



# RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 7 of 9  
Friday, 15th March 2024

## This Week's Newsletter Items:

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Dear Parents, Students & Friends,

I'm settling in well to my role as Principal of Resurrection Catholic Primary School.

On Thursday members of the school leadership team and myself completed the planning of our 2024-2027 School Improvement Plan and 2024 Plan to begin accomplishing this.

The plan is based on 4 major goals

- To cultivate an inclusive learning community imbued with a Catholic worldview, where all members learn about, reflect on and engage in the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church.
- To develop a whole school evidence-based pedagogical approach, *The Resurrection Way*, to achieve growth for all by embedding highly effective

teaching strategies, both in practice and in documentation.

- To build the capacity of staff through engaging in a coaching model to implement *The Resurrection Way* in order to promote efficacy and staff growth.
- To strengthen capacity to activate and embed voice, agency and leadership that enhances engagement and empowerment for all.

We are now continuing to create ways to make these goals come alive. We are engaging in this in order to:

- strengthen the Catholic Identity of our school
- create the best programs to meet the educational needs of our students
- build our teachers' knowledge and skills in planning for the needs of our students
- help our students become more involved and engaged.

I look forward, as do our whole school team, in making these goals into a reality and building upon the great work that has already been done.

Best wishes,

Adrian Glasby  
*Principal*

## Catholic Education Week 2024

In the light of Christ | Sunday 10 March to Sunday 17 March

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their Catholic identity, the pivotal role they play within their local community and the strength of the sector.

This year's theme, '*In the light of Christ*' is drawn from the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools strategic plan, MACS 2030: Forming Lives to Enrich the World. Christ is our inspiration, the very life of our purpose as

Catholic educators. Everything we do is illuminated by this.

Today myself, Mr Glasby, as well as four of our school leaders are attending the annual MACS St Patrick's day Mass. We look forward to sharing that with you in next week's newsletter.



## HARMONY WEEK

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.

It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.



At Resurrection Catholic Parish Primary School we are very lucky to belong to such a diverse school community where our cultures are not only celebrated but highlighted as something that makes us so unique and special. As stated in our school vision

**Called by Faith**

**Our Community, Diverse In Culture, Language and Tradition**

**Lives out Christ's Care In Everything We Do  
By Providing Excellence In Learning**

To celebrate Harmony week, we are asking all students to wear a touch of **Orange on**

**Thursday 21st of March.** This can be as simple as an orange bow, ribbon, socks, hat, etc. All other clothing items must be school uniform.

We look forward to celebrating harmony week.

**Mrs Jess Davis**

**Deputy Principal Wellbeing & Community**



From time to time we are asked by parents for copies of school reports. Some are lost, needed for enrolments or other reasons. But, did you know that your child's reports are available online for you to access anytime?

Please visit:

<https://parentqcr4.nforma.com.au/portal/#/login?schooldomain=rskingspark>

Or via the school website

<https://www.rskingspark.catholic.edu.au/>  
under the parents tab then parent portal.

## Easter Hampers

The fundraising committee are asking all students to bring in donations of the following items:

- **Chocolate Easter Eggs**
- **Hampers or Baskets**
- **Ribbons / Cellophane**
- **Anything else Easter related!**

We are asking students to bring these items into school from **Monday 18th of March until Friday 22nd of March.**

This year we are asking local organisations to donate gift cards and vouchers to make these hampers extra special! Over the last few weeks, members of the Fundraising Committee have been asking local companies to donate vouchers to our efforts.

A huge thank you to the following companies for their generous donations

- **Hoyts Cinemas Watergardens for donating a double pass movie voucher**
- **PSW for donating a \$25 voucher**
- **Dance Generation for one free term of dance class to the value of \$150**
- **Candy's Plaster Creations**
- **Western Ford Car Service Voucher to the value of \$450**
- **Woolworths's voucher to the value of \$50**
- **Woolworths Watergardens Donation of Easter Eggs to the value of \$500**



We are looking for parent helpers to assist with the following 2 fundraising events

1. Putting together Easter Hamper's on Monday 25th from 9.00am

2. Organising Hot Cross Buns to be distributed to students at 2.00pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

If you can assist with either of these fundraising initiatives, please contact the office!



Congratulations to Brian from Grade 3 for his recent success with Taekwondo competitions. Brian placed second place in the separate events!



