Dear Families,

PROJECT COMPASSION

WHO IS CARITAS?

Caritas Australia belongs to an international network called Caritas Internationalis. Caritas Internationalis is one of the largest aid and development agencies in the world comprising of a network of 162 Catholic relief aid, development and social service organisations working to build a better world, especially for the poor and oppressed, in over 200 countries and territories.

A message from Archbishop Doyle on Caritas....

Our journey through Lent is a time for reflection on how we are living in response to God’s love.

Project Compassion, Caritas Australia’s annual Lenten appeal, is an opportunity to open our hearts with love and hope to the needs in our world. Project Compassion enables us to open our hands to share what we have with those who lack basic human rights – food, water, shelter, healthcare and education.

Last year, Project Compassion raised $9.3 million. On behalf of everyone at Caritas and our partners, I thank you for your extraordinary generosity, which has enabled Caritas Australia to continue to work in partnership with communities for a just and compassionate world.

Each year, during the six weeks of Lent, Project Compassion provides us with six stories from Caritas programs around the world. We learn about participation, dedication, resilience and hope within communities. We learn about the interrelationship of all peoples and what we can accomplish when we work together.

Each classroom has a project compassion box. Children may wish to donate some of money to assist those whom are less fortunate in this world.

More information is available: http://www.caritas.org.au/

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UPCOMING EVENTS - FEBRUARY

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You have entrusted your child to our care. You, I am sure are no different from parents worldwide. You want your child to be happy and to be well educated.

To be well-educated means many things - to be a good reader, a good writer, to be good at mathematics, to have knowledge about a wide range of things. In our school, it also means to have knowledge about God, His Son Jesus and the Church, which is entrusted to proclaim The Good News.

Yes it means all of those things and more. It also means that a young person is forming life long attributes, values and principles that will make them the person that you, the parent, would wish them to be.

The school too, needs many people to enter into the process of forming young hearts and minds. The professionals, the teachers have their job to do, but unless there is a partnership between the home and the school, then the child will find it more difficult to reach full potential. One way of becoming involved in school life is to be part of the School Advisory Council.

The first Wednesday of each month all parish groups meet for prayer in the church (7.15pm) and then break off into their groups (7.30pm). The School Advisory Council meets in the staffroom (7.30pm-8.30pm) and its aims are to:

- *Foster close relationships between all who make up this community.*
- *Work closely within and contribute to the total Parish Meeting structure.*
- *Discuss issues tabled by the parent representatives.*
- *Elicit ideas and opinions in regard to school policy and programming.*
- *Create support for those working on behalf of the school.*

At our meeting on **Wednesday 6th March** we plan to:

- discuss the implementation of computers and further understand Cyber safety
- review our 2013 Annual action Plan
- discuss 2013 innovations

**Please feel free to join us and have your input into your child’s school!**
Yesterday the Year 1 and 2 students made pancakes and then sold them for 20 cents each. This was their social justice work in raising money for one of our chosen charities for people in need. The Year 1 & 2 students raised $140. The children created the batter and with the assistance of staff and parents the batter was cooked and pancakes sold.

The prep children also made pancakes and enjoyed the eating of them also!!

Australia Day Celebrations

The Year 5 and 6 students participated in a range of Australian activities last Friday. Some of these included: bush dancing, listening to Australian songs, sampling Australian foods (vegemite, lamingtons and meat pies), participating in Australian sports and reading books from Australian authors. The day concluded with a BBQ! A great day was had by all. Thanks to the staff for organising the many activities.
WHAT'S ON IN OUR SCHOOL

Our display board (near the Library entry doors) is full of current news and events (including the school calendar). Please take some time on a weekly basis to have a look at the notices.

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!

SCHOOL HOURS

Children, before school, 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 Friday’s. 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.).

SAFE, HAPPY AND READY TO LEARN

In the first week of school on my class visits I reinforced our mantra to the children “Safe, Happy and Ready to Learn”. Children all need to feel safe and happy so that they are then ready to learn. If they feel unsafe or unhappy at any stage they need to let a staff member know so that issues/problems can be resolved quickly. I reinforced to all children that the classroom teacher will deal with any classroom issues/concerns. If there is a consistent (more than twice) yard issue that make children feel unsafe or unhappy they need to approach a member of the leadership team (Mrs. Helen Belden, Mrs. Frances Barone, Mr. Mark Miatello or myself) who will then deal with the situation.
INVITATION TO THE OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR MASS
Friday 22nd February at 9:15am
Celebrated by
Father Noel Brady
All Families are invited to celebrate this Mass with the School Community - Students, Staff and Parishioners Morning tea with the School Staff will follow after Mass in the Community centre. All Welcome!!

