Dear Families,

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK**

Many of you, I hope, saw our school promotion (below) in the local Leader newspaper. We are very proud to continue to be recognised as a Catholic School in the area.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS - MARCH**

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**HOLY WEEK**

As a school community we will reflect on the events of Holy week at a special Prayer Service in the Hall on Thursday 28th March at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to attend.

**END OF TERM**

On the last day of Term (Thursday 28th March) all children finish at 2.15pm.

**SENIOR SCHOOL (YEAR 5&6) CAMP MEETING**

A camp meeting will be held for all parents of children in Year 5&6 on Tuesday 19th March 2.30pm in the MacKillop Room. Please come along and have all your questions about camp answered. If you cannot make this meeting but you still have camp questions please contact either Mrs Angela Anderson or myself.

**SHOPPING BAGS SHOPPING BAGS**

Prayer, Self-denial, and Helping others are the hallmarks of Lent. At Resurrection school each class has a green shopping bag with our label. The idea is that when you grocery shop during Lent you buy an additional item (or one less item for yourself) and send it to school with your child to place it in the bag.

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday, 28th March) the bags with the non-perishable groceries will be blessed and passed on to our St Vincent Group, who will in turn distribute the groceries to those who are needy in our community.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

A reminder that our First communion workshop will be held this evening starting at 7.00pm in the church. Please ensure that at least one parent attends with their child.

First Communion Dress:
A size 8 First Communion dress has been donated to the school. Please come to the office if you are interested.
ELECTION OF THE POPE

Honduran Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga recently described what takes place in the Conclave:

‘During the conclave, the cardinals spend most of their time in the Sistine Chapel, even though they cast ballots only four times a day. The time in the chapel includes prayer, writing names on ballots and counting them. But when casting each vote, each cardinal must stand and publicly swear, in Latin, “I call Jesus as a witness, and he will judge me that I have elected according to my conscience”, so you can imagine why it takes so long. And when everybody is casting their votes, we are praying, so it is like a big cenacle of prayer. This is the most loving experience, how an election should be. I wish all the elections in the world could be like that: in an atmosphere of prayer.’

[Note: The word ‘conclave’ originates from Latin cum, with, and clavis, key; a place that may be securely closed.]

NEW POPE

VATICAN CITY — With a puff of white smoke from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel and to the cheers of thousands of rain-soaked faithful, a gathering of Catholic cardinals picked a new pope from among their midst — choosing the cardinal from Argentina, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the first leader of the church ever chosen from South America.

The new pope, 76, to be called Francis, the 266th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church, is also the first non-European leader of the church in more than 1,000 years.

“I would like to thank you for your embrace,” said the new pope, dressed in white, speaking from the white balcony on St. Peter’s Basilica as thousands of the faithful cheered joyously below. Francis thanked his fellow cardinals, saying they “have chosen one from far away, but here I am.”
Parents are invited to help create the Easter baskets in the Resource Room on Wednesday 20th March at 9.00am.

Easter Raffle will be drawn on Monday 25th March at Assembly.

All parents are welcome

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LIBRARY

Last Thursday our fish tank in the library was installed. The look on children’s faces has been priceless when they walk past the library or enter and see the fish.

All classes visit the library each week and as such this is a central student point within the school. We are certain this will be a great feature that will engage the students to the wonders of marine life.

The library continues to be open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtime for children to read books, return and borrow books and play board games.

The library continues to be a rich and dynamic place within our school.

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SUNSCREEN

With the hot weather during the last week some parents have asked if children can bring sun screen lotion. The answer is yes! Children may bring in sun screen lotion and apply it to themselves before they go out to play or before PE classes.

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BULLYING NO WAY!

This week children will receive a ‘Bullying No Way’ wrist bracelet and card during an activity with their ‘buddy’ class. It is a way we continue to reinforce our zero tolerance to bullying!
PARKING REMINDER:
Parents are driving out of Gate 1 (closest gate to Movelle) between 8.30am-8.50am. This is dangerous and will lead to an accident. Gate 1 area is not a drop off zone. Gate 3 is the only drop off area. For everyone’s safety please comply with our parking guidelines.

USE THE PARENT CAR PARK SAFELY
AT REAR OF CHURCH - GATE 1

Families wishing to park their cars and walk their children into school:
- The only parking available is the car park at the rear of church
- If you park there before school you will not be able to leave again until 8.56 am
- Enter at front of church (Gate 1) and enter car park by entrance straight in front of you
- At 8.56 am, gate will be reopened and cars may leave
- Speed limit - slow and slower – 5 k.ms
- If you cannot wait, your ONLY alternative is to park on the street.

Please note:
- No parking along side of church
- No parking behind church (disabled area)
- No dropping off around the bell tower in front of church
- No parking in Parish Office car park unless you have business at the Parish Office.

Picking up after school:
- Same area above
- Remember you will not be able to move out of the car park until all children have reached their parents car safely.
- The gate will reopen at 3.21 pm.

MORNING DROP OFF ZONE: GATE 3

Please Note:
- Use the drop off zone in front of the school
- Stop to the right of the yellow line and in front of the yellow line in front of you
- Drop off children and leave immediately
- Left hand turn only at the exit gate
- Exit gate is locked at 9 am
- No parent parking in this area
- Not to be used at all when picking up children after school.

