SESQUICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 2012

During 2012 the Annunciation Church will celebrate it’s 150th birthday and the Parish will celebrate its Sesquicentenary year (150th Birthday).

Celebrations will include:

Liturgical Program
(throughout 2012)
Program is available from the Front Office

Dinner Dance
Saturday 21 April 2012
3 course meal
$45 per adult, $25 children under 15 years and children under 5 years free

Show N Shine with Elvis tribute artist
Mark Anthony
Sunday 29 April 2012
12 noon to 5pm
$25 per family (2 adults, 2 children), $10 adults, $5 children under 15 years

Please put these dates in your diary
**From the Principal**

Dear Parents, Friends and Caregivers

This week our prayers are extended to two families of staff experiencing loss. Leanne Carr’s mother passed away last week and was farewelld yesterday by family and friends. Leadership attended representing our community and supporting Leanne through this time. As well, Annarita Mitolo’s father also passed away at the end of last week. The funeral mass took place today at The Annunciation Church. Staff attended in support of Annarita and her family. Our thoughts are with both colleagues during this time.

Last week families of our PreSchool children joined together for a parent information evening. We were pleased to see so many families indicating their interest and continued support of their child’s learning. In today’s bulletin Marilena has described some of the initiatives occurring this year and the positive changes and structures we are developing.

This week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Please join us for a Community Mass at 9.15am. We journey together to Easter as a community in prayer and companionship. Finding ways to pray, with others or by ourselves, helps us to stay focussed on the purpose of this season.

Over the next few weeks we will be collecting email addresses from families in anticipation of emailing our ‘Parent Bulletin’. As well as saving paper this initiative will provide ease of access for many family members. A hard copy will still be available. Further information will be included in next week.

I am thoroughly enjoying meeting classes and children in the yard! Thank you to the many parents who have been saying hello. I must apologies for my forgetfulness with names! Enjoy another warm week!

Regards

Leonie

**From the Deputy Principal**

Dear Parents, friends and students

As you know we began our school year with teachers focusing on developing relationships with the children they teach and in fact it went far beyond that, we put in place activities that connected all teachers and children in some way. That’s a big task for our school!

As a celebration of the first two weeks teaching and learning programme all children and staff gathered in the hall to sing and dance together. *Ain’t no mountain high enough* was the song the specialist teachers taught the children, in an effort to instil in everyone that we are all a part of this one school and if we all work together we can climb mountains. It was a great choice of song and the teachers did an incredible job, there will be opportunities throughout the year for you to see this beautiful team building piece of entertainment. The children liked seeing the staff join in and it was a good feeling being caught in the middle of this giant dance party!

I want to thank you for your patience with the stationery issues we have experienced this year and for your feedback. We have been working tirelessly to sort things out and apart from a few outstanding whole year level orders I am confident that every child in our school has the items they need. If you think your child is missing anything please talk to their teacher as they will follow it up.

I take this opportunity to remind everyone that before and after school the children are not permitted to play on playgrounds. Teachers are not on duty and although some parents may be present all children see others playing and think it’s okay and therefore are unsupervised. Our duty of care can be much more successful if we all pitch in and ensure rules are followed.

Keep smiling

Tess Harford

**PARENT BULLETINS ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE**


**From the APRIM**

The Spirit of St Mary MacKillop alive in our children.

I was fortunate to listen to two girls from Year 4, Krystina and Felice talk about raising $28.20 for the missions by making and selling plaster masks and craft during the holidays. They did this with their brothers Nikolas and Lucas and a friend and past student Tahlia. How thoughtful and kind – just like St Mary of the Cross MacKillop! Such kindness is at the heart of the Season of Lent that begins next week.

Celebrations - Ash Wednesday

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 will have a Prayer Service in their units. Year 3 – 7 will join other community members to celebrate the 9.15am Mass in the Church of Annunciation.

Missions

Project Compassion boxes will go home to all families providing an opportunity of donating money during Lent to assist families who need food, water, shelter, healthcare and education. Families may consider ways
of living more simply during Lent and using money they have saved by living more simply to give to families in need of such kindness.

**World Day of Prayer**
The international, interdenominational, inter-racial Prayer Service is being held on Friday 2 March at 10.30am in the Church of Annunciation. Our senior classes have been invited to join others who will gather and will help with hospitality, movement to a Reading from Isaiah, collecting the offering and serving the morning tea. All are welcome to join us.

**Efs Committee News**
Ten Student Leaders, Miss Sara Delaney, Mrs Nadia Pasquini, Mary Kelson and I met last Friday morning to plan Efs for 2012. Our students were outstanding in their thinking, interest and confidence and skills in speaking. They will be attending a Youth Forum Thursday 1 March with several other Primary and Secondary Schools, which we are hosting.

_Michael Proctor_
APRIM

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**EXCITING TIMES AT PRESCHOOL**

“Belonging, Being and Becoming” is Australia’s first national Early Years Learning framework.
The aim of the framework is to extend and enrich children’s learning from birth to the age of five years and continuing on to school.

