Dear Families,

CONGRATULATIONS

Miss Angelina Calandro marries Mr Daniel Touron this Saturday. We wish them both a life filled with love, joy and happiness. We will welcome back in Term 2 Mrs. Angelina Touron!!

ST. PATRICK’S DAY MASS:

As part of Catholic Education week the Year 5/6 Sports Captains went to St. Patrick’s Cathedral and joined with students from many other Catholic schools. Staff and students were commissioned during the Mass by Archbishop Hart. We all stated “…We commit ourselves to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ by working together in respect, love and peace, making God’s Kingdom a reality in the world. Today we re-commit ourselves to Catholic Education and to caring for all those in our school community.” After Mass the students went to the Treasury Gardens and were entertained by bands.
ANTI-BULLYING DAY

Last Friday all students worked with their buddy grades to support the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. During this day all students created posters, slogans and iMovies to take a stand together against bullying. Students advertised the slogan;

Bullying. No way!

to strengthen the everyday message that bullying and violence at our school is not okay at any time. Our day concluded with a shared lunch in Nungurra.

GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Thursday 14th March the School Captains and Year 3-6 Student Representative Council attended a leadership conference facilitated by GRIP Student Leadership. The conference took place at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre.

During the day the students participated in a variety of workshops where they explored tips and ideas as to how they can best lead other students. Our SRC were encouraged to focus their leadership influence on things that will have a positive impact on our school. Using practical methods, students evaluated numerous areas of school life and were led through a process of setting goals for making improvements.
TALENTED WRITERS
Our Junior School children have been learning about persuasive texts and persuasive language.
Here is a text by Cayden in Year 2.

I believe staying at home keeps us cool, when it is above 35 degrees.
Firstly, you might faint in the sun because you might not drink enough water. At home you can
drink a lot of water.
Another reason, you can have a bath and put on the coldest water level when it is hot.
In addition, you can wear cool clothes at home, so that you are not hot.
Some people may say hot days are fun, but I say stay home and put on your air conditioner.
In conclusion, I recommend your house to keep you cool.

By Cayden (Year 2)

Resurrection Day
Friday 19th April (First Friday next Term)
Resurrection Day is an opportunity to come together and celebrate. We will begin the day with a whole School Mass at 9:15 am with Fr. Noel, followed by a mini fete run by the students and staff.

Please come and celebrate Resurrection Day with us!

Outline of the day:

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We hope you can join us to celebrate Resurrection Day. Resurrection day is a time to give thanks for our school and for the many blessings we share with each other as a community. During next week we will be asking classes to donate certain items for the stalls and calling on parent helpers to assist on the day.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALES
Our second-hand uniform sales will be sold TOMORROW Friday 22nd March, 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.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM DONATIONS WELCOME
Easter Baskets

Thanks to the group of parents who created the Easter baskets on Tuesday morning!

We have in excess of 100 baskets!
Please return your raffle tickets ($5.00) per book as soon as possible.
Easter Raffle will be drawn on Monday 25th March at Assembly.

All parents are welcome

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.

On the first day of Term we will gather at a whole school assembly at 2.30pm to celebrate and remember the Resurrection. This will be led by some of our senior school students.

End of Term

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

Prayer

Lord, you gave us Pope Francis to remember and help the poor. God of the marginalised and of the disempowered. God of the prisoner. God of the poor and of the dispossessed. Together with Pope Francis, help us to be Your Presence today for those in need.

AMEN.

Thought for the Week

No needle is sharp at both ends.

Best Wishes

John Kremers
Principal
MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Sunday 7th April 2013
Errington Reserve
Main Road East, St Albans
10.00am – 9.00pm

FREE ENTRY
* Food, Rides, Games, Entertainment,
Youth Soccer Tournament conducted by Melbourne Victory
Free Raffle Ticket

CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 8th March we had our Annual School Cross Country. The Physical Education department uses this event to be able to select our District Cross Country team and gives all Grade 3 – 6 students the opportunity to achieve a very difficult task.

We started the event first thing in the morning with the aim of keeping the students out of the heat and we were very happy to have the parental help of Nicole Marshall, Lyne Pittari & Zina Costa, who came down in their own time to help on the day with course marshalling. We thank you for your help on the day.

