
Now about eight days after these sayings, Jesus too k with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’ – not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent, and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Loving God, you are with us always. Bless us as we travel on this Lenten journey. Bless our minds so that we may think of you. Show us how to think of others. Bless our eyes so that we may see the good things in our lives. Bless our ears so that we may hear your word and truly live it. Bless our hands so that we may be willing to help and support others. Bless our feet so that we may be willing to walk in another’s shoes. Bless our hearts so that we may know your love and show it to others. May your Spirit be with us, transforming us into people of compassion and justice. Guide us along the right path so that we may continue to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. We ask this prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen

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DEAR FAMILIES,

Illness and Attendance

We have experienced in the last week a number of children coming to school with a fever or having been sick in the morning. **School is not the place for sick children.** It is hard enough to prevent the spread of disease, viruses and bacteria amongst seemingly healthy people. We seek your cooperation in this matter; please keep your children at home if they are sick, if they have been sick in the morning hours or if they are displaying signs of being sick.
Parish Celebration on Sunday
Thanks to all those who came along to help us celebrate on Sunday. To all those who contributed to this event, we express sincere gratitude. It was a fine day weather-wise and a fine celebration of 40 years of Resurrection Parish. To the Preps that came along to be welcomed by the community, we trust that you did feel welcomed and are willing to be involved in school/parish life over the coming years. While 50% attendance is a good statistic, it can be improved upon. We will be looking for ways of involving more of you into the future.

May God bless you,

John Connors
PRINCIPAL

Advanced Notice:
Our Term 2 will begin on Wednesday 13th April for students.
There will be no school for students on the 11th and 12th April.

STORY TIME
MacKillop Room
Fridays from 2.45pm – 3.15pm
Parents please come for story time with pre school children

STUDENT MEDICAL AND FAMILY INFORMATION
Student Medical and Family Information sheets were sent home last week. Please update the information on the sheets as soon as possible so our school records are up to date. Please return your forms even if no changes have been made by 4th March.

LICE
In the past few weeks there has been a few cases of head lice in the school, if you find evidence of eggs/lice please keep your child at home until the hair has been treated and the problem cleared up.

Your child cannot return to school until their hair has been treated.
Please keep in mind our next WORKING BEE, which will start at **8.30am this Saturday 27th 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 **Senior School (Years 5 & 6)** 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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**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH**

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

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

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN 2015 AND 2016**

Last year, a number of families collected their Woolworths stickers and delivered them to school. These stickers were then exchanged for a range of resources to support our students’ learning. We were able to purchase indigenous cards that explain the significance of symbols in Aboriginal art. These will be useful for our middle and senior students, when looking at indigenous studies. For our juniors, we purchased materials to help the teaching of phonics; wooden cut-outs of fairy tales, models of buildings and wooden car sets, to assist oral language development and small blackboards, that will assist our ‘olden days’ units of work.

Thank you for your contributions, which have added to the rich resources we have at our school. Your continued support will be appreciated, in 2016.

Should you wish to find out more about the program, details can be found at [https://www.woolworths.com.au/shop/discover/earn-and-learn](https://www.woolworths.com.au/shop/discover/earn-and-learn)
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

WELLBEING

Resurrection is proud to be a Better Buddies school.

Over the years the school has developed a buddy program to incorporate buddies across the whole school. To strengthen our program we have become a Better Buddies school.

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation's Better Buddies Framework is based on several years' research into buddy programs in schools. Buddy systems play an important role in helping create friendly and caring school environments.

Buddy systems teach, and give children the opportunity to practice, the important values of respect, care, inclusion and acceptance, responsibility and friendship. Through looking after and caring for younger children, older children learn the skills associated with empathy and compassion through activities in the classroom and playground. This helps in combating bullying and other forms of antisocial behaviour such as harassment and teasing. Teaching pro-social values and skills can also contribute to the development of resilience, a protective factor for children if they experience hardship or loss.

MOBILE VAN DENTIST

Next term Alpha Mobile dentistry will be visiting Resurrection and scheduling a bulk billed dental clinic for eligible students of families who receive Family Tax A benefits. Students who do not qualify for treatment under this scheme, can be seen as a private patient and be billed at the equivalent Medicare rates (check your Private Health fund as you may be eligible to claim back part or all of this cost).

MORE INFORMATION AND A CHILD REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE SENT HOME SHORTLY WITH EACH STUDENT.

