Prayer: The word “Amen”

The word Amen appears in the earliest Jewish texts and is prayed by Muslims as well as Jews and Christians. It was and is still used to declare something to be true or to confirm something. It indicates that one strongly agrees with something, like ‘I agree!’ or ‘I believe!’

The word Amen is found in some of the books of the Old Testament. Examples of this are in the book of Jeremiah, the prophet (28: 6), and in the book of Deuteronomy (27: 14) where we read ‘and all the people shall say Amen’. We also find this word in the gospels and in Paul’s letters – it usually concludes a prayer. The word ‘Amen’ is prayed in Liturgy and in the celebration of Sacraments. There are two very special times during Mass that people pray Amen:

1. at the close of the Prayer of Consecration in the liturgy: Celebrant: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. And we all respond: Amen. - and


May the God of peace be with us all. Amen.

Thursday February 16th, 2017

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NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Prep Welcome and Parish Celebration This Sunday, February 19th, we will be welcoming our Preps to the Resurrection Community at the 10:30am Mass and then holding the Parish Celebration in the school grounds. We look forward to seeing you all there. There will be Jumping Castles, Face Painting, Sand Art and a sausage sizzle, Devonshire tea, amongst other activities available.

Car Park Apart from a few ‘newbies’ getting to know our system, the car park seems to be working fairly well. Please take note of the signs that are displayed at various places, e.g. 10km/h speed limit, No Right Turn and No Exit signs. The ‘Drop off’ is accessed through Gate 3, please do not attempt to turn right from the Drop Off zone. Also, it is important not to impede traffic exiting the main car park, Gate 1. There is a sign on the front fence asking drivers not to enter when cars are departing. If you are running late, please use the drop off, or park in nearby streets and walk to the school.

School Photos We have organised for School Photos to be taken on Wednesday 15th March. Students should be dressed in the summer uniform. Further information about this can be found in this newsletter.
Settling in

The beginning of a new year brings many changes; some that we embrace and some that can challenge us. It is important to give ourselves time to adjust, to reflect and to determine a way forward. For Prep students (and their parents) there are many new things going on; forming friendships, understanding classroom routines, learning playground etiquette – none of these things should be viewed negatively, they are all good learning experiences.

May God bless you,
John Connors
PRINCIPAL

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.

NEWSLETTER:

This will be the last week that you can register for the newsletter so please ensure that you have replied as to how you would like to receive the newsletter. Please note the new email address to register for the emailed version of the 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 (2016 families please re-register).
   Register Now for the emailed version. Simply send an email to: (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS) rsrnnewsletter@rskingspark.catholic.edu.au
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 - 2016 families please re-register).

Register for a paper copy:

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

Eldest Child’s Name________________________________ ____   Room Number:_________

ASH WEDNESDAY CANTEEN MENU

Ash Wednesday menus will be sent home on tomorrow Friday 17th February. Orders must be returned to the canteen no later than Friday 24th February. Students in Year 5 and 6 must place their orders by Tuesday 21st February as these students will be going to camp. No further orders will be accepted on Ash Wednesday as no meat will be served on this day.
Please keep in mind our next WORKING BEE, which will start at 8.30am on Saturday 25th February. 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.

I invite parents who have their eldest child in Middle School (Years 3 & 4) to attend as your one working bee commitment for the year.

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<td>General Sweeping and cleaning of external areas AND level mulch in Adventure play equipment around school oval</td>
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Dear Mr. Connors,

The __________________________ family are able to attend the working bee on Saturday 25th February.

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

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH

School photo information will be sent home next with with your child.

Please ensure all students are in FULL SUMMER UNIFORM ONLY on the school photo day (NO RUNNERS).

STORY TIME

MacKillop Room

Fridays from 2.45pm – 3.15pm

Parents please come for story time with pre school children

CRC CAROLINE SPRINGS – ENROLMENT YEAR 7 2018

All parents of current Year 6 students who are zoned to Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs have until tomorrow 17 February 2017 to submit their applications for enrolment for Year 7 in 2018. This is the final date of acceptance for applications.

Parents who have children attending the College and have siblings in Year 6 will still need to complete an enrolment form.
ONPsych

Childhood and adolescence can be a difficult and challenging time for some students. Fortunately, school support staff is in a position to help students deal with these challenges by linking them to specialist staff on school grounds. onPsych services are available at Resurrection Primary School. onPsych offer services to students and their families at no cost under the GP Health Plan. This will entitle the student/family member to a maximum of 10 sessions per year with the psychologist.

Clara Lee is the onPsych staff member working at Resurrection. For further information contact Helen Belden or feel free to contact the General Manager of onPsych services, Dr Natalie Flatt on 1300 659 350 or visit their website www.onpsych.com.au

ONLINE SAFETY AND CYBERBULLYING

THIS IS AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED – IT WILL CHANGE YOUR THINKING

Delivered by a professional speaker on the topic of digital compliance and internet safety. You will be presented with engaging and powerful information in a way that will bring to life possible online dangers and responsibilities which are a part of your child's digital world. Strategies of protection and prevention will empower you to reduce online risks within your home. You will be amazed how simple this can be.

**Where:** Resurrection Primary School

**When:** Thursday 2nd March

**Time:** 7:00 pm

PARENT HELPERS

Dear parents, as part of our Literacy and Numeracy lessons, we require parent helpers. If you would like to volunteer some time, helping in the classroom, there will be a meeting in the library on Monday the 27th of February at 2:30 pm.

