Dear Parents

I am delighted to announce that Rosary has been re-registered as a Primary school until 31 December 2018. We received a very favourable report from the Registration Panel last week. It commended: the tangible Catholicity of the school; the behaviour, manners, confidence, friendliness and engagement of the students; the commitment and professionalism of the staff; the diverse range of extra opportunities and enrichments offered to students; the contribution parents make to the school in a wide variety of ways, particularly their commitment to fundraising; and, our close connection to the Parish. The Panel congratulated the staff on the high standard of policy documentation and implementation and the quality of education offered at the school. I will share the written report with you when we receive it in a few weeks time.

Uniform
The beginning of Term 2 is the changeover time from summer to winter uniform. Children need to be wearing their winter uniform by Monday, 13 May. Until this time, they may wear either their summer or winter uniform but not a combination of the two.

Thank You
A sincere thank you to the many parents who have supported the school so brilliantly this term, helping to make Rosary the vibrant community it is.

Thanks also to the Rosary staff for their dedication and professionalism, particularly during the sometimes stressful time of School Registration.

Learning Journey
On Tuesday evening, the school was alive with activity and enthusiasm as our students took their parents on a ‘learning journey’. Many thanks to the families who participated. The learning journeys gave the children a wonderful opportunity to reflect on their learning and to show what they had achieved in the first nine weeks of the year. Thank you to the teachers for their time and effort, helping to ensure the evening was successful.

Gelato Day
Thank you to all the fantastic Kinder parent helpers for making Gelato Day such a special occasion for the children. You were amazingly well organised which led to a hassle free experience for the teachers and children alike.

Washing Hands
Term 2 is often a time when students and teachers alike become ill with numerous viruses that spread throughout the school. To help avoid this, it is essential that students develop the habit of washing their hands thoroughly after they have been to the bathroom. Could you take time during the holidays to reinforce this habit at home.

Happy Holidays
I would like to share a prayer the staff prayed during the week:

Lord, the holidays are long awaited gifts. For the gift of rest and renewal, we give you thanks. Send us your Holy Spirit to use this time wisely. Help us not to overload this time with too many activities. Create peace within us and within our families. Amen

May you all enjoy the change of pace and routine that the school holidays bring.

Kind regards

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Dear Parents and Friends

One of the many beautiful aspects of living in Canberra is the direct access available to incredible resources, particularly to local libraries. During these holidays why don’t you prioritise a visit to your local library and apply some of the following hints from speech therapist firm Love and Reilly when sharing a book with your child.

Making the most of story time
• Accept the child’s choice of favourite book.
• Find a quiet space and an uninterrupted period of time in which you can share the story.
• Allow time for observation, reflection and study of the illustrations as well as the reading of the words.
• Make comments about the character, the events and the illustrations in the story, rather than always asking questions.
• Discuss a particular word that features in the story – explain its meaning and try to use the word again in a situation outside the story time. E.g. lamington (Possum Magic) – as you buy bread in the bakery you might say “Look, there are some lamingtons like the ones that Grandma Poss found in Hobart.”
• Be prepared to read the story over and over again.
• Find a different story by the same author or another story that focuses on a similar key character or theme.
• Retell the story in your own words as you look at the illustrations with the child.
• Point out words in the story – a word that is repeated e.g. the character’s name - a very long word e.g. caterpillar - a word that begins with the same letter as the child’s name - a word that the child sees in everyday life, e.g. vegemite - words that begin with the same sound and letter, e.g. sizzling sausages

Children who are read to consistently will gradually become familiar with the key ‘ingredients’ of a story. They will understand, at least at a subconscious level, that a story needs a character and the events in the story take place in a certain setting or situation. They will also appreciate that there is a problem in the story. This problem may evolve gradually or may be presented from the outset - even in the title. (e.g. “Pig gets lost” by Heather Amery) The problem will influence the character’s feelings, thoughts and actions. Other characters may appear in the story as part of the effort to solve the problem. As the story unfolds, various events or episodes take place, which culminate in the ending of the story and the resolution of the problem. In some stories, particularly traditional tales, there is a moral element in the concluding lines. When children begin to tell their own ‘stories’ they will often omit some of the key elements. For example, they may simply relate a series of events “and then…. and then ….”. Children’s subconscious appreciation of the different parts of a familiar story will take time to be applied to their own storytelling efforts.