Staff Carpark Only
Morning ‘Drop Off’ Zone
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Happiness is something that you are, and it comes from what you think.

Amen

Best Wishes

John Kremers
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY TUESDAY 19TH MARCH

School photo envelopes went home last week, (with an instruction sheet on how to order inside the envelope).

Please complete a separate envelope for each child purchasing photos. Cost of photos range from $21.00 to $40.00. Family photo envelopes are available from the office.

Please ensure all students are in FULL SUMMER UNIFORM ONLY (NO RUNNERS).

(No Sports Uniform- Children in Years 3 / 4 bring their runners to school on this day.)
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HOW TO ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOS

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS ON Tuesday 19th March 2013

Dear Parents,

On the above date, School photos will be taken at your school. Order envelopes either have been or will be distributed to all pupils. It is important that instructions are followed in order to save confusion and disappointment.

PLEASE NOTE: All orders received after photography day will incur a reorder fee.

1. Select your preferred package from the options printed on the flyer provided (which is enclosed in the order envelope). A class photo is included in all packages.

2. You must complete a separate order envelope for each purchasing child. Clearly mark the package and gifts you wish to purchase in the space provided using a black or blue ball point pen, complete all your contact details and enclose the correct payment using one of the options listed below.

CASH - Please enclose exact monies as no change is available. If paying for additional siblings in one envelope, please note which envelope payment was made.

CHEQUE - Please print name, address and telephone on rear of cheque. If payment is declined by your bank, then dishonour fees will apply. Please allow 60 days for your cheque payment to be finalized. PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: ADVANCEDLIFE

CREDIT CARD - payments can only be made on-line. An order envelope must be completed and returned to your school prior to photo day. If paying for more than one student or additional family photos, one transaction can be made by adding up the total of all order envelopes and recording the receipt number on all ordering envelopes.

Online Instructions: Go to: www.advancedlife.com.au

• Click on online payments and re-orders, click on proceed
• Enter the three letter online payment code (ie: SCH), then click OK
• Enter your information and payment details
• Click on next to process payment.
• Check your payment details, then click on submit payment,
• A confirmation page will appear, record receipt number on order envelope
  where indicated under payment details : "online receipt number"
**Please note that a $1 surcharge will apply to the transaction.

• SIBLING Order Envelopes can be collected from the school office and returned prior to photo day

Kind Regards,

ADVANCEDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

21 Bridge Street, Bulleen, 3105   Phone 03 9852 1133   Fax 03 9852 1433   Email : info@advancedlifevic.com.au
FIVE MINUTES EARLY
All Masses on Passion (Palm) Sunday (24 March) will commence 5 minutes early with the blessing of the palms and procession around the outside the church. Gate number one will therefore be closed five minutes before Mass begins.

PALM BRANCHES
We need both large and small palm branches for Passion Sunday (24 March). If you can supply please call the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION 2ND RITE
The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on the Tuesday of Holy Week (26 March) at 7.15pm. Fr Gary Walker will lead the service along with Fr Noel and 13 other priests.

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR FEET WASHED?
This year the Mass of the Lord’s Supper will be on Thursday 28 March. During Mass we are asked to contemplate the action of Jesus in washing his disciple’s feet. During the Liturgy twelve parishioners will have their feet washed by Fr Gary and Fr Noel.
Have you ever had the experience of having your feet washed by a priest? If you would like to have your feet washed this year please advise our Parish Office or leave your name at the Welcome Desk.

EASTER TRIDUUM
The Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday night with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper; it reaches its high point with the celebration of the Easter Vigil. The celebration of the Triduum is the culmination of the entire liturgical year.
Easter Timetable:
Tuesday 26 March, 7.15pm......2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Thursday 28 March, 7.30pm.....Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Friday 29 March, 10.30am.........Stations of the Cross
Friday 29 March, 3pm.............The Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Saturday 30 March 10.15am......Blessing Of Easter Food
Saturday 30 March, 7pm........The Easter Vigil
Sunday 31 March, 9am &10.30am......Easter Masses

A WHITE ROSE
The Easter Vigil is not the regular Saturday night Mass. It is unique in the entire liturgical year. "Every Year The Easter Vigil invites us once again to immerse ourselves in the waters of Baptism, to pass from death to life, to become truly Christian”.
It is for this reason that anybody who has suffered the death of a loved one since Easter 2012 is invited to place a white rose at the foot of our cross during the Easter Vigil.
Parishioners intending to do so are asked to leave their contact details at the Parish Office or the Welcome Desk.

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES
On Thursday 14 Mass will be at 6.30pm and not at 7pm. The change is for this week only and is made to accommodate our First Communion Workshop.

HOLY WATER
All Holy Water is removed from the church prior to the Mass of The Lord’s Supper. However there will be a bowl of water in front of the altar which will be used for the foot washing. Parishioners are encouraged to dip their fingers in this water as they arrive for Mass and thereby symbolically participate in the foot washing.

ST Vinnie’s BAGS
Don’t forget to bring the St Vinnie’s bags back with the groceries to the Mass of the Lord’s Supper.