CATHOLIC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 20 March, 20 students from years 4 - 7 participated in the Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival at Magill University Swimming Pool. The day consisted of 25 and 50m races in breaststroke, freestyle and backstroke. The students also competed in a medley relay and freestyle relays. All students participated to the best of their ability and were committed to all six weeks of training leading up to the carnival.

Congratulations to the following swimmers: Lucy, Lacey, Solina, Marika, William, Nathan, Hannah, Joshua, Kurt, Lucy, George, Noah, Laura, Joshua, Ethan, Jackson, Olivia, Mason, Olivia and Aden.

It’s great to see so many parents not only cheering their children on at training but also at the carnival. Thank you to those who were able to attend. I also appreciate the support from the parents who have helped me to transport students back to school after training. Special Thanks to Sharee McNamara, Rebecca Lines and Diana Thoeny who volunteered at the Catholic carnival.

Congratulations to Noah, Kurt, Lucy, William and Olivia who represented the school at the Torrens River State SAPSASA competition.

Miss Woolford
Physical Education Teacher
From the Principal

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Happy Easter to you. Easter is a time for renewal and a call to each of us to embrace a different future knowing that God loves us unconditionally and will always be with us. My hope is that we can embrace this Easter and be a community as God ‘wants for the world – to live lives in peace and be in right relationship with each other’.

Over the past few days the whole school came together to celebrate and reflect on Holy Week and Easter. Thank you to the Year Levels and Mrs Denton who prepared each liturgy.

Last week at the AGM the Parents and Friends presented a cheque for $17,000. The funds raised during 2012 contributed to the purchase of IPADS. I thank all parents for their support last year.

Over the next few days our Year 2 - 7 students will participate in a conversation with their parents and class teacher about their progress this term. This is an excellent opportunity for each child to reflect on their learning so far and to identify their future goals. I hope you find this an excellent opportunity to learn more and engage with your child’s progress.

As we move into Week 10 I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Marilena Gianfaglione for her work as Deputy Principal during Term 1. Marilena is always so passionate and enthusiastic about St Joseph’s and I especially thank her for all her efforts this term. Marilena takes long service leave at the end of this week and returns in Week 5 next term. She will be undertaking the Reggio Emelia study course in Italy during the first week of the school holidays. I have received funding from Catholic Education and will join Marilena and a number of Catholic Principals from Adelaide who have Preschools to learn more deeply about the Reggio approach. I will be away on Friday 12 April and will be overseas during the school holidays. We look forward to sharing our experience with you when we return.

I hope this week goes well for you and your family.

With best wishes

Leanne Carr
Principal

WHERE WILL POPE FRANCIS LEAD US?

The eyes of the world – not just those of Catholics – are on Pope Francis as we get to know the newly elected Pope. We are all beginning to understand that his papacy will lead us into previously unexpected directions. Here are some of his early sayings and doings which may give some inkling for the future.

The name ‘Francis’ - The Pope told media assembled at a press conference in Rome on 16 March that he chose his papal name because St Francis of Assisi shunned riches to help the destitute. ‘Francis of Assisi, for me, is a man of poverty, a man of peace, a man who loved and protected Creation. Right now our relations with Creation are not going very well,’ The newly elected Bishop of Rome added: ‘How I would like a Church that is poor’, outlining his desire for the Church to be ‘of the poor, for the poor’.

The threat of becoming a compassionate NGO - In a Sistine Chapel Mass with cardinals on his first day as Church leader, the pontiff said: ‘If we do not confess Christ, what would we be? We would end up a compassionate NGO. What would happen would be like when children make sand castles and then it all falls down.’ Cardinal Claudio Hummes, the archbishop emeritus of Sao Paulo and an old friend of Pope Francis, has commented that the Pope wants a missionary Church with more dialogue.

Mercy and forgiveness - In his first Sunday address – the Angelus (Urbi et Orbi) on 17 March to those gathered in St Peter’s Square – Pope Francis spoke on the Gospel of the day, the story of the woman accused of adultery whom the scribes and Pharisees had brought before Jesus: ‘I think even we are sometimes like these people, who on the one hand want to listen to Jesus, but on the other hand, sometimes we like to stone others and condemn others. The message of Jesus is this: mercy!’ Later he added, ‘The Lord never tires of forgiving, never! It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness.’
Reform - ‘In the first clear signal that Pope Francis may be serious about reform, he’s decided that the heads of the various Vatican offices will keep their jobs for now, but he's not making any definitive appointments. 'It’s customary for new popes to swiftly reconfirm the department heads who lose their positions when the previous pontificate ends, and then take his time about bringing in his team. The fact that Francis has not followed that path may suggest that significant personnel moves will come sooner rather than later. So far, the storyline about Francis has been mostly about style. At some point, however, style will have to give way to substance, and today’s announcement marks the first indication of what that substance might look like.’ - Veteran Vatican reporter, John Allen, National Catholic Reporter, 16 March

Dog gets a blessing - A yellow Labrador retriever named Asia, belonging to visually impaired radio journalist, Alessandro Forlani, was among the first to receive a physical blessing from Pope Francis on 16 March. In a fitting response for a Pope inspired by the patron saint of animals, Francis bent down to pat Asia, saying, ‘And a special blessing for you, dog, too!’