If you have an item you would like to share with our school community please email [office@rskingspark.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@rskingspark.catholic.edu.au)



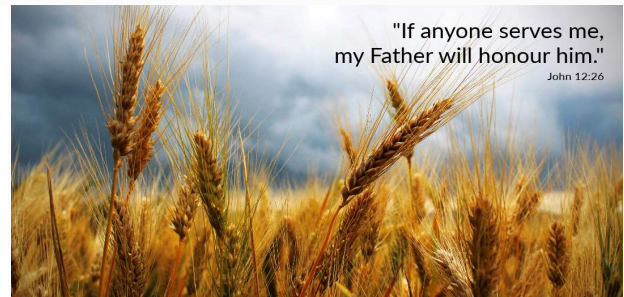
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 12: 20 - 33*

***If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.***

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again. People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but

for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.



## *understanding* THE G O S P E L

### **Gospel Reflection**

This week's first reading from Jeremiah is a very powerful image and a foreshadowing of the message and ministry of Jesus. In the Jeremiah reading, the Lord announces that (yet again) a new covenant will be made between the people and their God. This time, however, the covenant will not be a collection of rules written in stone as was the case with the covenant of the Ten Commandments after the people had been led out of slavery in Egypt. The people have demonstrated that they are not able to uphold that covenant. This time, God declares that the covenant will be 'planted deep within them' and 'written on their hearts'. This is a wonderful image: I will write my covenant on your heart! It is the message that Jesus tried to convey over and over again – the Law of God is not to be found in a multitude of rules and regulations but it is a Law of the heart, calling for compassion and love.

This message is no better demonstrated than in this week's gospel passage. Jesus declares that, 'unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.' He is speaking of course about his own life, but he is speaking also to those around him and those of us who read the words today. Unless we are prepared to let go of our ego, our status, our 'reputation', for the sake of others and respond to them from the heart then we can never experience the breadth and depth of what it means to belong to a community. When we are prepared to let go of our hang-ups and

reservations to make a difference in the lives of others then the 'harvest' that will be gathered from those actions will be great indeed!

### **Historical Context Gospel Focus - Love of life**

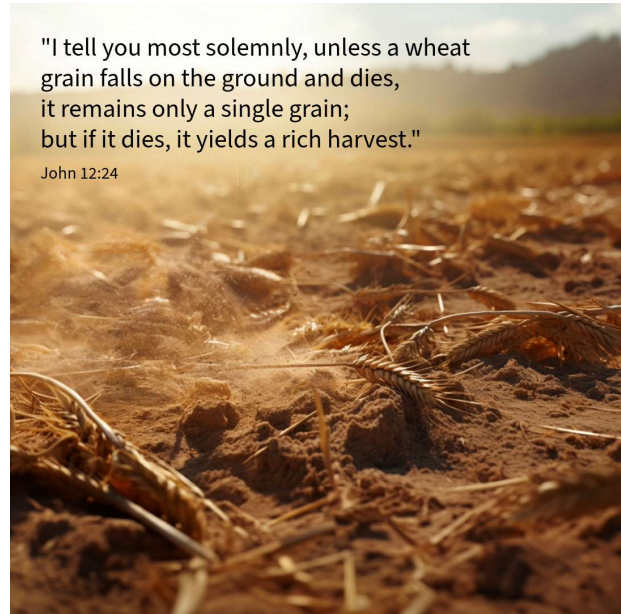
Jesus says, 'Anyone who loves (their) life loses it; anyone who hates (their) life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.' This can seem pretty tough! It challenges us about how much we cling to the 'things' of this life. Are we concerned about the labels on our clothes; the number of our friends; how much money we have; the sort of house we live in? If this is the 'life' that we place meaning on, then we will surely lose it. However, if we put aside the world's focus on material things and focus our attention on others then we are assured of eternal life.

### **Have you thought- Why Greeks?**

The gospel reading begins with some Greeks wanting to meet Jesus. Why is it significant that they were Greeks? The Jews were very clear about the distinction between Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles). Regardless of their intentions and goodwill, a Gentile was simply not a Jew. Greeks, who worshipped an entire pantheon of gods, were regarded as almost as far from Jewish belief in one God as was possible. Yet Jesus made clear that his message was for everyone: Jew and Gentile alike. His death and resurrection would bring a 'rich harvest' of belief among Gentiles as well as Jews.

