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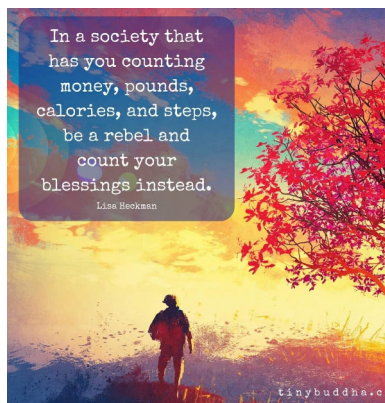
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Dear Parents

International Women's Day is celebrated annually on March 8th and it is a day to recognise the incredible achievements of women and their impact on our society. As we reflect on the past and look to the future, it is important to acknowledge the significant contributions that women have made and continue to make.

We are very fortunate to have so many amazing role models amongst our school community.

This year's theme for International Women's Day is #EmbraceEquity. It is a call to action to challenge gender bias and inequality, celebrate women's achievements and create a more inclusive world. As a school community, we must actively choose to challenge gender-based stereotypes and work towards creating a more equal and just society.

I believe it is our responsibility to instill values of equality and respect in our students. We must teach our students to celebrate diversity and embrace differences in gender, race, ethnicity and culture. We must also empower our young girls and boys to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

Women have made significant contributions to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), politics, the arts and many other fields. It is vital that we highlight these achievements and provide role models for our students to aspire to. International Women's Day is a crucial reminder of the contributions that women have made to our world and the work that remains to be done to achieve gender equality.

Let us celebrate the achievements of women, support their endeavours and empower our students to be the agents of change.

Brad Toole, Principal



We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land of the Wiradjuri people. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

And the news this week is...

School Theme for 2023 is:

"One Heart, Many Voices"



LENTEN REFLECTION

Taking time out to reflect on our Journey to Easter allows us to see how we have changed as we 'Turn Back to God' this Lent. Three weeks ago we made a commitment to **FAST** (sacrifice), **GIVE** (do for others), and **PRAY**. It is good to reflect on how we have been going with that commitment. **REFLECTION** takes focus and honesty. It is each person's chance to look at themselves without anyone else knowing your thoughts, feelings or decisions. We can think about what we said we would do for Lent and ask ourselves these questions:

- Have I done what I said I would do differently for Lent?
- Has the commitment been challenging?
- Have I noticed any change in me or how I act or think?
- Am I thinking differently about God?
- What do I need to do now to continue my journey to Easter?



PRAY - talk to God as you would a friend. Tell Him your thoughts, feelings and needs. We can ask Him to help us over the next 3

weeks as we continue the Journey To Easter.



Third Week of Lent



Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled

her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS

Thank you to everyone who has returned Parent/Teacher notes. Notes advising your time and day have been sent home this week. If you were unable to return your note, please contact your class teachers to arrange a meeting.

P & F MEETING

The next P & F Meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3.45pm in the hall. I look forward to meeting with everyone to discuss several important items on the agenda. At the meeting, the P & F will be setting fundraising targets, uniform shop update, looking at events and setting meeting dates amongst other things.

NAPLAN

This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit four NAPLAN tests. The tests will all be completed online with the exception of Year 3 Writing which is still completed on paper. We are proud of the efforts the teachers and students have put into getting ready for the tests. Results will be sent home as soon as they are made available to the school later in the year. We are mindful that this is a snapshot of their learning on one particular day.



A reminder that there is

NO CANTEEN
tomorrow 16th March.

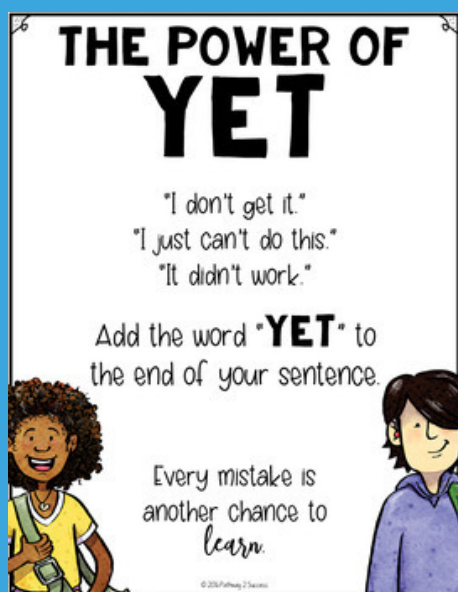
We are still looking for volunteers to assist Emma on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please let us know if you would like to help.

And the news this week is...

