Weekly Prayer:
Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent:

Dear Lord, as we enter this solemn and holy season, we pray that You would send Your Holy Spirit upon us that we might prepare ourselves for these coming 40 days of Lent. Even though we may no longer wear sackcloth and ashes, we do seek to humble ourselves so that we can understand the magnificence of Your love for us as You humbled Yourself and gave Your life on the cross that we might receive the gift of eternal glory with You. Amen

Thursday February 11th, 2016

**UPCOMING EVENTS – FEBRUARY**

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**DEAR FAMILIES,**

**Ash Wednesday**
What great celebrations yesterday we had! The school Mass in the morning; a great choir, well-rehearsed readers, attentive congregation and even some incense. My thanks to each and every one who played a part in putting together such a fitting ceremony. The evening Mass at 7:00pm was extremely well attended. Those who say the Church is dying probably have not visited Resurrection Parish to see the church full and many more in the hall. But what does this special feast mean for us? Penance, fasting and alms-giving are the three main concepts associated with Lent. Perhaps an exploration of what these mean in our lives and how we, as 21st Century Christians, are meant to live these out would be a good start. Are we expected to wear sackcloth and cover ourselves in ashes so that everyone can see that we are repenting, fasting and alms-giving? Of course not. Do we need to give up chocolate or coffee for the duration of Lent? For some of us, it might not hurt us to do so BUT if that is all we do – then Christ’s message might need revisiting. What is important during this season is rebuilding our relationship with God, our relationship with others and our relationship with ourselves, i.e., acknowledging who we are, what we can improve and setting about to do it.

**Sunday 21st February**
The 10:30am Mass on this day will celebrate a number of very important aspects of our community: 40 years of the Parish, Welcome to the Prep families and Commitment of the School staff to the work of the parish. This celebration will be followed by further celebratory activities in the parish/school grounds. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to the most important of events.

May God bless you

John Connors
SCHOOL FEES AND TUITION LEVIES – 2016

School fees are billed annually at the start of each year and payments are required each term. However, arrangements can be made with the school office to pay fees either by Direct Debit or Vouchers in fortnightly or monthly instalments.

School Fees per family per annum: $740.00 ($185.00 x 4 Terms)
Tuition Levy per child per annum: $200.00 (Classroom supplies / excursions)
I.T Levy per child per annum: $ 50.00 (Computer / Laptop / iPad)
(Capped at $100 per family)

Tuition and I.T Levies are to be paid in the first week of school unless you have contacted the office to pay by instalments.

TERM SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT OPTION:
Due dates for payment of school fees each term are as follows:
Term 1: To be paid by Friday, March 4, 2016
Term 2: To be paid by Friday, May 27, 2016
Term 3: To be paid by Friday, July 29, 2016
Term 4: All accounts to be finalized by Friday, October 28, 2016

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the school fees, please do not hesitate to contact myself, or the School Bursar. If you do experience payment difficulties at any time, please telephone the school office immediately so that alternative arrangements can be made. Remember, under normal circumstances lack of money is not what causes difficulties, it is the lack of communication.

INSTALMENT ARRANGEMENTS
The school offers a number of options to assist with fee payments as well as the usual Term payments. Options include:
• Direct debit from your nominated Bank account or Credit Card
• Voucher instalments – payments you make yourself.

The instalments cover the entire account and include Fees, Levies, Year P – 6 Camp Program and Swimming. These arrangements can be made by completing the forms provided at the office. Instalments must be made as per arrangement to ensure repayments are manageable.

HOW IS FUNDING FOR VICTORIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ALLOCATED BY GOVERNMENT?

Both the Australian and Victorian Governments are important providers of funding for Catholic schools along with families who contribute to the costs of Catholic education through fees and fundraising. Catholic schools are resourced at 10% less than government schools. On average, the income per student in Catholic schools is lower ($10,008) than in government schools ($11,132).

What do our school fees ($740.00) go towards?
School fees pay the running costs of the school. The bills you receive at home (power, water, gas, insurance, cleaning costs, loan repayments, plumbers, electricians, telephone, maintenance items etc) are the same bills we receive however ours are much higher in dollar values for example our insurance bill is $45,000 per year our electricity bill per month on average is $5,000 etc. The school fees pay these costs which we do not receive government support for.

What do our $200 levies go towards?
The levies pay for the items used by your child within the school year. The breakdown on $200 levies is as follows:

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<td>Classroom stationary, art materials and books</td>
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<td><strong>$234.86 (The school will through fund raising and other income put in the extra $34.86 per child.)</strong></td>
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What does our $50 ICT (computer/digital devices) levy go towards?
The levies raised go towards our total ICT costs. The levies collected will cover minimal costs associated with our ICT deployment. We will raise $15,000 of the $161,250 required each year for ICT requirements.

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If you have any difficulties with payment of fees please see Mr Connors so that an arrangement can be worked out. We are able to assist families in need!