From the APRIM

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we call to mind the following words from the Gospel of this week:

“You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.”

Psalm 16:11

These words offer us the knowledge of fullness and delight in the eternal life in heaven. Our liturgies throughout Holy Week, which culminated in the resurrection Easter Tuesday, reflected the events in the life of Jesus, and ultimately his resurrection. We live in the knowledge that God’s love for us is immeasurable through the giving of his Son, Jesus, who died on the cross, and rose again so that we may have eternal life. It is a blessing at this time of the year to be able to feel God’s love wrapped around each one of us, through the recollection of these events in the life of Jesus.

May you each feel the warmth of God’s love.

Reminders for this week:
Final Liturgy to celebrate the Resurrection to be held on Tuesday 2 April at 9.15am in the Community Hall led by Year 7 classes.
Thursday 4 April, Year 7 Leadership Development Day at the Campbelltown Recreation Centre.
Friday 5 April, Year 4 Lagana will be leading the Friday Community Mass at 9.15am in Church of Annunciation.
Casual Day Wednesday 10 April to support Community Services.
Friday 12 April, Year 4 Labbozzetta will be leading the Friday Community Mass at 9.15am in Church of Annunciation.

Many blessings to you and your families as we celebrate the resurrection.

Iva Denton
APRIM

Today 2 April is World Autism Awareness Day. Autism SA is hosting several events throughout April to help raise awareness and understanding. Throughout April Autism SA will have stalls set up at Westfield Marion, Tea Tree Plaza and Westlakes with Autism SA staff in attendance to assist people with questions regarding ASD or the services they provide.
POLICE CHECKS
If you have recently received a Volunteer Application pack, please note that the Police Check Consent form has now changed. Please see Tania Carosi for a new form as the previous ones can no longer be accepted.

RECEPTION CLASSES 2014 AND 2015
Do you or someone you know have a child who is due to start school in 2014/2015? Enrolment interviews are about to commence. If you have not yet enrolled your child please contact the Front Office on 8337 6044 to receive an “Application for Enrolment” form.

SCHOOL TOURS 2013
WITH THE PRINCIPAL FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

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OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

The April Vacation Care program is out now. All families are welcome to attend vacation care.

Before school care is available from 7.30am – 8.30am
After School Care is available from 3pm – 6pm

For more information please call Graziella La Montagna on 8336 9425 or email OSHC@sjh.catholic.edu.au

JS EXPRESS UNIFORM SHOP

Monday 8am – 12 noon
Wednesday 1pm – 5pm
Saturday 9am – 12noon

SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES

Monday 15 April 9am – 3pm
Wednesday 17 April 9am – 3pm
Wednesday 24 April 9am – 3pm
Saturday 27 April 9am – 12pm

Shop 5, 272 Montacute Road Rostrevor.
For all enquiries please call Lilly on 0433 618 496.
Credit card facilities are available.
SPORTS DAY
I am still waiting on a few of the t-shirts from the captains to be returned to me. These were due Thursday 28 March, please return ASAP.

WEDDING
You may be aware that on Saturday 13 April, I will be getting married. Some families have asked if they could attend the ceremony, which you are more than welcome to do. If you would like to attend, I would really appreciate it if the students could wear their school uniform. I am getting married at Our Lady of Victories, High Street, Glenelg at 2.00pm.

Jess Woolford
Physical Education Teacher

Out Of School Hours Sport

CRICKET
Kanga SJH (16 March). East Marden Blue 2/41 (average 20.5) defeated SJH 3/46 (average 15.3). Well done Oliver for bowling both wickets and to Jack for scoring 0/10. A great game played by everyone!

Melissa

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CAANTEEN NEWS
Vegetarian pasties are now available in the canteen. Please write ‘vegetarian pasty’ on your order otherwise your child will get a regular pasty.

The canteen needs your help. If you can spare half an hour or more it would be greatly appreciated. On the days there is no help the canteen will not be able to open for over the counter lunch sales. Lunch orders will still be processed.

Di and Sue
Co Canteen Managers

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