Dear Parents and Friends

Last Friday we prayerfully celebrated the opening of the 2015 school year. We were blessed to share this occasion with many parents, grandparents and other members of our school community. The opening mass was an opportunity for the community to be introduced to our new Rosary school vision and pillars of learning statements.

**Vision**

Rosary School is a Christ-centred community, striving for excellence in the Dominican Spirit.

**Together we do our BEST**

**Believe**

We live our Catholic faith through action, attitude and prayer guided by the Dominican Tradition.

**Explore**

Through inquiry based learning we acquire the skills to become critical thinkers who are flexible, creative lifelong learners.

**Strive**

We accept challenges with resilience and confidence.

**Triumph**

We develop wholistically in a supportive, positive and collaborative environment and celebrate our achievements.

These have been developed through a process of renewal which staff and community have been involved in over the past two years. These pillars of learning were introduced to the school community through the use of symbol and words. We will be further developing these pillars throughout this year. The first pillar of learning is ‘Believe’. This will be introduced to the school community at the first ‘BEST’ focus assembly this term.

Thank you to Religious Education Co-ordinator John O’Brien for his music and organisation of the opening mass; Debbie Deighton for her musical accompaniment; all students and teachers for their involvement with the choice of symbols /designs, their beautiful singing and reverent participation; and all Rosary community members for their participation and support for our school.

Our school leaders accompanied by Amanda Jiang, Philippa Brotchie, Julie Godfrey and Maureen Doszpot are currently enjoying the experience of Year 6 camp on Milson Island. We look forward to hearing their stories and tales on their return.

Yours in the Dominican spirit

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Religious Education News

A Message From Archbishop Prowse Regarding The Lenten Season.
Dear Friends,
The Lenten season is soon to begin – Ash Wednesday is 18th February 2015.

As we return to our normal routines, let us prepare in our various communities for this season that recalls our Baptism and stresses its penitential dimension. It is a time of conversion as we prepare for the saving events of our salvation at Easter. Pope Francis, in his Lenten message for this year, highlights that Lent is a time of conversion against globalised indifference to those who suffer. The Pope writes: "Indifference to our neighbour and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience."

Could I ask all in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn to prepare now to enter into this penitential season. Could I also encourage Project Compassion (Caritas) as a pre-eminent way to respond practically to those who suffer. Having recently returned from Beirut, Lebanon, I have seen first-hand the wonderful practical ways that Caritas helps those who are so fragile in our troubled world.

May God bless you, your families, parishes and communities during 2015.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn

(Taken from http://cg.catholic.edu.au/a-message-from-archbishop-prowse-regarding-the-lenten-season/)

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).

Dates for the Sacraments are as follows

**FIRST EUCHARIST**
Preparation Session
Thur 30 April @ 6pm

Commitment Mass
Sun 3 May @ 10am

Retreat Day
Fri 26 June 9am-3pm

Sacrament Dates
Sat 27 June @ 6pm
Sun 28 June @ 10am

**RECONCILIATION**
Commitment Mass
Sun 31 May @ 10am

Preparation Session
Thur 11 June @ 6pm

Sacrament Dates
Mon 24 August @ 6pm
Tues 25 August @ 6pm

**CONFIRMATION**
Commitment Mass
Sun 26 July @ 10am

Preparation Session
Thur 30 July @ 6pm

Retreat Day
Thur 17 Sept 9am-3pm

Sacrament Date
Fri 18 Sept @ 6pm

**Upcoming Masses**
Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated 10am Rosary Church and the Yr 4 Family Mass is on Sunday - 22 February, 10am Rosary Church. All are welcome!

Regards
John O’Brien
Religious Education Coordinator
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Again our school community would like to acknowledge and thank Helen Gunning who has kindly offered to continue with her role as Book Club Convenor for 2015. In the many years Helen has taken on this job she has creatively enabled our school community to gain over $10,000 in free resources from Scholastic and for that we are very grateful!!!

Further to this, there is an now an alternative with regard to Scholastic Book Club parent payments effective 2015. I have provided the video link below which gives an explanation of the simple online ordering and payment process. At Rosary, all orders come through our school library. That way all ‘free’ resources that are earned from the book sales points goes back into our school learning environment, which all students and teachers get to benefit from! You will note that if you do decide to use loop for online ordering that our school comes up as Rosary Catholic School and the library is the class. Please contact me if you have any queries.


Sandy

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Violin and Cello Lessons

Olga Haydon has a master’s degree in teaching and performance and specialises in the teaching of primary age children. She plays in the Canberra Symphony Orchestra and is a performance teaching fellow at ANU.

