LENT

We have chosen to fast
Not with ashes but with actions
Not with sackcloth but in sharing
Not in thoughts but in deeds
We will give up our abundance
To share our food with the hungry
We will give up our comfort
To provide homes for the destitute
We will give up our fashions
To see the naked clothed
We will share where others hoard
We will free where others oppress
We will heal where others harm
Then God’s light will break out on us
God’s healing will quickly appear
God will guide us always
God’s righteousness will go before us
And we will find our joy in the Lord
We will be like a well-watered garden
We will be called repairers of broken walls

Christine Sine
**From the Principal’s Desk contd....**

**Don’t interrupt People**

We could probably all do well to spend more time listening, and less time interjecting. It has been said that a lot of us enter into a conversation with the idea of responding rather than taking the time to actively listen to what the other has to say.

**Stop Complaining**

Find constructive ways to talk about our difficulties, and look for the good in people instead of focusing on any inconvenience we’ve experienced.

In finishing, I highlight Brendan Byrne’s (SJ) message after reflecting on last week’s Gospel, ‘Jesus’ final image in the Gospel invites us to ask what our thoughts, words and actions say about our own hearts, do we interact with others by judging or condemnation or do they experience, generosity, understanding and compassion.’

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Year 4 students are preparing to receive The Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday 26th March at 9:15am. The children will explore the concepts of forgiving and healing through the sacrament of Reconciliation. The focus for the program is, “Restoring our relationships with God, one another and the earth.” When we come to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation, we go through the process of reflecting on our lives, we take responsibility for our poor choices that result in wrong doing, we express our sorrow and we ask for forgiveness. We also promise to make an effort to avoid making the same poor choices. Over the past two weeks, families have been working with their children to prepare them for the sacrament and we take this opportunity to congratulate them as they take this next step in their sacramental journey.

Well done to: Arya Cameron-Lench, Paige Euvrard, Fletcher Martin, Declan O’Kelly, Libby Gervasoni, James Lang-Closter, Jack Petch and Abbigail Righetti.

**10 Ways Parents can work with Teachers to help kids Achieve**

*From noted Psychologist Michael Grose*

There is no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children’s learning. Here are 10 ways you can work with your child’s teachers to maximise your child’s chances of school success.

1. Know what your child’s teachers are trying to achieve.
2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive.
3. Support your teacher’s expectations and activities at home.
4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time.
5. Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes.
6. Skill children to work with others.
7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties.
8. Participate fully in class and school activities where possible.
9. Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience.
10. Talk up what happens at school.

*Thank you, Terry Brennan.*
Our school recently received a very generous donation of an abundant supply of coloured paper.

We wish to pass on our gratitude and a very big THANK YOU to John Crowe (RIP) and his family from Just Copiers.

Your donation is very much appreciated and will certainly be put to good use by students and staff, thank you!!

**2019 Office Hours**
Mon: 8:30am to 4:30pm
Tues: 8:30am to 4:00pm
Wed: 8:30am to 4:30pm
Thurs: 8:30am to 4:00pm
Fri: 9:00am to 4:00pm

**St Augustine’s 2019 Sacramental Program**

**TERM 1:**
Tuesday 26th March: Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, followed by Mass, 9:15am

**TERM 2**
Wednesday 1st May: Parent meeting for Confirmation in Prep Class, 4pm
19th, 26th May & 2nd June: Dismissal Sundays at St A’s Church, 8:45am Mass
Sunday 9th June: Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at 8:45am Mass

**TERM 4**
Wednesday 16th October: Parent meeting for Eucharist in Prep Class, 4pm
27th Oct, 10th & 17th Nov: Dismissal Sundays at St A’s Church, 8:45am Mass
Sunday 24th Nov: Celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist at 8:45am Mass
Tuesday 26th Nov: Year 6 Reconciliation, St A’s Church at 9:15am, followed by Mass at 10am
On Thursday 28th March, the school Tuck Shop will be hosting a **sushi lunch**, instead of the normal menu. This special Japanese lunch will allow all students the opportunity to enjoy a sushi lunch, and for those who have never tried sushi, the opportunity to taste it. The menu will consist of:

- **Vegetarian pack:** 1 vegetable roll & 1 avocado roll $5.20
- **Meat pack:** 1 teriyaki chicken with avocado roll & 1 prawn tempura roll $5.80
- **Meat pack:** 2 karaage chicken (chicken in batter) rolls $5.80

*** PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:
1. Sushi orders to be placed via the Qkr App
2. Cash Orders: please see Mandy for a paper order form
3. Both Qkr & cash orders to be placed by Monday 18th March!!
4. **IMPORTANT:** Late orders WILL NOT be accepted!!
5. The normal Tuck-Shop menu WILL NOT be available on Thursday 28th March.

Thank you, Yuki & Amelia.

Welcome back to another exciting year!

I want to thank all the wonderful families and children that I have had the opportunity of working alongside throughout 2018. I also want to remind new and current families that if you require any parenting support throughout the coming year, please do not hesitate to drop into school Thursday’s between the hours of 8:30am – 3pm. I am also available on mobile: 0419 400 164 Mon – Thursday’s.

Regards,
Sharalle Raven
Parenting Practitioner/School Support
Centacare Family Relationship Centre

**Issue No. 2 Scholastic Book Club forms are now available in the office area!**

Orders can be placed in the classroom boxes or dropped off to the office. Items ordered will be handed to students on arrival. Orders for Issue No. 2 are due no later than Friday 22nd March. Please contact Mandy with any queries.
### Important Dates

**Term 1 Dates:**

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<td>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</td>
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<td>Tue 12th</td>
<td>Foundation students commence 5 days per week</td>
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<td>Both Year 1/2 classes attending Mass at 10am (all are welcome to attend)</td>
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<td>Whole school swimming program (Session 2)</td>
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<td>Join us for the 1/2 Class (EP) Assembly, 3pm in the hall</td>
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<td>Maria out (Religious Education Cluster)</td>
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<td>Emma &amp; Estelle out (attending 2 day Professional Development)</td>
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<td>Both Year 3/4 classes attending Mass at 10am (all are welcome to attend)</td>
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**April**

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**Term 2 Dates:**

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<td>Apr 23rd</td>
<td>Term 2 commences, 9am</td>
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<td>Tue 23rd &amp; Wed 24th</td>
<td>Yr 5/6 Camp to Sovereign Hill Costume School/Pax Hill</td>
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**2nd Hand Uniform Shop News**

Hello, there are a few changes to the 2nd Hand Uniform shop this year. The major change is the 2nd Hand Uniforms are now being sold out of the small room under the Grade 1&2 classroom. If you see the door open and wish to pop in, please do.

For anyone who currently has items for sale - please note that any “cents” noted in the selling price, will no longer be included in the price (ie. $6.30 will now be $6.00). This is due to the fact that it is a cash only system, with no change given.

I am currently very low on Winter Tunics, especially in smaller sizes, so if anyone has an old Tunic they wish to sell, please consider dropping them into the school as soon as possible.

All items of uniform submitted to the 2nd Hand Uniform shop should be clean and in good condition. If you wish to sell an item through the 2nd Hand Uniform shop, please ensure that you complete a Uniform slip, in full, for each item. These slips are available in the office.

If you are looking for a 2nd hand item, please text me on ph: 0429 130 672 and include details of what you are looking for (including size). I ask that you don’t phone me, as I work most days and am unable to take your call while I am working.

There are several items currently available. Most items are now hanging on clothing racks so it is quite easy to see if we have, what you are looking for.