TERM 1

- 15/3/23 NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Writing
- 16/3/23 NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Reading/
language conventions
- 16/3/23 P & F Meeting 3.45pm
- 17/3/23 NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Numeracy
- 20/3-22/3 Parent/Teacher Meetings
- 23/3/23 Mass - Yr 4
- 27/3 - 31/3 Catholic Schools Week
- 27/3/23 CSW Liturgy/Morning Tea
Open Classrooms
- 29/3/23 CSW Enrichment Day
- 30/3/23 Peachey Shield/Richardson
Cup Dunedoo
- 30/3/23 Mass - yrs 1 & 2
- 30/3/23 Polding Swimming
- 31/3/23 CSW Tabloids/ Lawn Lunch
- 3/4/23 School Cross Country
- 3/4 - 7/4/23 Holy Week
- 6/4/23 Holy Week Liturgy 10am
Last Day of Term

STUDENT WELL-BEING TIPS



EASTER HAT PARADE



We will be having an Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 5th April (last week of Term). The Parade will be held at 9.00am as soon as the bell rings so families are able to watch. Children are asked to make their own hats at home and bring them in on the day to wear. We will keep you updated with details as the end of the term draws closer.



Our Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2023 will be held 27th - 31st March (Week 9) and involves our whole school community.

The main aim of CSW is to raise public awareness of the wonderful opportunities that Catholic schools provide, and to celebrate our history, our distinctiveness and our many achievements.

This year we will incorporate our school theme "Mission: One Heart, Many Voices" with the celebration of our 140 Year Anniversary.

CSW is also about strengthening relationships among all who have a stake in our schools - students, staff, families, priests, parishioners and members of the wider community.

Our school is planning a number of activities during the week. Parents are invited to join us for our Liturgy, Morning Tea, Open Classrooms (Monday; Tabloid Sports and Lunch on the Lawn (Friday).

Mon 27/3 CSW Liturgy @ 10.30am followed by Morning Tea and Open Classrooms

Wed 29/3 Enrichment Day (mufti day)

Thur 30/3 Peachey Shield Rugby League

Frid 31/3 Tabloid Sports / Lunch on the Lawn

RUGBY LEAGUE - DUNEDOO

The David Peachey Rugby League competition will be held in Dunedoo on Thursday 30th March. There will be a bus available and Mr Rogers and Mr Toole will accompany the students to Dunedoo for the day. Please return permission notes and bus payment asap if your child is attending (Yr 3 - 6).

Merit Awards

Week 6

<p><u>Kinder</u> Bonnie-Blue O, Hunter B</p>	<p><u>Year 3</u> Jett R, Liam J</p>
<p><u>Year 1</u> Adeline O, Jacob H</p>	<p><u>Year 4</u> Noah W, Caitlin B</p>
<p><u>Year 2</u> Ned L, Georgia T, Wayne G</p>	<p><u>Year 5/6</u> Henry B, Levi R, Dante W, Bailey T, Lilah G</p>

Halos: Hartley S, Georgia T, Hope S, Connor C, Cooper H, Roley A, Charlie W, Harriet B, Will D, Michaela W

PARISH NEWS



Service in the Absence of a Priest - Sunday 19th March @ 10.30am

DIOCESAN RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS

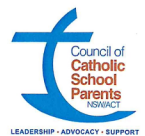


Last week students attended the Diocesan Rugby League Trials in Bathurst. Pat and Jake both performed very well and made it to the Possible/Probables stage of the Trial.

Congratulations to Jake McElligott who has been selected to play in the Bathurst Diocesan Rugby League Team to compete at the Polding Trials later in the year.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Brochures came home last week and orders are due back this **Friday 17th March**. Just return the order form and payment to the school office (be sure to include child's name) or place your order via the online LOOP system.



Webinar: Anxiety and Resilience

The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT invites: parents, carers and staff to attend a FREE webinar to assist you to support children in your care.

ONE NOT TO BE MISSED BY PARENTS AND CARERS

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE **WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 7.00 PM**



Dr Justin Coulson PhD

Dr Justin Coulson is the cohost and parenting expert on Channel 9's Parental Guidance.

PhD in Positive Psychology & one of Australia's leading parenting experts.

Host of the Number 1 Parenting Podcast in Australia.

Author of 7 Parenting books.

Proud Parent, with his wife Kylie, of 6 children.

DATE Wednesday 29 March, 2023 **RSVP** <https://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/upcoming-webinars>

TIME 7.00 - 8.00pm

VENUE online



You can attend the webinar using your mobile phone, laptop, or tablet. You do not need to download any programs. Please note you **MUST** register to attend this event or access recording for a brief period post event. This webinar is for parents and carers not students. This is for parents and carers with children in NSW/ACT Catholic schools.

FOR ANY ISSUES REGISTERING FOR THE WEBINAR PLEASE CONTACT



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