Have a restful and relaxing break and may your journey into reading continue to be a rich and rewarding experience for all.

Yours in the Dominican spirit of truth

Melinda Hall-O’Brien
Assistant Principal

As a school we subscribe to Parenting Ideas from Michael Grose and select relevant articles for your interest and information. This week we have included the link to his parenting magazine for you to access.


If there are specific articles you would like included in this section each week please email us your thoughts. Our school subscription provides us with access to articles from Michael relating to a wide range of areas including:
Resilience, promoting independence, bullying, effective parenting, better behaviour, supporting learning, mental health, children with special needs, personal concerns, social challenges, life skills, daily life and routines, children and behaviour.

Please email the school with any suggestions that you may have and we will aim to include relevant articles to support your area of interest/need.
Religious Education News

Making Jesus Real (MJR)
MJR is an everyday spirituality with a positive approach to life and it highlights the importance of respectful and right relationships with all those we meet. I would like to acknowledge the excellent job the Yr 6 students have done this term in leading the MJR groups. They are responsible for running groups (made up of Kinder - Yr 5) and reflecting on the ideas that have been identified in class. In the first session they spoke about ‘switching on to God Moments’ and last week explored what it means to be a ‘W.E.S.T.’ person. W.E.S.T. is an acronym for Welcome, Encourage, Sorry, Thanks.

It is a real credit to their leadership and I look forward to their continued contributions throughout the year.

Grade Mass
Well done to the Yr 5 students and teachers for the thorough preparation and reverent participation in today’s Yr 5 Mass. Thank you to the parents and other family members who were able to attend and to Fr Kieran for making these occasions so meaningful to the students.

Regards
John O’Brien

Parish News

Rosary Church Rosters:
New rosters are presently being prepared for ministries from June to January and volunteers are urgently required. There may be families who have recently arrived in the parish, or others who would like to be involved.

We are particularly grateful to the families who are already involved, so you may even be able to encourage others! We particularly need new Readers, Acolytes, Ministers of the Eucharist and Families to take up the Offertory Gifts. Assistance will be given so don’t be shy!

As you know, Mass times are-- Vigil Mass 6:00 pm and Sunday mornings 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. We would love to hear from you.

Please ring the Parish Office on 6248 5925 (before April 29th.) God Bless and Thank You!
Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Rosary primary School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called ‘Seasons for Growth’ which will commence early next term. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

Every family will receive a notice today with more details about the Seasons for Growth program. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth we would encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the program.

Kindest Regards
The Seasons for Growth Team

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**Veritas Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards last Friday:

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

**WEEK 1 TERM 2**

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

**SPORTS CORNER**

**P.S.S.A Girls Touch Football**
Congratulations to Alara for being selected in the North Gungahlin Girls Touch Football team. She will represent our region at the ACT Carnival. We wish her all the best for the carnival.

**P.S.S.A Boys Basketball**
Flynn Kelly and Archer have been selected in the North Gungahlin Boys Basketball team. They will represent our region at the ACT Carnival. Congratulations to both boys and good luck at the carnival.

**P.S.S.A Boys Touch Football**
Connor Rous and Mark have been selected in the North Gungahlin Boys Touch Football team. They will represent our region at the ACT Carnival held next term. Congratulations to both boys and we wish them all the best for the carnival.

**P.S.S.A Rugby League**
Congratulations to Liam, Charlie, Kane, Joshua and Mark for being selected in the North Gungahlin Rugby League team. They will represent our region at the ACT Carnival held in Term Two. We wish them the best of luck for the carnival.

**North Gungahlin Swimming Carnival**
Thank you to Carlee for being our parent helper at the North Gungahlin Swimming Carnival. We appreciate you giving up your time to help at the carnival.

**P.S.S.A North Gungahlin AFL**
Congratulations to Gracie for making the team, she performed brilliantly at yesterday's carnival.
Mark Konik

**Performance assembly – Friday 12th April**
Congratulations to the following performers who were selected to showcase their talents tomorrow. We are looking forward to a very exciting and entertaining performance assembly.