PARISH NEWS

Merciful like the Father”

When Pope Francis issued Misericordiae Vultus (Merciful like the Father), formally known as the Bull of Indiction in April last year he called the whole of Christendom and beyond to rediscover the very essence of God which is mercy. Quotes from the document include:

“The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should also be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy. How many pages of Sacred Scripture are appropriate for meditation during the weeks of Lent to help us rediscover the merciful face of the Father! We can repeat the words of the prophet Micah and make them our own: You, O Lord, are a God who takes away iniquity and pardons sin, who does not hold your anger forever, but are pleased to show mercy. You, Lord, will return to us and have pity on your people. You will trample down our sins and toss them into the depths of the sea (cf. 7:18-19),” “The initiative of “24 Hours for the Lord,” to be celebrated on the Friday and Saturday preceding the Fourth Week of Lent, should be implemented in every diocese. So many people, including young people, are returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation; through this experience they are rediscovering a path back to the Lord, living a moment of intense prayer and finding meaning in their lives. Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God’s mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace.”
The Parish Mission responds to Lent being “lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy”

Our “Year of Mercy” Mission continues this Friday 26 February and each Friday of Lent; commencing in the hall at 7.30pm, concluding at 9pm. The presenter is Fr Gary Walker. Fr Gary Walker is a priest of the Missionary Society of St Columban. He was ordained in 1972 and has had pastoral experience in different parts of the world including Fiji and Jamaica. At present he is the Regional Director of Australia and New Zealand and is well known to the parishioners of Resurrection parish. The remaining dates of the Mission are:

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And in response to Pope Francis’ injunction FOR “24 Hours with the Lord” ...

24 Hours with the Lord: Friday 4 March – Saturday 5 March - For a more detailed outline please refer to the Parish bulletin.

Check if you are on a Roster

Parishioners committed to a Parish Ministry are reminded that the roster for the following week is published in our weekly bulletin. Rosters for the following month appear in our monthly Big Bulletin. Next week’s roster is also pinned to the church noticeboard near the hall doors. Rosters also may be accessed on our Web www.res-parish.org

19 Seconds is Not a Long Time

At the conclusion of Mass do you know it takes the priest 19 seconds to reverence the altar and walk to the narthex? The idea that we just wander off when we choose needs to be challenged. The end of Mass comes with a commission 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 has passed your row.

St Vinnies

Great response so far from parishioners taking shopping bags with the intent of bringing them back full of groceries on Holy Thursday night for the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. The groceries are then distributed to those in need in our parish and beyond. This is a Corporal Work of Mercy thus is a sign of the Spirit of the Risen Jesus in a person’s life. Please do not give “out of date” groceries as they have to be thrown out making addition work for the very busy small group of parishioners who make up our St Vincent de Paul Group. Remember if the groceries are no good for you they are no good for anybody else.

Parish Meeting Night

The next Parish Meeting Night is this Wednesday 2 March commencing with prayer at 7.15pm. The “Reaching the Peripheries” group is “on” for supper.

Changed Mass Times

Please note that our 9am Mass for both Palm Sunday and Easter will commence 15 minutes early i.e. 8.45am.

Easter Timetable

**Passion (Palm) Sunday**
Sunday 20 March
Masses: Saturday 6pm
Sunday: 8.45am and 10.30am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (2nd Rite)**
Tuesday 22 March – 7.00pm
Sacrament celebrated by Fr Noel and 12 priests

**Holy Thursday**
24 March – 7.30pm
Mass of the Lord’s Supper

**Good Friday**
Stations of the Cross – 10.00am
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion – 3.00pm

**Easter Vigil**
Saturday 26 March – 8.00pm
Blessing of Easter fire, Pascal Candle – Baptism and Confirmation

**Easter Sunday**
Sunday 27 March
Easter Masses 8.45am and 10.30am

**Foot Washing**
Part of the “Mass of the Lord’s Supper” celebrated on Holy Thursday night consists of parishioners having their feet washed by priests. This ritual act reminds that at the Last Supper Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. Parishioners are invited to participate in this liturgical action by having their feet washed. Please leave your name at the Parish Office if you would like to participate.

**Palm Branches**
Any parishioner who is able to supply palm (large and small) branches this year for Palm (Passion) Sunday 20 March is asked to contact the Parish Office.
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