### **Scriptural context - The Final Days**

Today's reading reminds us that we are closing in on the events of the Passion that we will remember more closely over the next couple of weeks. Although the Gospel of John appears to have Jesus in and around Jerusalem quite often, the events described in this week's reading take place in the preparation for Passover, immediately before the final days leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. It is a fitting culmination to the Sunday gospels of Lent. It prepares us for the account of the Passion that will be the gospel next week.



## **TERM ONE**

### **WEEK 8**

Monday 18/03

- Exec Team 9.30 – 11.00am
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30 pm
- NAPLAN - Conventions of Language Grades 3 & 5
- NAPLAN - Numeracy Grades 3 & 5

Tuesday 19/03

- Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- **Parent Support Group Meetings**
- **Fundraising Committee 6.30pm- 7.00pm**
- **School Advisory Council 7.00pm – 8.00pm**

Wednesday 20/03

- **Parent Support Group Meetings**
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30 pm
- **Eucharist and Confirmation Formation Evening 6.30pm**

Thursday 21/03

- **Parent Support Group Meetings**

Friday 22/03

- *Saint Turibius de Mogrovejo (commemoration)*
- **Year Level Mass followed by morning tea: Buddies (Grade Prep/5)**

Saturday 23/03

- The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Sunday 24/03

- Passion Sunday

## WEEK 9

Monday 25/03

- Exec Team 9.30 – 11.00am
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30 pm
- **Hot Cross Buns distributed to students**

Tuesday 26/03

Wednesday 27/03

- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30 pm

Thursday 28/03

- **Holy Thursday (Whole School Liturgy)**
- Last day of Term 1 & Student Dismissal 3.15pm

Friday 29/03

- Good Friday

Saturday 30/03

- **The Easter Vigil**

Sunday 31/03

- **EASTER SUNDAY**

## TERM TWO

### WEEK 1

Monday 15/04

- Exec Team 9.30 – 11.00am
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday 16/04

- Junior Excursion to Melbourne Zoo

Wednesday 17/04

- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Thursday 18/04

Friday 19/04

- **Resurrection Day**

Saturday 20/04

Sunday 21/04

- 4th Sunday of Easter

### WEEK 2

Monday 22/04

- Exec Team 9.30 – 11.00am
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday 23/04

- Saint George
- Saint Adalbert
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm - Vision

Wednesday 24/04

- Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Thursday 25/04

- **ANZAC DAY (Public Holiday)**

Friday 26/04

- Saint Mark
- **School Closure Day - First Aid Training**

Saturday 27/05

- Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort

Sunday 28/04

- 5th Sunday of Easter

### WEEK 3

Monday 29/04

- Saint Catherine of Siena
- Exec Team 9.30 – 11.00am
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday 30/04

- Saint Pius V
- **Eucharist Parent Formation Evening 6:30-7:30pm**

Wednesday 01/05

- Saint Joseph the Worker
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm
- **School Fundraising Committee (6.30pm - 7.00pm) followed by School Advisory council (7.00pm - 8.00pm)**

Thursday 02/05

- Saint Athanasius

Friday 03/05

- Athletics Carnival
- **Saints Philip and James**

Saturday 04/05

Sunday 05/05

- 6th Sunday of Easter

## WEEK 4

### Monday 06/05

- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
- Exec Team 9.30 – 11.00am

### Tuesday 07/05

### Wednesday 08/05

- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

### Thursday 09/05

- Saint John I
- **Mother's Day Stall**

### Friday 10/05

- Saint John De Avila
- **Mother's Day Mass (Whole School) & Morning Tea**

### Saturday 11/05

- *Saint Bernadine of Siena*

### Sunday 12/05

- Solemnity Of The Ascension Of The Lord
- **Mother's Day**
- Year 5/6 Sunday Family Mass 10:30am

## WEEK 5

### Monday 13/05

- *Our Lady of Fatima*
- Exec Team 9.30 – 11.00am
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

### Tuesday 14/05

- *Saint Matthias*

### Wednesday 15/05

- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

### Thursday 16/05

- **School Photos**

### Friday 17/05

- Year Level Mass followed by morning tea: Grade 5/6

### Saturday 18/05

- *Saint John I*

### Sunday 19/05

- **Pentecost Sunday**

## WEEK 6

### Monday 20/05

- *Mary, Mother of the Church*
- Exec Team 9.30 – 11.00am
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

