RE NEWS

A big thankyou to Leanne Michael, Michelle Montgomery and Jason O’Keeffe for their mammoth effort of cooking over 700 pancakes on Pancake Tuesday. The event ran smoothly and the Student Council did a fantastic job serving the pancakes to the school community. As a result of this, we were able to raise $390 which will be donated to Caritas Australia.

On Ash Wednesday we celebrated with a Liturgy in our Hall. This marked the beginning of our Lenten journey and allowed us time to reflect on what this means for us as individuals.

Sunday marked the First Sunday of Lent. In the Gospel, we saw the public life of Jesus begin - with his baptism by John in the River Jordan. Immediately after, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where he was tempted. The temptations centred on the abuse of power – to turn stones into loaves of bread, to throw himself off the roof of the Temple, and finally to worship Satan. That Jesus was tempted showed that he is like us in all things except sin. Jesus refused to use extraordinary means. He would be human, like us. The Gospel encourages us to be people of joy and hope, advice that is echoed in Pope Francis’ paper, ‘The Joy of the Gospel’: ‘With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, God makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew.’

MORNING TEA HELPERS WANTED

On Tuesday, 10 March we will be having an Open Morning here at school, for families with a child who will begin Kinder in 2016. Whilst current families with a child beginning Kinder next year are of course welcome to come along, it is not essential, it is primarily for new families to have an opportunity to visit our classrooms and collect an Enrolment Package. Morning tea will be served during the session and we are looking for volunteers who would be happy to help set up, serve and pack up after the morning. If you can help please contact the office.

WELCOME BBQ - THIS SATURDAY!

We are looking forward to a great evening this Saturday! If you want to come along to this free event and have not yet returned your note, please send it in tomorrow. Otherwise, just call the office (6025-1281) and let us know how many adults and children will be attending and if you would be happy to contribute a salad or dessert on the night.

YEAR 3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A permission form went home today with children in Years 3-6 regarding their Athletics Carnival on Friday, 13 March at Alexandra Park. Spare copies of the note are available from the office.
AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS
We are having increasing numbers of children who are unsure of their arrangements for getting home after school. Consequently some are missing the bus that they were meant to catch. If your child’s arrangements vary between being collected, catching a bus or going to after school care, please ensure that you remind them every morning of the plan for that day.

CAR PARK
As you would all be aware, we have limited car parking during the busy pick-up and drop-off times for school. To assist everyone it is important that parents pick up their children and head home leaving more parks for others. Some parents have tended to stay around the school socialising with other parents, while we are happy for you to socialise it would be helpful to organise to catch up with people outside of the school which could help with the parking congestion.
Children are also asked to head home by bike, walking or go to bus/pick-up areas promptly. They are not to play games or go on the playground equipment. This would help to stop children missing buses or parents struggling to find them. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

EARLY-PICK UP
If you will need to collect your child early from school, please ensure that you send a note in to your child’s teacher. This way your child can be sent to the office in time for your arrival.

SCHOOL CANTINEE
As we continue to fine-tune our new menu and procedures, we have a made a couple of alterations -
• Our weekly ‘feature food’ has moved from Friday to Wednesday. Our first ‘What’s on Wednesday’ special will begin next week (Wed. 4th March), please see next week’s newsletter for details.
• Our range of Bakery Beauties (sausage rolls, pies and pasties) will now be available at both breaks, so please indicate on your child’s paper-bag order which break these items are required for.
• Remember that we also have a variety of fresh fruit, as well as vegetables with dips

CANTEEN ROSTER
This week -
  Wed, 25 Feb - Melissa Healy, helper required please
  Thu, 26 Feb - Kylie Miller, Bec Junck
  Fri, 27 Feb - Kelly Blair, Jason O’Keeffe, Michelle Aldrich

Next week -
  Wed, 4 Mar - Stephanie Winckle, helper required please
  Thu, 5 Mar - Kay Locke, Christine Whelan
  Fri, 6 Mar - Katie Keeping, Sabrina Baker, Anne Healy, Tegan Sheil

SCIENCE CLUB
An opportunity for children interested in science and who are in years 3-6 will be available for the remainder of this term. Activities will focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM projects). These activities are not designed to replace core curriculum work but to complement and enhance class work. Children interested need to email Mrs Moran (moranb@ww.catholic.edu.au) to register their name. The first 25 registrations will be accepted. The Science Club will operate on a Monday during the second break in the school hall. Once committed, children will be expected to attend each session. There is no cost for this program. The first session will commence on Monday, 2nd March.

PHOTO FORM
Last week each child should have taken home a ‘Photograph/Video Permission Form’. We need to have a written response for every child in the school. Therefore can you please either complete your permission form and send it back to school, or write a note stating that you do not give permission for your child’s photo/video to be used. A spare Permission Note will be sent home today to each child who has not yet returned theirs. Please ensure that any outstanding forms/notes are returned by Thursday.

Please do NOT send nuts or nut products to school.