If you were on a payment arrangement in 2015, this will need to be negotiated for 2016. Please note: Independent auditors review our financial records to ensure money has been spent appropriately and according to the guidelines. To date our auditors reports have always found correct procedures and disbursements are in place of all financial transactions.

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**OUR RESURRECTION SCHOOL MOBILE APP**

The App is designed to keep students, families and the broader school community connected and up to date with the latest information from Resurrection Primary School. Some of the App features include:

- Notifications allowing you to receive alerts and reminders
- Events calendar and Contact information
- Documents library which contains newsletters, forms and policies

You can access the app via the direct links below, or by searching for our school name.


We encourage all parents to download the App and stay connected with what’s happening at school.

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**NEWSLETTER:**

There will be four ways your family can access the Newsletter:

1. Register with the Resurrection App. The Newsletter will be automatically sent to your iPhone or Android phone on Thursdays as soon as it’s published.
2. Send us your email address and it will be emailed directly to you (2015 families please re-register).
3. Visit our school’s website and download it. Any previous Newsletters from the current year will also be available.
4. Register for a paper copy (see register slip below - 2015 families please re-register).

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**Register for a paper copy (please return by next Wednesday):**

The ____________________________ family would like to register for a paper copy of the newsletter.

Eldest Child’s Name______________________________ Room Number:_________

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**SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALES**

Our second-hand uniform sales will be sold tomorrow, from 2.45pm to 3.15pm. All items are $5.00 each. Please try to bring the correct money.

Enter through the Junior Shared Area doors.

Donations welcome!
NOTICES/REMINDERS:

AFTER SCHOOL
All teachers are walking their grades outside after school to meet parents. This is a great opportunity to have a quick ‘catch up’ with your child’s classroom teacher. Parents of children in Years 3-6 who may not normally come into the yard are very welcome!

PICKING CHILDREN UP EARLY
Please remember you need to come to the office to sign out your child/ren from school. The office staff will call your child from the classroom and your child will come with their school bag to the office.

SCHOOL HOURS
Before school children are supervised from 8.30am to 8.50am only. No responsibility is taken for children who arrive before 8.30am. Children are only able to leave the school (during school time) if a family member fills out the early dismissal form in the office. School finishes at 3.15pm every day.

FRIDAY 8.30AM MASS
Each week all families are invited to attend the 8.30am Mass on Fridays. If you are able to attend you will be made most welcome. Each week different grades will participate in various aspects of the liturgy. Please note the school bell rings after Mass on a Friday (9.00am approx.).

STAFF MEETINGS
The Staff meet every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. We ask that families who wish to make appointments to speak to teachers (where possible) please avoid Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

DOGS
Please remember our school is a dog free zone. Many children are very scared of dogs and some children are allergic to dog hair. Dogs can also be unpredictable and bite a child (there is always a first time!) a situation we do want to avoid.

SCHOOL CROSSING
It is important that children and adults use the school crossings when crossing the road. Parents, please set a good example for your children by using the crossings. Please wait until the whistle is blown before crossing the road. Remember also to greet our crossing supervisor, who does a wonderful job each day.

FUNDRAISING MEETING
You are invited!! Please come along to our first Fundraising meeting for 2016 on Wednesday 17th February at 9.00am. We will meet in the Community room (toddlers welcome) and join in our discussions for 2016 fundraising ideas. We invite and would welcome any parents with an hour to spare to contribute to our 2016 fundraising ideas. It is a great way to meet other parents and become involved in school life.
**Story Time**

MacKillop Room

Fridays from 2.45pm - 3.15pm

Parents please come for story time with pre school children

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**SPORTS NEWS**

We are excited to kick off a very busy school year with our School Cross Country Trials. The date of the trials will be Monday 29th February, which has changed from the date advised in last week’s newsletter, due to other Interschool Sports commitments.

Students are encouraged to wear their sports uniforms on this day, and will not be able to participate if not wearing appropriate footwear.

Signup sheets for this event have been placed in the Year 3 and 4 corridor and Year 5 and 6 building for students to put their name down for the event. We are also looking for parents who hold a current Working with Children Check to help out as course marshals on the day. If you are able to assist us with this, please contact Mrs Maree Shields or Miss Angela Grech as soon as possible.

In other Sports news, this year the pathway for students to enter the State teams for AFL, Soccer, Basketball and Netball has changed slightly. In the past, the Deer Park District Schools have held tryouts for these sports and successful students have been notified through the school. This year, School Sport Victoria have made the application process completely online. If students in years 5 and 6 have exceptional skill in any of these sports and would like to try out for the State Teams, they will need to go to the School Sport Victoria Website and click on the parents link under the page banner and follow the links to the appropriate page, or go to [www.ssv.vic.edu.au/TeamVic/Pages/onlineRegistrationInformation.aspx](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/TeamVic/Pages/onlineRegistrationInformation.aspx) and pay the $26 fee per student per sport. Registrations are open now and close March 16. Late entries will not be accepted. If you would like help filling this in, please let us know.