### Tuesday 21/05

- *Saints Christopher Magallenes and companions*

### Wednesday 22/05

- *Saint Rita of Cascia*
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

### Thursday 23/05

- **Year 4 - First Eucharist Immersion Excursion**

### Friday 24/05

- *Our Lady, Help Of Christians*

### Saturday 25/05

- *Saint Gregory VII*
- *Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi*
- *Saint Bede*

### Sunday 26/05

- Solemnity Of The Most Holy Trinity
- Year 1/2 Sunday Family Mass 10:30am

## WEEK 7

### Monday 27/05

- Saint Augustine of Canterbury
- Exec Team 9.30 – 11.00am
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

### Tuesday 28/05

### Wednesday 29/05

- Saint Paul VI
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

### Thursday 30/05

- First Eucharist Parent Formation Session

### Friday 31/05

- The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Year Level Mass followed by morning tea: Grade 1/2

### Saturday 01/06

- **Sacrament of First Eucharist @ 6.00pm**

### Sunday 02/06

- Feast Of Corpus Christi
- **Sacrament of First Eucharist @ 9.00am**
- **Sacrament of First Eucharist @ 10.30am**

## WEEK 8

### Monday 03/06

- Saint Charles Lwanga
- Exec Team 9.30 – 11.00am
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

### Tuesday 04/06

### Wednesday 05/06

- Saint Boniface
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

- **School Fundraising Committee (6.30pm - 7.00pm) followed by School Advisory council (7.00pm - 8.00pm)**

**Thursday 06/06**

- Saint Norbert
- Saint Marcellin Champagnat

**Friday 07/06**

- Instalment 2 - Family Fee Payment Due
- Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Saturday 08/06**

- Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- **Sacrament of First Eucharist @ 9.00pm**

**Sunday 09/06**

- 10th Sunday In Ordinary Time
- **Sacrament of First Eucharist @ 9.00am**
- **Sacrament of First Eucharist @ 10.30am**
- Year 3/4 Sunday Family Mass 10:30am

**WEEK 9**

**Monday 10/06**

- **King's Birthday – School Closure**

**Tuesday 11/06**

- Saint Barnabas
- **Parent Support Group Meetings**

**Wednesday 12/06**

- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm
- **Parent Support Group Meetings**

**Thursday 13/06**

- Saint Anthony of Padua
- Reports due to leadership for proofreading
- **Parent Support Group Meetings**

**Friday 14/06**

- Year Level Mass with Morning Tea - Middles Year 3/4

**Saturday 15/06**

- **Sacrament of First Eucharist @ 6.00pm**

**Sunday 16/06**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time
- **Sacrament of First Eucharist @ 9.00am**
- **Sacrament of First Eucharist @ 10.30pm**
- Year Prep Sunday Family Mass 10:30am

**WEEK 10**

**Monday 17/06**

- Exec Team 9.30 – 11.00am
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm
- **Eucharist Reflection Day with Gen Bryant**

**Tuesday 18/06**

- **Parent Support Group Meetings**

**Wednesday 19/06**

- Saint Romuald
- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm
- Reports back to teachers
- **Parent Support Group Meetings**

**Thursday 20/06**

- **Parent Support Group Meetings**

**Friday 21/06**

- Saint Aloysius Gonzaga
- Year Level Mass followed by morning tea: Grade Prep

**Saturday 22/06**

- Saints John Fisher and Thomas More

**Sunday 23/06**

- 12th Sunday In Ordinary Time

**WEEK 11**

**Monday 24/06**

- Exec Team 9.30 – 11.00am
- Team Leaders Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm
- Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
- Printing and signing of student reports

**Tuesday 25/06**

**Wednesday 26/06**

- Staff Meeting 3.30pm - 4:30pm

**Thursday 27/06**

- Saint Cyril of Alexandria

**Friday 28/06**

- Saint Irenaeus
- **Last Day of Term 2**
- **Whole School Mass**
- **Semester 1 Student Reports Sent Home**
- **Dismissal Time 3.15pm**

**Saturday 29/06**

- Saints Peter And Paul

**Sunday 30/06**

- 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

**Colour Code Key**

**Blue** = whole school events

**Red** = Public holidays or major events

**Green** = Mass/RE events

**Purple** = School advisory committee etc

**Orange** = Interviews/PSGs/Parent helper training etc