Weekly Prayer:

Today is the feast of St Patrick, patron saint of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. St Patrick was born in Roman Britain around the end of the fourth century. He was a missionary bishop in Ireland and worked to evangelise and to educate local chieftains and their families. He is remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel. Patrick is specially honoured in Australia because of the many Irish people who settled here and brought their faith and love of God with them.

May God the Father, who called us together to celebrate the feast of St Patrick, bless us, protect us, and keep us faithful.

May Christ the Lord, King of heaven and earth, be close to us at all times and shield us from evil.

And may the Holy Spirit make us rich in holiness like St Patrick, and fill us with love for God’s people. Let us live in love and compassion. Amen.

---

UPCOMING EVENTS – MARCH

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Activity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>18th March</td>
<td>Friday</td>
<td>Whole School Mass led by Rooms 11, 15 &amp; 17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21st March</td>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>Holy Week celebration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21st March</td>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>Assembly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23rd March</td>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>School Photos</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24th March</td>
<td>Thursday</td>
<td>Last day of Term 1 Students finish at 1:45pm</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

UPCOMING EVENTS – APRIL

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Activity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11 &amp; 12th April</td>
<td>Monday &amp; Tuesday</td>
<td>School Closure day – no school for students</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13th April</td>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Term II commences for students</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20th – 21st April</td>
<td>Wednesday &amp; Thursday</td>
<td>Mobile Dentist</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25th April</td>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>Anzac Day Holiday</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

DEAR FAMILIES,

Catholic Education Week
Be the face of mercy

More than 2000 Catholic school students attended the St Patrick’s Day Mass for Schools today at St Patrick’s Cathedral. The Mass was celebrated by the Archbishop of Melbourne, Denis Hart, with priests from parishes in the Archdiocese. The Mass began with a colourful procession into the cathedral with students holding school flags and banners. After the Mass, the annual concert was staged in the Fitzroy Gardens, featuring singers and dancers from Catholic primary and secondary schools. Our senior school student leaders attended this Mass and celebrations together with Mrs Barone and myself. It was a great day during which the richness of all catholic schools in the archdiocese was celebrated.
St Patrick’s Day celebration  Thank you to all of the children who wore green and brought an item for our Easter raffle. We thank the many parents who came along to create our beautiful hampers which will be raffled next Thursday. Don’t forget to return your tickets which were sent home yesterday.

Holy Week The final week of term in also Holy Week in the Church calendar. We will be holding a prayer service/Holy Week play on Monday 21st March at 12:00noon. It would be great if you could join us.

Parent Forum We will be running a parent forum early next term where we will be discussing student reports. This will be an opportunity for parents to meet with me to share ideas and provide feedback in relation to the current reports. If you are interested in joining this parent forum, please leave your name at the school office.

End of Term A reminder that the end of the first term will be Thursday 24th March. Students will finish at 1:45pm and After School Care will be available from this time.

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
Pre-school story time. All Welcome.

---

PARENT TRAINING COURSE FOR CLASSROOM HELPERS

Dear families,

Your help in the classroom is both needed and appreciated. If you would like to assist teachers in your child's classroom, please come to a parent session in the final week of this term.

MONDAY 21st March 9.00am Years 3 - 6. Please meet Mrs Teresa Rossitto in the Year 3/4 Learning Street.

THURSDAY 24th March Years Prep - 2. Please meet Mrs Helen Cozmescu in the Junior shared area.

During these sessions, we will visit the classrooms and watch the teachers and students engage in literacy. We will then have an opportunity to talk about the role of parent helpers in the classroom and answer any questions about helping at school.

We hope to see you at one of these sessions, as we continue to work in partnership.

---

MOBILE DENTIST

Alpha Mobile Dentistry will be visiting our school on the 20th and 21st April. Eligible students will be able to receive free treatments as required. Please contact the school office for a registration form, by next Thursday at the latest.
**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH**

School photo information was sent home on Tuesday with your child. If you require a sibling photo envelope then come and collect it from the office.