The process for Swimming and Tennis Interschool Sport has not changed, however, and trials are being held for both sports. Students must again have exceptional skill in these sports to be successful. Tennis Trials are being held at the Delahey Tennis Courts on February 25 at 9.00am for students in Years 5 and 6 and Swimming Trials are being held at the St Albans Leisure Centre from 9.30am to 12pm on March 2 for students in years 3 to 6.

If you would like more information on any of these sports trials, please ask Mrs Maree Shields or Miss Angela Grech.

**PREP 2017 INFORMATION NIGHT**

There will be an information night on **Tuesday 16th February** for parents who have a child commencing in **Prep in 2017**. The meeting will be in the School Hall and begin at 7pm. Please let families with a child in kindergarten know about this meeting.

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**ICT REMINDER**

Just a reminder that the ICT Acceptable Use Policy forms for Years Prep – 6 are due back **tomorrow 12th February 2016**. In order for your child to use the technology devices at school this form must be handed back to their classroom teacher signed by parent/guardian and student.
Our Parish Mission
Our “Year of Mercy” Mission continues this Friday and each Friday of Lent; commencing in the hall at 7.30pm, concluding at 9pm.
This week our presenter is Bishop Vincent Long, his topic (Pope Francis and the Year of Mercy) should be of interest to every parishioner.

Fr Paul Connell is the parish priest of St Oliver's, Pascoe Vale. He is a Senior Fellow of Catholic Theological College in the University of Divinity, and did postgraduate studies at Oxford University and the Gregorian University in Rome. He has been Rector of Corpus Christi seminary and Episcopal Vicar for Higher Education.

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<td>Where is Anger in the Bible?</td>
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<td>Friday 18 Mar.</td>
<td>The “Year of Mercy” and You</td>
<td>Jill McCorquodale</td>
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Prep Information Night (2017)
There will be a meeting on Tuesday 16 February in our Community Centre for parents who have a child starting in Prep next year. This is an information meeting and is very important for parents who would like their children to start in Prep next year.

19 Seconds!
At the conclusion of Mass do you know it takes the priest 19 seconds to reverence the altar and walk to the narthex? Let us challenge the idea that we just wander off when we choose. At the end of Mass we are commissioned to go and proclaim the Gospel. It is very specific and comes immediately after the final blessings. Out of respect for the priest please wait in your seat until the priest passes the row you are sitting in.

Working Bee
Our 1st Working Bee for the year is on Saturday 27 February between 8.30am and noon. There is much to be done. Can you help? Will you help?

Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation
These three Sacraments will be celebrated by children in Grades 3, 4 & 6 respectively during the course of this year. Fr Eleo Capra is coming on Tuesday 23 February at 7pm for an evening with the parents of these children. This is a very important part of the sacramental journey; parents of both Resurrection and Government school children are expected to attend. Parishioners are also invited to attend and participate in what will be an informative and lively night.

Melbourne Catholic
Melbourne Catholic is the name of a new Archdiocesan magazine. It will be a monthly publication with the first two months being free. Should you like to pick up a copy you may do so at the Parish Office.

1st Chewing Gum Found!
Last weekend chewing gum was found sticking to one of our new chairs. Parishioners are requested to refrain from chewing gum in church.

Is our Church a Sacred Space?
With our new carpet and chairs now in place it is a good time to evaluate our liturgical behaviour.
For instance let us agree on the following:

- Make every effort to arrive before Mass commences
- Not engage in needless conversation during Mass
- Join in the Mass responses and singing
- Not bring chewing gum into the church
- Not to leave tissues on the floor
- Not to bring food and drink into the church except for small children and for anybody who is sick. The expectation is that in those cases any mess will be cleaned up by the people creating it
- To wait in our seats at the end of Mass until the priest has reached the narthex (about 19 seconds from when the priest bows before the altar)
- To have a more reverential disposition before Mass (keeping talking to a minimum)
- Not to engage in conversation during collections or announcements

Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy
There is an excellent Lenten resource available on the Archbishop’s Office of Evangelisation www.cam.org.au/evangelisation it is titled “Lenten Resource: A Spirit of Mercy” and may be downloaded free of charge. For any parishioner without a printer there is a limited number of copies available at the Parish Office.
We come to honour and glorify God for what He has done in the past 40 years here at Resurrection Parish. Resurrection has a mission with vision. Where there is no vision, people perish and with that vision we are going through a long journey as a Parish with Our Lord. Our Parish decided to conduct a 40th Anniversary celebration.

The Social Group together with the School Advisory Council will be organising this event. This event will be celebrated on 21st February, after the 10.30am Mass. We are reaching out and requesting help from parishioners and school families, if you are available to help and would love to be a part of this special celebration could you please leave your details at the Parish Office. Let us commit ourselves to grow intimate in our relationship with the Lord and pass the beacon of faith to our next generation. Let us humble ourselves and join hands together and celebrate the great events of the 40th Anniversary of our Parish.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN TRANSLATED INTO A NUMBER OF LANGUAGES INCLUDING DINKA, VIETNAMESE AND TAMIL. PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITE OR CONTACT THE SCHOOL FOR HELP.