In December 2009 all Australian state and territory governments, agreed to a partnership to establish a National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Out of Hours School Care services throughout Australia. The National Quality Framework has come into effect as of 1 January 2012. PreSchools in our Catholic System will need to have a Quality Improvement Plan in place by the end of April, and then will be assessed during the year. The Catholic Education Office has given priority to this work by allowing the eight Catholic Schools with PreSchools on their site, to work together on Pedagogy and unpacking the Early Years Learning Framework. We are working with the Catholic Education Office to put our Quality Improvement Plan in place.

Many exciting changes have occurred in our PreSchool and many more are still to come. Our powerful educators are doing all they can to prepare for assessment. Contemporary pedagogy as described in the Early Years Learning Framework is being implemented along with the exploration of the meaning of Powerful environments to provoke learning. Keep your eye on the PreSchool and watch for the exhilarating changes that will be visible to all!

_Marilena Cianfaglione_
Assistant to the Principal

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Do you or someone you know have a child who is due to start school in 2013 or 2014? Enrolment Interviews are currently underway for Reception Term 3 2013. “Application for Enrolment” forms are available from the Front Office or call 8337 6044 for more information.

**CHAPLAINCY**

**PASTORAL SUPPORT TO FAMILIES**
For the past four years St Joseph’s School has been part of The National Schools Chaplaincy Program. Late in Term 4 the school reapplied for funding from this program and was successful. This program is an Australian Federal Government funded initiative offered to aid student, parent and staff wellbeing in Australian schools.

It is a voluntary program offered to support families. Sister Josie has this role at St Joseph’s School. Her background is in education and in counselling. She is on site two days a week, usually on a Wednesday and Friday, however other times can be negotiated for appointments at school and for home visits. She may be contacted on 8337 6044 and if she is not available the school will forward a message and Sister Josie will return your call.

Presently there are some second hand uniforms available: contact Sister Josie for these.

**WELLBEING**
Relationships Australia (SA) provides education, training, coaching and counselling for individuals, couples, families and communities. The Semester 1 Course Brochure lists a number of courses available in the areas of:

- Relationships
- Parenting
- Workplace
- Communication
- Taking care of you

Further details are available at [www.rasa.org.au](http://www.rasa.org.au) or a brochure is available at the school front office.

_Louise Kilpatrick_
Wellbeing Coordinator

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**Parish and Community Information**

FIND US ON FACEBOOK
Hectorville Catholic-Community is now on Facebook. Please search for us and request to become a Friend. We will be making greater use of Facebook in the future to interact with our Community. Please find us on Facebook, become a friend and tell your family and friends to do the same.
STUDENT EXCHANGE AUS/NZ

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd is now recruiting Community Coordinators in your area. If you are interested in being a part of this process please contact us on 1300 135 331 or www.studentexchange.org.au

For more information please see the flyer on the Community Notice Board located by the Front Office.

Sport News

Sports Lessons
Just a reminder that during sport lessons it is a requirement that if students have an injury that a note from parents is provided informing me of the injury and the amount of time they will be sitting out for.

Out of Hours Sports Training
Parents are asked to be on time when picking up your child from sport training. At the recent coaches meeting, coaches were advised to take students to Out Of School Hours Care if they cannot wait. Also the hot weather policy states that if it is 32 degrees or above the night before on the news forecast, training will be cancelled. You may not get a text from coaches. It is parent’s responsibility to check the weather forecast.

Out of Hours Sport
At the start of every sporting season when we are collecting registration of interest forms, each class that it applies to will receive forms. The class teacher will ask if there is anyone that is interested in playing that particular sport and it is the student’s responsibility to collect a form. There will also be a notification in the Parent Bulletin to alert parents that they have been distributed.

Jessica Woolford
Physical Education Teacher

Out Of School Hours Sport

NETBALL
SJH All Stars. A fantastic game this week. We played St Francis Diamonds and defeated them 6 – 4. Great defending by Alana and Hannah. Everyone played well. Keep it up.

SJH Thunderboltz were defeated by Athelstone Angels. Great effort on never giving up. A big thank you to Olivia for filling in for us.

CRICKET
SJH Kanga Cricket. An enthusiastic first match played, unfortunately we were defeated by East Marden. Not to worry, we will improve and have lots of fun. See you on Saturday.

SJH Year 4/5 were defeated by Athelstone 10/60. Wicket takers were Nixon 2, Joseph 1. Top scorer Marco, 11. Training is on Wednesday after school.

Vince

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
The shop is open on the first Tuesday morning of the month in the Mini Gym between 8.45 – 9.30am. For all enquiries please call Toni Gladwich on 0403 784 403. Cash only please.

Shop 5, 272 Montacute Road Rostrevor

PLEASE NOTE
Parent Bulletin items should be emailed to school by MONDAY 11 AM EACH WEEK to bulletin@sjh.catholic.edu.au

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Canteen News
Please note there is an error in the price on the 2012 Canteen Price list. Fruit Toast is 40 cents per slice not 20 cents as advertised.

Also, Nachos Dippers are currently unavailable from our supplier. We will let you know when they are available.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Di and Sue
Co Canteen Managers