**Please note:** NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS, YOU MUST PLACE THE CORRECT MONEY IN THE ENVELOPE.

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

**BUSY BOX**

Busy box will not be running for the remainder of term one. In term two busy box will continue to run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:15pm-3:15pm. Thank you to all the parent helpers who have generously given up their time to help out in busy box this term.

**PSW HAVE MOVED**

New address: Unit 2,51-53 Westwood Dve, Ravenhall
Ph: 9768 0342
E-mail: deepark@psw.com.au

**ACTION AGAINST BULLYING**

Tomorrow the 18th of March is Action Against Bullying Day. Students will participate in activities to show that Resurrection has zero tolerance towards bullying.

**GET ACTIVE AND WIN WITH PREMIER’S ACTIVE APRIL**

Calling all students, families and teachers – it’s time to get on board with Premier’s Active April, an exciting and fun way to get active, stay healthy, and enjoy time with family and friends. Not to mention to WIN some awesome prizes for yourself and Resurrection School.

Premier’s Active April encourages all Victorians to commit to doing 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. It’s free, it’s fun and it’s part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to get more people active and healthy.

Anyone can participate in Active April – friends, students, families, workmates or individuals, and it’s FREE. Register today via the Active April website [www.activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au). Look for the dedicated schools page and follow the step-by-step instructions. You can create and join teams and compare the progress of team members for some friendly competition! Registrations are now open and will stay open until 30 April 2016.

Make sure you nominate Resurrection school when you register as a teacher or student and you’ll increase your school’s chance of winning one of the many fantastic prizes! There are Sportsmart vouchers, sports clinics with high-profile athletes, and the most active school will win a cool $2000 Sportsmart voucher! The more students and teachers who register, the more chances Resurrection school has to win.

There’s also a handy online Activity Tracker to log your daily activity, plus your own personal Trophy Cabinet when you meet activity goals.

Just by registering every participant will receive:

- 10 free YMCA passes or access to a local government facility
- 15% off at Sportsmart in store and online
- one free hour tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- one free Get into Cardio Tennis session
- a 2 for 1 ticket offer to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
- entry into the draw to win tickets to the 2017 Australian Tennis Open Finals*, a $1,500 bike voucher or a GoPro Camera

Join Active April on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram to increase your chances for winning more great prizes. You’ll be kept up-to-date on all the latest Active April news and events, meet the Active April ambassadors, receive weekly recipes plus loads of handy health, exercise and nutrition advice.


*Terms and conditions for all prizes and offers apply. Visit activeapril.vic.gov.au for details. ^ Winner receives two tickets to each of the 2017 men’s and women’s finals.
Parish News

Fr Noel will be celebrating Mass at Port Phillip Prison on Tuesday 22nd March. A Communion Service will be held at 9.20am.

www.res-parish.org
Don’t forget this is our web address where the times for all our Easter ceremonies are displayed; along with lots of other info. We are also on Facebook; check us out!

2nd Rite of Reconciliation
The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated in our church on Tuesday 22 March commencing at 7pm. Fr Noel will be assisted by 13 priests.

Mass Times Easter Sunday
Please note that our Easter Sunday Mass times are 8.45am (not 9am) and 10.30am.

Bring a Friend
The feast of Pentecost this year is celebrated on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 May. It is also the weekend that our “Reaching the Peripheries” group is planning a “Bring a Friend to Mass” weekend.

This will be a great opportunity for parishioners to invite a friend, a family member, a neighbour, or a work colleague to join them at one of our Masses.

Car Parking
Movelle Primary School has once again kindly given us permission to use their car park over Easter. Depending on what time you arrive this might be your best option.

Easter Food Blessing
The blessing of Easter food will be in our church at 9am on Saturday 26 March.

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,
Paschal Candle – Baptism and Confirmation
Easter Sunday
Sunday 27 March
Easter Masses 8.45am and 10.30am