The Roman government did not give the Jewish leaders the authority to execute a criminal. The religious leaders sent Jesus to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor. They brought Pilate three false accusations: that Jesus was a revolutionary, that Jesus incited the people not to pay their taxes and that Jesus claimed to be a king in opposition to Caesar. Though Pilate was a cruel, ruthless man, he wasn’t stupid and could see through the motives of the religious leaders. He was reluctant to condemn Jesus so he sent him to Herod, because Jesus was from Galilee, the area where Herod ruled.

Herod had heard much about Jesus, but his only interest was a desire to be amused and entertained. He sent Jesus back to Pilate. Pilate declared Jesus innocent of any crime and planned to release Him, according to the custom of releasing a prisoner every Passover season. The crowd, whom Pilate was convinced would release Jesus, instead condemned Him. Because of this, Pilate did not find the courage to oppose both the religious leaders and the crowd and handed Jesus over to be crucified.

Loving and compassionate God, you know us so well, inside and out, and yet you still love us. When we sit in judgment of others, you still love us. When we condemn others for not living up to our standards or expectations, you still love us. Give us a heart of love and compassion, and a spirit of kindness and generosity, so that we may be slow to condemn and quick to understand. We ask this prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen.

### Upcoming Events – April

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### Dear Families

**Resurrection Staff News** As we finish off Term I this year, there is some news amongst our staff that I am able to share with you. **Mrs Helen Cozmescu** is taking up a position as Literacy Leader in another Catholic primary school and has asked to take that up as soon as possible. Therefore, Helen is leaving us today. We thank Helen for more than five years of dedicated service to this community. Our Literacy results have improved, the capacity of the staff to deliver quality learning experiences in Literacy has grown and the students are more readily able to talk about their learning in this area – good luck in your new position Helen and know that you are always welcome here at Resurrection.

**Congratulations to Mr Mark Miatello** who has been appointed Principal at St Gabriel’s Primary School in Reservoir. A start date is yet to be determined, so Mark will be back with us for most, if not all, of Term II. It is sad to be losing two people of such expertise and experience but at the same time understandable that new horizons bring new challenges and new engagement in our work.

**Holy Week** My sincere apologies to those who missed our Holy Week Prayer service on Monday. It was advertised to be held at Noon but for circumstances entirely pertaining to myself, we needed to move it forward to 10am. I understand that this move did cause some distress to those who were unaware of the change, and I am sorry for causing this. We sent an alert via the school app and many of the students who participated in the re-enactment asked the office to notify their parents, however, I know the message did not get through to everyone. I would like to mention also that this was not an Easter concert – it was a prayer service. The students were reverent and prayerful throughout and I thank them for this. We must also thank Mrs Barone, our Religious Education Leader, and other staff who contributed to the organisation and implementation of this event in the most holy of weeks in our Church calendar.
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.

Thanks. As we conclude the first term, we offer a vote of thanks to all who have contributed to the Resurrection community; school council members, fundraising committee members, icy pole sellers, classroom helpers, busy box volunteers – to name just a few. We appreciate all your efforts and look forward to working with you next term. Have a Happy and Holy Easter and a restful break. We will see you back on Wednesday 13th April, in the Easter Season, a Resurrection people!

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.
**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 Thursday 24th March at the latest.

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**PSW HAVE MOVED**

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

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**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. 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.

So what are you waiting for? Register today at www.activeapril.vic.gov.au

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*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 final
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.

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**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
MUSIC LESSONS
AT RESURRECTION
- SINGING
- GUITAR
- UKULELE

NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR TERM 2!

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