Olga is offering weekly private violin lessons in school time at the school on Wednesdays. Lessons are for 30 minutes ($38) and are individual tuition which is really the only effective way of learning to play an instrument like the violin. In addition children learn to read music and understand music theory.

Learning an instrument is good for cognitive development and improves memory as well as thought processes – music trains the brain.

Please contact Olga on 0404 636005 or email her at olghaydon@hotmail.com for more information.

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For Your Diary

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Clothing Pool open every Wednesday 3.00 pm—3.30 pm
Swimming Carnival 2015
REMINDERS FOR THE DAY

12 February, 2015

Punctuality
Please ensure that your children are at school on time (before 9.00am). The first buses start leaving at 9:05am sharp.

House Colours
House coloured clothing may be worn over swimmers. The regular Rosary sports uniform is not required for this carnival. The house colours are:

- Red   Freeman
- Blue  Mawson
- Green Chisholm
- Gold  Barton

The children may make posters and bring mascots to the carnival to support their team. However, crepe paper, streamers, face-paint and hair dye are NOT allowed at the pool.

Clothing
The children must be sun-smart throughout the day and remember to bring:

- a wide brim hat (or school hat)
- t-shirt (no sleeveless tops)
- sunscreen
- water bottle
- a towel
- warm top and extra towel (if cold)
- plastic bag

Food
Children may bring their lunch or use the canteen facilities at the pool.

Signing Out
If you would like to take your child home from the pool, please sign your child out at the recording table area.

Kindergarten and Year One will not be attending the carnival.

We are looking forward to another great day at the pool.

The Swimming Committee
### Rosary Swimming Carnival
#### Order of Events
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SPORTS CORNER

Tennis

Today all children will receive information from Hotshots Tennis (Tennis Australia), in regards to registering online with Hotshots. Every child who registers will receive a free T-shirt. As Rosary Primary School is in the Partnership Program, the school will receive $2 for every Rosary child who registers (to go towards purchasing more tennis equipment). It does not cost anything. It would be great for us to get as many children registered as possible.

Also Kindergarten children who register before the 8th March 2015 will be eligible for a free racquet (while stocks last).

If you are interested in enrolling your child in tennis lessons you can contact our local club, Majura Tennis Club. Talk to Robbie Manzano email: robbie.manzano@healthyidentity.com.au ph: 0423 366 014

PARISH PLAYGROUP

Is an informal session where mums, dads, grandparents, caregivers, children and babies meet together in a relaxed environment.
No child is too young for playgroup. All children from 0-5 years, including babies, love new experiences and benefit from developing sensory, social and communication skills through activities at playgroup.

Our Playgroup will be reforming if you would like to meet with our new group please come along and join them on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Parish Centre.

All Welcome.

Jacquie Cortese
Blackfriars Parish Secretary
Holy Rosary Church

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Rosary Rugby Registration
Forms available at
Front office, Rosary website
or come and say hello at the

Welcome to Rosary BBQ
(Rugby info table)
On Tuesday 17th Feb

Club meeting @ Wilburs Cafe,
Hackett, 19 Feb, 7pm

embrace - Archdiocesan Assembly

embrace - Archdiocesan Assembly – 20 -21 March 2015, St Christopher’s Cathedral and St Clare’s College, Griffith. The Conference will include keynote addresses from Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Professor Greg Craven (ACU) and Tim and Lara Kirk, separate catechetical activities for primary and secondary students, an expo of the many offerings from various groups, movements and agencies across the Archdiocese and child minding for the very young. We will gather under the theme: “embrace – The Joy of the Gospel in Marriage and Family Life”. Please visit our website embrace2015.org.au.


All articles for inclusion in Veritas should be at the School Office no later than 9:00 am Wednesday
Our Lucky Day

Luckily for us Mrs Vincent organised for 10 Rosary students to attend the ACTEWAGL show bag launch at EPIC. When we got there we got interviewed and people took photographs. We all got to look at which show bags we wanted and which were the best. We might even be on Win TV and the Canberra Weekly. We even got given show bags for free.

We all sat down while the man announced who got the four winning showbags. The people who got the winning bags were Tierre who got the “Tweety Bird bag”, Nick got the “Wicked Fizz”, Anastasia got “Sponge Bob” and Ryan got the “Trash Pak”. We all enjoyed picking our showbags. Thank you Mrs Vincent for organising this special event for us.

By Tierre Paine and Elle Spanos