We also appreciate the parent support of those few parents that still came down and supported and cheered on the children as they ran past. The support of parents who can help on sporting days is vital to the continual running of extracurricular sports and activities.

All the students have been training and running every sporting lesson, practising their running techniques and learning how to pace themselves.

Our Cross Country team for 2013 is as follows:

1st Nyakoth Manyiel (U10G), 2nd Margaret Malut (U10G), 3rd Amy Curmi (U10G), 4th Kahlia Cuccaro (U10G), E. Sivia Thai (U10G), E. Angelina Mawn (U10G),
1st Musa Shan (U10B), 2nd Arop Ayuel (U10B), 3rd Kon Daw (U10B), 4th Emmanuel Loy (U10B), E. Daniel Xuereb (U10B), E. Clyde Vallescas (U10B),
1st Agok Beyong (U11G), 2nd Piath Monoah (U11G), 3rd Genesis Penailillo (U11G), 4th Nynakok Mongrag (U11G), E. Alannah Bussuttil (U11G), E. Neve Tolentino (U11G),
1st Josh Schneider (U11B), 2nd Myakoul Loy (U11B), 3rd Liam Micallef (U11B), 4th Dominic Babula (U11B), E. Lachlan Farrugia (U11B), E. Xavier Bondoc (U11B),
1st Olivia Brne (U12G), 2nd Daniella Pennella (U12G), 3rd Ashol Arob (U12G), 4th Ezri Tha-Khin (U12G), E. Viviana Arop (U12G), E. Achai Deng (U12G),
1st Aguer Manyiel (U12B), 2nd Deng Shan (U12B), 3rd Sam Costa (U12B), 4th Adoor Agang (U12B), E. George Kastanaras (U12B), E. Samuel Gray (U12B).

Congratulations to all these students who worked so hard and achieved such fantastic results. You all make both Miss Gilbert and Mrs Shields so proud and we hope that we win our District Cross Country tournament on 8th May at Brimbank Park.
All these students will be training at school doing Runners Club on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Beep Test Club on Wednesdays during snack time. All students should also be doing as much running as possible after school.

Again, congratulations to the students that made it through to the next round and a big well done to all the other students who put in the hard yards on the day.

Michelle Gilbert & Maree Shields
Physical Education Department

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to George Kastanaras and Olivia Brne in Grade 6, who tried out for the State Representative Teams at District level on Wednesday 6 March, and made it through to the Division Level Try-outs. There were quite a big number of students from all the schools in our District trying out for the AFL, Soccer, Netball and Basketball teams, and the decisions made were not easy, as the competition was fierce! Well done and good luck at the next level.
**Parish News**

**Easter Timetable:**

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**Reconciliation 2nd Rite**

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated this Tuesday night (26 March) at 7.15pm. Fr Gary Walker will lead the service along with Fr Noel and 13 other priests.

**Silence**

The Easter Liturgical Celebrations officially known as “The Sacred Paschal Triduum” are the high-point of the Christian year. The liturgies are meant to be solemn occasions. Periods of silence before, during and after the Liturgies will enhance the solemnity.

**Your cooperation is requested.**

**OOPS!**

There is a mistake in our Easter brochure. See if you can spot it (Two actually)!

**Don’t Panic – Have a Pizza**

Leon D’Souza and his family have recently taken over a pizza shop in Ballarat Road near the corner of Station Road Deer Park. Leon his wife Karen and children Daniel and Oliver are all very much involved in our parish.

If you are looking to order a home-delivered or pick up pizza you might give them a try.

**Panic Pizza 801B Ballarat Road Deer Park Telephone 93605300.**

**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.

**Extra Parking**

Movelle Primary School has kindly given us permission to use their property for parking. Depending what time you arrive for the Easter ceremonies, it may be your best option.

**The Catholic Guy**

The Catholic Guy ministry team is coming to our parish in May (8-14 inclusive). They will be conducting a Mission Event. There will be two sessions each day at 9.15am and 7.15pm.
Family Night

Mother’s Day Special
Saturday 4th May 2013
7pm - 11pm
Resurrection Hall

$20 Family Ticket/$10 Single Entry

BYO Food & Drinks
Tea & Coffee Supplied

The night will feature:
Floor show presented by the Ballroom dancers

Neat/Casual dress & Dance the night away!

Tickets available at the door or prior after mass on 20th / 21st April & 27th / 28th April.