FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Another busy week has passed us by and we’re now into Week 8! This week we have our Primary Athletics Carnival on Wednesday at Alexandra Park. I hope all the children enjoy this and compete to the best of their ability. Thanks to Mr Gaynor for the organisation of this event. School photos are on Thursday. Please ensure that your children are in correct summer uniform.

Pedestrian traffic is still getting used to the new fence. As I stated last week, we are asking that you do not cross through the bus bay, rather use the crossing on Curlew Cr and then the footpath alongside the Curlew Cr building, which is actually behind the fence. Your safety is most important to us and I ask for your co-operation on this matter.

It was great to see so many Kindergarten parents attend the Reading Information Evening last Wednesday. The evening was very informative and it’s wonderful to see that you are keen to support your child in their learning. Our Open morning last Wednesday was well attended and our enrolment period is now open. Enrolment packages are available from our front office.

Easter is fast approaching and we invite you all to our Stations of the Cross evening which will be held next Wednesday 23rd March from 7pm-8pm. Each classroom will depict a Station of the Cross, and those who attend, will be able to walk, at their own pace, through each station and reflect on the journey Jesus took on his way to Calvary. In previous years, this has proved to be a very prayerful experience and we hope that you can join with us.

Albury Gold Cup: As in previous years, Albury Gold Cup has been declared a half day public holiday, therefore our school will be closing at midday this coming Friday 18th March. **Children can be picked up from 11.15am. Please note that buses will not be running at this time.**

Please also be reminded that the tuckshop will be closed on both Thursday and Friday of this week.

Save the dates! Please be reminded that Week 1, Term 2 begins with the ANZAC Day public holiday. We will be marching in Dean St on this day and hope to have a strong group of students present. We will finalise the arrangements for this before the end of term (look for a separate note during Week 9). The following two days, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th April are Pupil Free Days. This week I will be in Wagga on Tuesday and Wednesday attending a Wellbeing Conference for Principals.

Enjoy your week,
Kind regards, Liz Johnston.

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Please do NOT send nuts or nut products to school.

**UNIDENTIFIED SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS**
We have received two payments that we cannot identify -

1. Received on 5/2/16 with the reference “Dr Christopher”
2. Received on 23/11/15 from WAW Credit Union, without any reference.

Please call the office URGENTLY if either of these payments might belong to you

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**
School photos will be taken this Thursday, 17 March -

- Students will need to be in their correct summer uniform.
- Order forms for photos were sent home last Thursday.
- Every child should receive a blue coloured order form for individual photos.
- The eldest child in each family should also received an orange coloured form for family photos.
- Spare copies of order-forms are available from the office.
- Photos may be ordered on-line (see order forms for details), otherwise order forms with correct money must be returned to the office by 9am on photo day.
- If paying by cash, please enclose correct money, order envelopes are not opened at school, they are given directly to the photographers. Please also note that the office will be unable to supply any change for photo orders.

**MEN’S AFL / PGA NIGHT**
When - Friday 1st April (no joke!)
Where - SS&A Club
What - Come along and enjoy watching the AFL match between Richmond and Collingwood. Also, as part of the evening there will be an opportunity to play ‘X-Golf’ (indoor golf simulator) with prizes for the ‘St Anne’s PGA winner’.
Cost - Light dinner and drinks at your own expense (depending on numbers we can order finger-food platters). $10 to participate in golf.

This event replaces our former evenings in the school hall. We may have another event later in the year.

**CANTEEN NEWS**
Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances -

the Canteen will be closed this week.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

**ICAS EXAMS**
Nominations are now being taken for 2016 ICAS examinations. This optional, external assessment program is for students in Years 2 – 6 (with the exception of Year 2 being able to sit Digital Technologies and Writing). Nomination forms are available from the office, they are due back at school with the correct money by Friday, 1st April

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, quality skills-based assessment program which rewards and recognises achievement. ICAS gives you broad insights into your child’s performance across English, Mathematics, Science, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing. ICAS has been developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) since 1981.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**
The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesdays 8.30-8.45am and Fridays 3-3.30pm.
Pre-loved winter uniforms are now available for purchase.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Holy Week is the week before Easter beginning with Palm Sunday followed by the Triduum – the 3 days of Liturgical Celebrations: The Last Supper on Thursday evening, Stations of the Cross and reading of the Passion on Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

These events will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Parish as follows:

Palm Sunday: 6pm Vigil Mass Saturday; 9.30am Mass Sunday
Holy Thursday: 7pm Mass
Good Friday: 10.30am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross (Starting at St Mark’s Anglican Church) 3pm Solemn Liturgical Celebration of the Lord’s Passion.
Holy Saturday: 6pm Celebration of the Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday: 9.30am Mass

Other activities to help us prepare for Easter are:

Parish Reconciliation Evening
This will be held on Tuesday 15th March 7:30pm at Sacred Heart church.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Date: Wednesday 23rd March 7-8pm (for School / Parish community) held at St Anne’s School.
Everyone is very welcome to attend as a family to follow the Way of The Cross reflecting on the sacrifice Jesus made for us all and how we can live in ways that bring peace and harmony to our world.

Short reflections will be set up in each classroom where families are able to visit prayerfully together at their own pace.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Could all donation boxes of monies collected during Lent please be brought back to school by Friday 1st April so these can be tallied and monies sent to Caritas for them to continue their work helping those in need.

YEAR 3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

When - Wednesday, 16 March
Where - Alexandra Park

Information notes have gone home to children in Yrs 3-6 regarding this Carnival. Please ensure that your child’s permission note has been returned.

I.T. NEWS

As a parent, are you grappling with the day to day workings of your child's online world? If so check out this link for useful and informative videos to help you stay up to date and keep your children safe - https://esafety.gov.au/.../parent-.../esafety-for-parents-basics

2017 KINDER APPLICATIONS

We are now accepting enrolment applications for Kinder 2017. Application forms are available from the office and are due back at school by Friday, 13 May. Applications must include a copy of the child’s birth certificate, immunisation certificate and baptism certificate (if applicable).
EASTER RAFFLE
The FUNdraising Committee are organising the annual Easter raffle. The raffle will be drawn on 24th March. A proportion of the proceeds will be donated to Caritas with the remainder to the school’s fundraising efforts.

Each family is invited to make a donation to be used in the raffle. We would welcome donations of one item per family, such as:

- ONE egg OR a suitable allergy friendly non dairy alternative
- Easter colouring book or small story book
- Cellophane for wrapping baskets
- Small baskets suitable for prizes

Raffle tickets were sent home with the eldest child in each family. Please return all tickets, sold or unsold, by Monday 21st March.