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PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

Dearly beloved, in Holy Week,
when the most bitter sufferings of Jesus Christ are put before us by the liturgy,
the Church invites us to come to Calvary and follow
in the blood-stained footsteps of the Divine Redeemer,
to carry the Cross willingly with Him,
to reproduce in our hearts His Spirit of expiation and atonement,
and to die together with Him.

(Taken from the words of Pope Pius XII On the Sacred Liturgy.)



Dear Parents,

We welcome Christ as our King and give thanks that this King died to save us. Here comes Jesus, riding a donkey; riding to Jerusalem. All the people came flocking out to greet him, bringing things to wave. Hosanna for the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes. In the air they wave their leafy branches, torn from the trees around. And they spread their cloaks along the wayside, like a carpet on the ground. We see Jesus, riding on a donkey, and we wave and shout and sing; for we know that this man, so kind and humble – He is Jesus Christ our King.



PASSION / PALM SUNDAY

The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is celebrated this Sunday. Palms remind us of that joyful procession where people waved branches and acknowledged Jesus as King. During the days of Lent, we have journeyed with Jesus. We have been challenged to look at our lives and to see how we can live in a more humane and Christian way. As we approach Holy Week, the church invites us to reflect on the death of Jesus Christ. He chose to die fearlessly and with dignity. In choosing to die on the Cross, He found meaning and life in his pain and suffering. With him our faith carries us beyond death to the joys of the new life of Resurrection. **Passion / Palm Sunday is the start of Holy Week.** This week is the most important week in our church's calendar because it leads to the central mystery of our faith – the death and resurrection of Jesus.

It is critical that the events of Holy Week and the Easter celebration form an important part of all families' lives. It is not merely a 'school event'. Whilst the children will learn about the events of Holy Week at school, they will come to believe through the example of their parents.

The school has a number of **activities prepared to celebrate Easter.** The children have been completing a number of activities within their classrooms as a part of their Religious Education lessons. On Thursday, 28th March, we will commence the day with the P&F Easter Raffle, which will be held in the school hall. In the afternoon, we will have Year 5 Blue, Mrs Brown's class share a prayer gathering for the Stations of the Cross. This will be for all children in pre-primary through to Year 6. It will be held from 1:30pm in the school hall. If you are joining us for this prayer gathering in the hall, please enter and exit reverently. In this way, the children leave for the Easter period with a religious message. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parents are reminded that school will close on Thursday, 28th March for the Easter Vacation period.

The children recommence school for Term 2 on Monday, 15th April at 8:30am. When they return to school in Term 2, the children can continue to wear their summer school uniform or they may choose to wear their winter school uniform. By the end of April, all children should be wearing the winter school uniform.

Thursday, 25th April is a Public Holiday and Friday 26th April is a Pupil Free Day. Please mark these days in your diary, as there is no school on these days.

URSTRONG – PARENT STUDENT WORKSOP TONIGHT

Tonight, you have the opportunity to participate in the URSTRONG parent / child workshop. Please use the following link and see firsthand what your child has been participating in at school: www.urstrong.com/events



URSTRONG MEAN-ON-PURPOSE

Mean-on-purpose is when someone is intentionally unkind to someone else. This lesson helps students to differentiate between a friendship fire and mean-on-purpose. It teaches students strategies to deal with situations that are mean-on-purpose and outlines steps to help them to solve these problems. They are introduced to 'Quick Comebacks'. A Quick Comeback is a very short word or phrase that is used when someone is Mean-on-Purpose. Quick Comebacks are designed to let the other person know that you heard/saw what they did and you're not okay with it. Some examples of Quick Comebacks are 'stop', 'not cool' or 'that's hurtful'.



NAPLAN

We are nearing the completion of this year's NAPLAN assessments, and it is really good to see all of the children performing to their best during these days.



FEAST OF ST JOSEPH



Last Sunday was the Feast Day of St Joseph. This feast day has special significance in our school as Sr Wendy belongs to the order of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. The Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart continue God's mission by immersing themselves in the midst of life to empower others and bring hope. We all continue to pray for the Sisters of St Joseph and of course, offer Sr Wendy our thoughts and prayers.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Could all parents and students please return their Project Compassion contribution boxes by 26 March. Thank you.



Bursaries

YEAR 6 BURSARY

A reminder to all current Year 6 students that are applying for Bursaries to Irene McCormack Catholic College, that they are due to Mr Fontaine by Thursday 28th March.

FREE DRESS DAY – DONATION – “WHEN I GROW UP I WANT TO BE.....”

On Thursday, 28th March, the children will be invited to wear free dress. Children are required to bring a **GOLD COIN DONATION** which will go to Project Compassion. This year’s theme will be **“When I grow up I want to be??????”** Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the day. Please note there is no need to hire any costumes.

The Year 6 Spiritual and Leadership Ministries.



YEAR 6 CAMP REPORT

We wanted to tell you about the fabulous time that we had at Ern Halliday last week. No doubt you have heard all about the exciting activities that we were involved in. The staff, helpers and students all had an awesome time.

- It was not only fun but very challenging and rewarding.
- Most of us had the thought of “having a go on things that normally might challenge you”.
- The challenges we had included heights and confined spaces as examples.
- On a personal level, we all challenged ourselves, worked on our collaboration skills, screamed and laughed a lot.
- We all spoke positively and encouraged everyone.
- The activities were better than good....they were great! Some of the caves were really challenging.
- The beach games really brought another dimension to the camp.
- Overall, the food was really good!
- The night activities were really good fun and everyone got involved.
- The teachers are so very proud of the children.

A big thank you to our teachers and the camp supervisors.

**May God Bless You All,
Sam Fontaine
Principal**

VISION STATEMENT

Saint Andrew’s School offers an education that acknowledges, respects and nurtures the uniqueness of each child.

Within a framework of Catholic values and teamwork, the students will be challenged and supported to recognise their gifts and to develop their potential as they learn and contribute to their community.

We endeavour to provide a quality Catholic education which is Christ centred, child focused.



Happy Birthday to William F, Jasmine U,
Jayda U, Edith H, Dylan G, Lam N and
Sarah H

We hope you have a wonderful day!



ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 1, PLANNER 2024 – Parent (9 week term)

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
					22 MARCH NAPLAN
23/24 MAR Week 9	25 MARCH NAPLAN Last Day	26 MARCH Staff Prayer Playgroup 8:30-10:30 Hall Staff meeting	27 MARCH	28 MARCH Free Dress Gold Coin donation (Project Compassion) "When I grow up, I want to be" BURSARY – Irene McCormack Catholic College Due to Mr Fontaine <i>Easter Assembly EB Visit after assembly (Sam)</i> 1:30pm Last Supper / Religious Play Host: Year 5B SCHOOL FINISHES LAST DAY OF TERM	29 MARCH GOOD FRIDAY

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THURSDAY 21 MARCH
6.00pm to 7.15pm

in the

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This workshop gives kids, parents, and teachers a common "language" for talking about friendships. Through interactive parent-child activities, parents will learn strategies to support their child in fostering healthy, feel-good friendships.

Tickets are generously paid for by your school.

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