FUNDRAISING MEETING

Please come along on Tuesday 19th at 9.00am in the Community room (toddlers welcome) and join in our discussions for 2013 fundraising ideas. We invite and would welcome any parents with an hour to spare to contribute to our 2013 fund-raising ideas. It is a great way to meet other parents and become involved in school life.
All Welcome.

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY 2013

Parents need to decide now if this year is the right time for their child/ren to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Year 3), First Communion (Year 4), or Confirmation (Year 6).
On Thursday 21st February the Sacramental journey for all Year 3, 4, and 6 students begins at 7.00pm in the church.
The evening will take the form of a Prayer Service that will include faith sharing from invited speakers. It will begin at 7.00pm and conclude by 8pm. All children who are celebrating a sacrament together with their parents are expected to attend. It is part of the faith journey leading to the celebration of the sacraments.
PARENT COMMUNICATION POLICY

Vision Statement
We value the partnership which exists between parish, school, parents and wider community and its integral role in realising this vision.

Rationale
It is important that Parish Schools work within the parameters of the Catholic ethos. It is therefore vital that effective communication processes are in place so that persons have a clear understanding of positive communication channels that will enhance and promote the ethos of our schools. It is also a way of ensuring that a sense of fairness is maintained for all concerned.

Aims
To ensure effective communication between school community members and that processes are in place which allow for open and honest communication amongst school community members

Processes for parents with a concern
Where a parent has a concern involving a student, the following procedures are in place:
1. The parent should request an interview with the teacher at a time convenient to both parties.
2. If no resolution, the parents should contact the principal who will arrange a meeting between the parent/teacher and principal and any other relevant staff.
3. If no resolution, the parties should consult with the Parish Priest.
4. The Parish Priest may wish to involve the Regional Principal Consultant of the Catholic Education Office Melbourne.

Where a parent has a family matter that they believe the school needs to know about or a concern with a parent or staff member, the following procedures are in place:
1. The parent contacts the Principal to discuss the matter.
2. If necessary the parent and Principal will meet with the classroom teacher to discuss the matter and the possible implications for the student in the school setting.
3. At the request of the parent, counselling can be sought for the family.
4. In the event that the parent contacts a staff member other than the Principal in the first instance:
   a. The staff member should direct the parent to meet with the Principal, and/or
   b. The staff member should record the purpose and content of the meeting and forward it to the Principal.

Resurrection Parish Prep Welcome Mass
And Family Fun Day for all!!
Sunday February 24th, 2013
Resurrection Parish are welcoming prep families at the 10.30am Mass and having a Family Fun Day to be held on Sunday February 24th. Mass begins at 10.30am and the Fun day begins from 11.30 am in the school/parish car park. This day is open to everyone - new families to our school/parish, all the community and of course our regular parish and school community. There will be ‘FREE’ rides (jumping castle, train ride and aeroplane ride). We also have a sausage sizzle costing $2.50 each and various drinks. Bring the family, tell your friends, don’t miss out on this great family event!

Parish Social Group
**WORKING BEES -2013**
This year we will continue to have one working bee a Term.
Our first working bee is on Saturday February 23rd (8.30am -12.30pm) and I invite parents who have their **eldest child in Level 4 (Year 5/6)** to attend as your one working bee commitment for the year.

Other working Bees:
June 15th - Eldest child in **Level 3 (Year 3 & 4 children)**
September 7th - Eldest child in **Level 2 (Year 1 & 2 children)**
November 30th - Eldest child in **Level 1 (Prep children)**

Remember that working bees are a vital way of improving our school environment. There are many parents who, due to work and other commitments, cannot assist during our normal school week. Our working bees are a great opportunity to meet other parents and assist your child’s school at the same time. To enable us to plan the work could you please indicate below if you are able to attend.

Dear Mr. Kremers,

The __________________________ family are able to attend the working bee on Saturday 23rd February.

Number of adults ___________ Eldest child’s name ___________ Year ____ Room ___

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**Busy Box**

This year we hope to utilise parents to assist with creating staff resources in an area called “The Busy Box”

Some examples where we might need your help will be with:
Cutting; Laminating; Colouring in; Gluing; Collating; etc

Where: Community Room
When: Every Tuesday and Wednesday
Time: 2.15 pm onwards

Why not come before you pick up your child from school, grab a cup of coffee, and help staff with all the work that needs to be completed?
Our aim is to have this work finalised for staff within a week from the time they hand it in. I know with your help we can achieve this.
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE  
(EMA Health Care Card)  

The eligibility amount for 2013 is $200 per Prep child and $150 per Year 1-6 child. The payment will be paid in two instalments and to be eligible the claimant must:

- Be a parent / guardian of a primary school student.
- Hold a current CENTRELINK CONCESSION, OR HEALTH CARE BENEFIT CARD, OR VETERANS AFFAIRS (TP) PENSIONER CARD and the card must be current on 29th January, 2013.
- Application must be submitted to the school by 28th February 2013

Parents, if you are eligible please apply NOW. You must bring your Centrelink Card with you to be photocopied.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ABOVE DATE

STAFF MEETINGS

The Staff meet every Tuesday afternoon. We ask that families who wish to make appointments to speak to teachers (where possible) please avoid Tuesday afternoon.

