm
VENUE: 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill
FEE: $100 (Concessions available)
Fee includes light supper & course materials

Bookings Essential
Contact
6162 6100