Dear Parents

Two frogs tumbled into a cream vat. They struggled for about an hour, trying to climb up the metal side. Finally, one frog gave up and drowned. The other struggled on. He thrashed and thrashed, then suddenly found himself sitting safely in a lump of butter. He was rewarded for his persistence. Parenting educator Michael Grose believes that the ability to persist at a task and see it through to the end is one of the most important success attributes that you can develop in a child. The results of the Australian Temperament Project show that persistence is the one temperamental factor that can be improved over time. Parents and teachers can develop persistence in children and also impede its development by making life too easy for children so that they don’t have opportunities to persist or hang in there. We need to let children know that there is a correlation between effort and success. In fact they need to learn that by ‘giving effort’ they will more than likely experience more success.

School Board Elections

The Rosary School Board provides the opportunity for members of the school and parish community to support the mission of Catholic Education at Rosary. Working with the parish priest, the principal and the staff, the Board members provide leadership to the school community. The Board has a decision making role in certain policy areas and an advisory role in others. More information about the role of School Boards can be found on the Catholic Education Office website: http://www.ceocg.catholic.edu.au/parents/Pages/SchoolBoards.aspx

The Rosary School Board meets at the school, on the Wednesday evening of Week Four and Week Eight of each term, at 6:00pm.

The School Board is currently seeking nominations for two parent representatives from the school community. In the event more than two people nominate for the Board positions, an election is held and nominees are asked to provide a brief summary, introducing themselves to the school community. The election timeline is as follows:

- Thursday, 28 February  Nominations open
- Friday, 8 March  Nominations close
- Wednesday, 13 March  Voting process begins (if necessary)
- Thursday, 21 March  Board Members announced
- Wednesday, 27 March  Next Board Meeting

If you are interested in nominating for a position on the School Board, could you please fill out the attached form and return it to the school by Friday, 8 March 2013.

School Hours and Supervision of Students

This is a reminder of the hours during which school is conducted each day and the period of supervision the school provides for Rosary students.

Lessons commence each morning at 9:00am and conclude at 3:10pm on Mondays to Fridays. The school provides supervision for students between 8:30am and 3:30pm on Mondays to Fridays. No supervision will be provided other than between these hours and the school will take no responsibility for students outside these hours. At all times outside the period from 8:30am and 3:30pm on Mondays to Fridays, the Rosary school grounds and buildings are out of bounds for all students.

In the interest of your child’s safety, please assist the school by ensuring your child does not attend or remain in the precincts of the school outside the hours of 8:30am and 3:30pm on Mondays to Fridays. Special provision will be made for authorised school activities that are arranged outside these hours.

A reminder that Before School Care is available from 7:30am each school morning.

Kind regards

Maureen Doszpot
Principal

Many of life’s failures are people who did not realise how close they were to success when they gave up.

Thomas Edison
FROM YOUR AP

Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you to the following parents who have generously offered their services as a class group contact liaison person.

Kinder— Stephanie Smith, Tania Hayward & Katie Monaghan
Year 1—Felicity Tonkin & Sonia Howarth
Year 2—Fiona Chapman & Sarah Mair
Year 3—??
Year 4—??
Year 5—Denise Ryan & ?
Year 6—??

Please reconsider your services as a class group contact. We need to have at least two parents for each class group.
The process is simple. All we ask is that you collate the lists provided and liaise with the school to gather more details from people in your class year group. If there are 2-3 class group contacts then the job is shared and easier.

If you were not able to add your details please complete the sheet attached to this week's VERITAS and return to the school.

The role is designed to form a function for social interaction and community building. It is a vital link with the PTFA and can also be used as an avenue for discussion, clarification and support of any issues. More importantly it can also support friendships amongst adults as well as our children. Some references from people in the role:

* I love that the role enabled me to communicate with my child's class mates when I was not sure about a school activity.
* It made it so easy to organise the school PTFA function for our year group as the list of contacts were already accessible.
* It was one of the easiest jobs to do as a parent at Rosary.
* I loved going out for coffee and dinner with my new friends.

What will you enjoy most about this role?

Yours in the Dominican Spirit of community

Melinda Hall-O’Brien
Melinda.hallobrien@cg.catholic.edu.au

Parenting Ideas
by Michael Grose
www.parentingideas.com.au

Making School Drop Off Hassel Free

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Transitions from play to dinnertime, television to bedtime or from bed to the breakfast table are common battlegrounds for parents. Kids want to do one thing, yet family requirements mean that they have to do something else.

One common transition challenge occurs at school-drop-off time. Some kids are passive resisters on a deliberate go-slow. Others more actively resist their parents’ efforts to get them to school with tears, tantrums or tiredness.