Tasks you may do as a classroom helper:
- Listen to students read
- Supervise small group work
- Change Take Home books
- Help students practise handwriting
- Counting
- Play games
- Assist the classroom teacher with resources.

We would love to have you on board and together help the children with their learning. All parent helpers must have a “Working with Children Check”

Looking forward to meeting you.

Teresa Rossitto
Literacy Coordinator.
Welcome to the first SPS “speech box’ for the year. Each speech box will cover a different topic and provide information and suggestions for things you can do at home to support your child with their learning. If you would like further information contact the SPS speech pathologist at the school.

Reading with your child and reading to your child
In the early years of schooling your child will be bringing readers home. The reading practice they get by reading school readers every night is invaluable to reading progress. When doing readers with your child, also take the time to talk about the book. Discuss the cover, talk about the pictures and predict with your child what might happen next.

Along with reading with your child, it is also good practice to read to your child. Bedtime stories where a book or part of a book is read each night is a way to encourage children to engage with books and build vocabulary and language skills. Talking about the stories also develops meaningful interactions between parent and child.

Studies have shown that the types of interactions between parent and child can result in a more than 30 million words gap between children by the time they are three years old. https://www.aft.org/sites/default/files/periodicals/TheEarlyCatastrophe.pdf
PARISH NEWS

Working Bee

Next Saturday 25 February is our first working bee for 2017. There are many things to be done: dead trees & bushes to be removed, grass to be cut, weeds to be poisoned, gutters to be cleared & cleaned, shrubs to be planted, paths to be swept, windows to be cleaned, trees to be removed around our parish office, Fr Noel’s backyard in much need of some TLC are just some on the list. This is your parish. Do you want it to look loved? It is up to you. Anytime between 8.30am and 12.30pm would be good.

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which this year is 1 March. There will be two Masses that day:
*9.30am With the participation of our school children
*7pm

Can You Help?

For the past almost 20 years one of our Parish Ministries has been cleaning our Parish Office. Sadly there is no one doing this important work at present. Two parishioners did commit to this ministry at the annual sign-up in December; however because of changed circumstances neither is currently available. Might this be your way of serving our parish? The real thing about this ministry is that it offers maximum flexibility; the office is open seven days each week. You can come weekly or monthly might be more realistic for you. Unless some parishioners come forward we will need to employ professional cleaners with the associated cost being incurred by the parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

Ministry Meetings

Our 2017 rosters have commenced (check the Web www.resurrectionkingspark.org to see when you’re “on”). Meetings for various ministries are taking place over the next few weeks. This Thursday night 23 February after our 7pm Mass is the time for those committed as Special Ministers of Communion to participate in a formation meeting. (It would be good also for anyone contemplating offering themselves to this ministry to “come and see”). These are important meetings, as the mind of the Church is that ministers participate in on-going formation. A second meeting will be arranged on a Saturday morning for those unable to come on Thursday night. The April rosters and beyond will only include those parishioners who have participated in their relevant Ministry meeting.

Special Ministers of Communion: 23 February after 7pm Mass

2nd Meeting for Proclaimers of the Word (For those who where unable to come to the 1st meeting) is on Saturday 4 March at 10am.
2nd Meeting for Hospitality Ministers (For those who where unable to come to the 1st meeting) is on Saturday 4 March at 11am.

Data Projection Meeting

Saturday 25th February at 10.15am there will be a meeting in the church for all parishioners who committed to becoming data projectionist. Any parishioner who is interested to join the ministry is invited to come along.
If you are over 18 and under say 30 you might like to consider coming for dinner here in the parish on Wednesday 22 March at 6.30pm. The hope is that these dinners will be a regular feature of our parish encouraging young adults to gather over a meal, then have a guest speak on contemporary issues leading into a discussion on “faith matters” and why faith matters. Should you like an invite or know somebody who may be interested please contact Fr Noel at the parish office or email him noel.brady@cam.org.au

Driving Change

Can a Vision Statement Drive Change? Our Vision Statement must not be too “wordy”. It needs to be known by all and guide all we do. Pope Francis challenges us to move from maintenance to mission. That will require parishioners who are not currently “active” to become involved. Listed below are the words the steering has come up with so far. They are grouped in three columns recognizing that some of the words can have a similar meaning. Next weekend before and after all our Masses you will be invited to choose the words that you think most appropriate for inclusion in the Vision Statement. This will not be easy so it would be good to talk with other parishioners with the view of exchanging ideas.

In the meantime should there be a word you feel is missing send an email to kingspark@cam.org.au or write it down and hand into our Parish Office.

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Praise@Resurrection

Our Charismatic Prayer Group invites parishioners to join them at St Patrick’s Cathedral on 26 February at 2pm for a Mass to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement in Melbourne. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Hart who will bless a special Jubilee Cross that will be taken all around Victoria including Resurrection Parish.

Major Works

Over the next weeks parishioners will notice major works in and around the Parish Office. These works follow on from a structural engineers report, soil testing and drainage inspection. There has been movement of the slab resulting in some major cracking both inside and out.

The expert advice is to clear trees and bushes that are too close to the office, put in new storm water drainage pipes and construct a concrete path around the perimeter of the building.

Once to work is completed some landscaping and beautification will be undertaken.