Rosary 1:1 BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) iPad Program

This year at Rosary we have implemented a 1:1 BYOD iPad program in Grades 5 & 6. It has been an enthusiastic and productive start.

In order to handle a large number of mobile devices the Catholic Education Office has upgraded the school’s wireless network. The iPads are being managed by families and school identified apps are being distributed via a Catholic Education administered app called MobileIron. After resolving some minor technical issues all students are ‘up and running’.

The teachers have been busy preparing for and implementing the program. They visited a number of schools that are running similar programs, taking the opportunity to speak with both teachers and students about what has worked well for them. There has been a lot of collaborative planning and discussion amongst the Grade 5 & 6 teachers (identifying educationally appropriate apps and meaningful classroom use) and both staff and some of the students had the opportunity to work Catholic Education Officer, Kel Hathaway, last week. Feedback from these sessions was very positive. The Grade 5 & 6 teachers will also be attending the “iPad Toolbox 4 the Classroom” Conference in Sydney next Monday and Tuesday. This conference has been highly recommended by other teachers within the Archdiocese who attended it last year.

To educate students in the responsible use of technology AFP Officers presented a Cyber-Safety session to Grade 6 students today and will present to Grade 5 students on Thursday 19 March. All students in these grades will also undertake an eSmart Digital Licence. This is an ongoing course made up of “eight learning modules that evaluate student comprehension of key technology and cyber safety topics”. More information about the eSmart Digital Licence can be found at https://www.digitallicence.com.au/home.

Below is some feedback from the Year 6 students on the program so far.

“I like using iPads at school because they can be used in a variety of ways and in groups or individually. Popplet for brainstorming ideas, Explain Everything for presenting things in a way like never before, Edmodo for keeping up on class projects and news. I also love how you can email the teachers your work”

“We have used iPads for Maths, History, Indonesian and English so far. It has helped with learning in ways as simple as using an online dictionary.”

“I think that using an iPad is great. It is much easier to share and learn with others. The app I enjoy most is Explain Everything because you can make educational videos, record sound and take pictures. The best thing is that you can share it with everyone.”

To view a video created during Indonesian Lessons, using Explain Everything, scan the QR code or use the following web address - http://youtu.be/5IV3JHpwAfs.
PROJECT COMPASSION—Mariama from Niger

This week Project Compassion focuses on Niger, where life is very tough. Many live in extreme poverty, often unable to afford or access food and water.

This week we meet Mariama who is raising her daughter in Niger, a country that suffers widespread poverty. When her little girl became malnourished, she received life-saving food and care at a Nutrition Centre, supported by Caritas Australia.

Your donation to Project Compassion 2015 helps save the lives of people living on the brink of survival in Niger, giving them access to nutritional support and essential food for life.

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: Thu 30 April @ 6pm
- Commitment Mass: Sun 3 May @ 10am
- 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
- Sacrament Date: Fri 18 Sept @ 6pm

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**NAPLAN Information 2015 Year 3 and 5**

Please find below hyperlinks to the parent/carer information section of the National Assessment Program website.


Congratulations to Lucy Boneham, Scarlett Kenna, Abbie Kenna, Molly Farfan, Keely Hayward, Gemma O’Rourke and their Mums, who participated in the Women and Girls Fun Run/Walk last Sunday. They were joined by Mrs Chilver, Mrs Hinds and Mrs Brotchie. All participants thoroughly enjoyed the event and ran well.

For those who missed this event but are keen to develop their running, there is a monthly Women and Girls run at Weston Park. It caters for all levels and offers free childcare. Please select the link below for more information.


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**School Banking**

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221, or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Thank you for supporting our school and helping to teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

Our school banking day is Friday. Please bring your deposits book to school on this day and they will be returned the following week.

Liz Ribeiro D’Elia
**SPORTS CORNER**

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

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**FOR YOUR DIARY**

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**BEST Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received a BEST award last week:

Mia Nguyen, Pippa Harman, Nicholas O’Brien, Courtney Driscoll-Fitzsimmons, Keely Hayward, Thomas Coote, Molly Farfan, Georgia Spencer, Dimitri Savoulidis, James Northcote, Eddy Bartle, Sara Blakey and Charlotte Palmer.

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**Veritas Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards last Friday;

Siyanna Jarso, Henry Nguyen, Georgia Choundary, Jack Donohue, Tina Tran, Callum Millea, Georgia Willshire, Natalia Rogic, Elizabeth Andersen, Connor Walsh, Laura Cosentini and Mitchell Gunning.

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**READING PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

Target group – Kinder and Year 1 parents

- Do you want to learn how to support your child at home with their reading? How to Juggle sight words, alphabet etc.
- Do you have questions about reading?
- Are you interested in learning more about how we teach reading to young children?

Please come to an information and Q & A session.

When - Monday 23rd March 9-10.30
Where - Rosary School Library
RSVP - office.rosaryps@cg.catholic.edu.au by 20/3
Please include any questions in your email to be included in the session.
(younger siblings welcome)
The following links may assist if you wish to know more about "Knowing your child's reading stage and how to help them"

http://theconversation.com
http://theconversation.com/knowing-your-childs-reading-stage-and-how-to-help-them-37215

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**WANTED**

Rugby: More boys needed for all age groups, especially u8’s (John Dettori’s 2014 team).

Rego forms at front office or Rosary website.
Ph Dave 0403 977575
Today is World Book Day.......Books are enjoyed by people of all ages. Reading creates images in our minds...or...text in our brains.......a book is a written or printed work consisting of pages glued or sewn together along one side and bound in covers. It gives us something to hold whilst engaging the brain..... Ebooks are just as wonderful but still do not replicate the actual turning of the pages ......A book is wonderful to hold, feel, embrace and anticipate the outcome of the story......Reading can be soothing to the soul....make us laugh.....can make us cry...... it can create anticipation and fear....WOW what an amazing tool!!!! Read a story tonight before bed and go to sleep dreaming!!!! Wake up feeling amazing ....Have fun READING...Happy World Book Day.

Mrs Vincent...Happy book reader.