If dropping kids off at school in the morning is a problem here’s a few ideas that may help. Your aim as a parent is to establish a new pattern of behaviour for your child in the morning, particularly as you approach the school gate or classroom door.

1. Go through the morning and drop-off routine with your kids. Make sure everyone knows what’s expected. Work out your jobs and those that the kids need to do then stick to this arrangement. For instance, it may be your job to make school lunches but it’s up to kids to put them in their bags.

2. Drop kids off, turn around and go: If you have a child who likes to keep you busy each morning with tears or tantrums then you may have to take the ‘tough love’ approach. Say goodbye using a firm voice, turn around and leave. Don’t look back. Most kids settle down at school within five minutes of being dropped off. Parental lingering only makes matters worse for children and teachers. Teachers are experienced at helping kids settle into the school routine, so allow them to take over.

3. Reaffirm their efforts later: If your child begins to go off without tears or tantrums after a long period of difficult departures then make a bit of fuss when you see them later in the day. Don’t go overboard with tangible rewards or bribes. Parental recognition, genuinely given is a huge driver for most kids.

4. Wean your child off you: If your normal habit is to drop your child off at the classroom door each morning, try saying goodbye at the school gate every now and then. The aim is to make your child less, rather than more reliant on you.

If problems continue then it’s worth consulting your child’s teacher, carefully outlining the issue. Be prepared to be coached on this issue, trusting the approach that your school advises.

Julie Godfrey
Coordinator
School Board

Rosary Board met for the first time for 2013 on Wed 27 Feb 13. Topics of discussion included the Quad upgrade and Anniversary Ball (which is confirmed at this stage for the 10th August).

We also discussed the Board elections which are being called from today. I urge you all to consider how you might assist the school. Scott Trotter will be leaving the Board and I thank him for his excellent service over the years, and wish him, Kathy and his family the best into the future. We would also like to thank Andrew Blakey and Sue_Anne McKeough for their contribution to the Board.

2013 Nomination forms are at the back of VERITAS.

Another topic was the School survey results, which were generally positive. One item which was raised by one respondent was the issue of bullying. There was a comment that they as parents did not think they could do anything about this sort of problem. I encourage anyone to speak with the staff if they believe there may be a problem involving their child’s safety and happiness.

The school is reviewing the Behaviour Management policy at the moment, and we welcome input from all interested parties.

John Brennan  School Board Chair

Veritas Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Veritas awards at Friday’s assembly:

For Your Diary

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Clothing Pool open every Thursday 3.00 pm—3.30 pm
Canteen Roster

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If you can help in the canteen, please call Kathy on 0409 462 512.

Sports Corner

North Gungahlin PSSA Carnival
Information will be provided early next week for the children selected to represent Rosary Primary school at the North Gungahlin PSSA swimming carnival. The date of the carnival is the 21st of March. It will be held at the AIS swimming pool. Parents will be responsible for the transport of their children to and from the AIS.

Mark Konik

Religious Education News

Project Compassion, brings you the story of Raymundo.
Raymundo Ramos was one of the thousands of children in Bolivia who work to help support their families. These children are often exploited and join gangs. Thanks to Centro Creativo Artístico “educar es fiesta” (education is celebration), a Caritas Australia partner program, he and other children like him are now living more positive lives, with increased self-esteem, awareness of their rights, knowledge of their dignity and ability to express themselves.

Your donation to Project Compassion can help individuals like Raymundo to study and become leaders, inspiring others to move from being exploited to being valued and able to make a positive contribution to their society.

www.caritas.org.au

First Eucharist
Thankyou to all the families who attended the First Eucharist Commitment Mass last Sunday and the Yr 3 teachers, Beth Toole and Liz Higgins, for their preparation of the students. I ask that the Rosary community keep the students in their prayers as they prepare to receive their First Eucharist in June.

A reminder that the Parent/Child Information Session is on tonight, Holy Rosary Church @ 6.30pm.

New Families
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 ASAP if you would like them to receive the relevant one(s).

Yr 6 Mass
Last Thursday Yr 6 had their grade Mass. It was wonderful to see so many family and friends. Also, well done to the students and teachers on the reverent and meaningful participation.

Regards
John O’Brien

All articles for inclusion in Veritas should be at the School Office no later than 9:00 am Wednesday
School Board 2013
Nomination Form

I __________________________nominate _________________________________

To stand for election as a member of the Rosary School Board.

Signed___________________________________________

AND/OR

I ___________________________nominate myself to stand to stand for election as a member of the Rosary
School Board.

Signed _______________________

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