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.

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.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED THE ‘SETTLED IN WELL AND HAS BEEN A GOOD FRIEND’ AWARD THIS WEEK.

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PRAYER
Lord Jesus, show us your mercy, and let the light Of your face shine on us through your Word Amen

Thought for the Week
Write the bad things that are done to you in sand, but write the good things that happen to you in marble.
Anon

Best Wishes

John Kremers
Principal
CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE CAROLINE SPRINGS

Enrolment for Year 7, 2014

Parents of current Grade 6 students who are zoned to Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs have until **Friday 1st March 2013** to submit their applications for enrolment for Year 7 in 2014. This is the final date of acceptance for applications.

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE ST ALBANS

Enrolments for Year 7 2014

The College is now taking applications for Year 7 in 2014. Interested families requiring more information are asked to contact Anne Stokie for an enrolment information package. This can be done by phone (9366 2544) or email at astokie@crcstalbans.com.au. There will be school tours on the 14th and 18th February at 9.30am. The enrolment application form is also available from the College website at www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au.

Applications for Year 7 2014 close on **Friday 1st March 2013**.

AMES

Your help & Friendship is needed!

Can you speak, read and write English confidently? Do you enjoy meeting people from other cultures? Can you spare 2 hours each week to help someone?

FREE TRAINING AND ONGOING SUPPORT PROVIDED.
NO EXPERIENCE or QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY!

For more information, please contact:
Rosemary Harman on 9366 0433, Email: harmanr@ames.net.au At AMES Volunteer Tutor Program, 16 Victoria Square, St Albans

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Thank you to all in our community who passed on their Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn’ receipts. As a result we earned many points and were able to purchase many valuable resources for our school. Below are some photographs showcasing our purchases.
PARISH NEWS

Working Bee
What about some new faces next Saturday? There is much to be done. You can make a difference. **The working bee is on Saturday 23 February from 8.30am till noon. Morning tea and lunch provided.**

**How Will You Serve?**
Did you commit to at least one of our 54 Parish Ministries?
If Resurrection is the place where you regularly worship and you did not, you might reflect on the words of Jesus in John’s Gospel 13:14 “So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet”. We are called to serve others.

**Palm Branches**
Should you be able to supply any palm branches (large or small) for this year’s Passion Sunday (24 March) please contact the Parish Office, or leave your details at the Welcome Desk.

**Lenten Groups**
There are four opportunities each week during Lent for parishioners to reflect and discuss the following Sunday’s Gospel. Each participant is asked to buy a booklet entitled “We Wish to See Jesus”, the cost is $8. The booklet is produced by the Archdiocese of Brisbane. It has the Sunday Gospel readings for Lent, reflections on the Gospel, and thoughtful questions to provide a focus for sharing.
Times and facilitators are as follows:
Monday 9.15am Margaret Vilardo
Tuesday 7.30pm RCIA (all welcome)
Wednesday 1pm Jane Caruana
Wednesday 7pm Dan Christie
There are sign-up sheets in the church narthex.

**Playgroup**
Resurrection Parish Playgroup has been going for over 15 years. It is held in the hall on Thursday mornings between 10am and noon. Any Resurrection parishioner is welcome. The cost is $2.

**Sacraments 2013**
Parents please note if you have a child in Grades 3 (1st Reconciliation), 4 (1st Communion), or 6 (Confirmation) at Resurrection Primary School; or if your child goes to a Government and is celebrating one of those Sacraments this year, there is a Prayer Service and information evening this Thursday 21 February in the church commencing at 7pm.
It is important that you participate in this evening as it is an integral part of the journey leading up to the celebration of the Sacraments.

**No Thursday Mass this Week**
Because of the Sacramental night on 21 February there will not be a Thursday Mass this week.
Parish Family Fun Day...

24th February
11.30am - 2pm

FREE RIDES
FACE PAINTING
RAFFLE
GAMES
SAUSAGE SIZZLE - $2.50
DRINKS - $1.00