Thank you, Narelle Barrett.
Parents & Friends Information

P&F NEWS

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY 19th
MARCH 3:30PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL
ALL PARENTS AND KIDS WELCOME

UPCOMING EVENTS
Easter Raffle

COMING SOON
Trivia Night
School Disco

SHROVE TUESDAY 5/3/2019

It was wonderful to see so many happy faces enjoying pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

Thank you to all the parents, teachers and helpers on the day, it was a great success!
Community Event

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT – GUEST SPEAKER

Damascus College warmly invites you to attend

DEVELOPING PARENT’S DIGITAL LITERACY, AND TACKLING CYBERBULLYING

Presented by

PROJECT ROCKIT

For over 10 years Project ROCKIT has been empowering school students and communities to stand up to hate instead of standing by watching. Co-founders Rosie and Lucy Thomas finished high school, and then set out to create the change they wanted to see in the world. They believe in a world where kindness and respect thrive over bullying, hate and prejudice, and that all young people are free to realise their potential. Project ROCKIT creates spaces where all young people have access to respect, acceptance, creative expression and real social leadership.

This 90 minute workshop will discuss the strengths and challenges of navigating the online world as a young person. In-depth knowledge will be shared on major social media platforms and the issue of cyberbullying, while also providing a range of hot topics and strategies that parents, guardians and carers can use to support young people online. This session allows for an open Q&A at the end.

Wednesday 1st May 2019 at 7pm – 8.30pm
Venue: John Shannon Centre, Damascus College

Book your FREE tickets at damascus.vic.edu.au

The best start for a bright future
Community Events

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY 2019
HEATHER MUTIMER HONOUR ROLL 2019
RECOGNISING EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN IN OUR SHIRE

EVENT DETAILS:
Friday, 8 March 2019
6pm
Creswick Town Hall
68 Albert Street, Creswick

Celebrating inspiring women and paying tribute to those in the Shire whose contributions, courage and examples have led to significant social change for women.

International Women’s Day 2019 campaign theme is #BalanceforBetter

Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the event

Bookings essential at: www.trybooking.com/ZOHG

Daylesford Secondary College Transition Dates for 2019

OPEN NIGHT: Wednesday 13th March
TRANSITION DAY: Friday 10th May (Year 5/6 Students)
OPEN AFTERNOON: Monday 2nd Sept (afternoon tours & info. Session to follow)
YEAR 7 2020 INFO. EVENING: Monday 2nd December at 6pm
ORIENTATION DAY: Tuesday 10th December
NOTE TERM 1 CHANGES

Due to the swimming program being held on Friday's in Term 1, the availability of tuck-shop will be impacted, therefore, changes have been made to work around swimming! NOTE the dates/details listed below, to ensure you are aware of the changes.

* Thursday 14th March - Tuckshop running → Annaleise Robinson assisting
* Thursday 21st March - Tuckshop running → Leanne Burns assisting
* Thursday 28th March - ** Sushi Day ** → Brooke Stanton assisting

*Sushi Orders to be placed via the Qkr App. - refer to 'Special Japanese Lunch’ details included in this Newsletter!!*

* Thursday 4th April - Tuckshop running → Marie Williams assisting

**Note** lunch orders MUST still be placed by 9:30am each Wednesday, with cash orders being handed either into the office or classrooms by 9am, to ensure they do not miss the 9:30am deadline! A big THANK YOU to the Clunes Bakery (O'Kelly family) who have accepted the shorter order time, understanding due to swimming, this change had to be made.

Thank you also to the volunteers for term 1! I now request assistance for term 2. My aim is for each family to assist only once for the year, so if everyone is willing, this will be possible. In term 2, Tuckshop will run each Friday, see dates below. Please choose a suitable date and let either myself or Mandy know which date you wish to place your name down. Thank you!!

A reminder should a student place a lunch order via the App, then be unwell/absent from school on the Tuckshop day, a credit note will be issued.

In the meantime, you have any queries regarding the Tuckshop in 2019, please contact me on 0459 126 895. Thank you, Amelia Singline.

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<td>Fruit Juice: Flavours: Apple, Apple &amp; Blackcurrant &amp; Orange</td>
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### Term 2 Dates:

- Friday 26th April
- Friday 3rd May
- Friday 10th May
- Friday 17th May
- Friday 24th May
- Friday 31st May
- Friday 7th June
- Friday 14th June
- Friday 21st June
- Friday 28th June
A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.
Amen.