Dear Parents,

As we enter our third week of Lent, how are we going with our acts of charity? Have we made a special focus on prayer, fasting or giving to the poor or less fortunate during this time of Lent?

Taking the quote from Pope Francis “Usually when we are healthy and comfortable, we forget about others - we are less concerned about others problems, their sufferings and the injustices they endure.”

During this Lenten Season, let us make our heart more like Jesus - One that is kind and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart that is not closed.

Last Thursday our Student Council and Mini Vinnies leaders attended a Caritas Just Leadership Day. Caritas Australia is an International Aid and Development Organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia. Our student leaders learned about the organisation and how Caritas works in Australia and around the world providing for the poor. Their focus this Lent is to help the world’s most vulnerable people to establish sustainable food sources for life.

Their aim is to deliver long term development programs so that people can help themselves. They provide support for
- Clean water and sanitation programs in West Java
- Teacher training in Peru
- Earthquake rehabilitation in Samoa
- Schooling for children orphaned by HIV AIDS in Cambodia

These are just a few projects that are targeted to help less fortunate people around the world. This Lent, let us all focus on our neighbour.

Congratulations to our class project compassion collections where we as a school raise nearly $1000 each Lent.

Last week’s free dress day raised $400 for those in Central Queensland affected by Cyclone Marcia.

Our student leaders will be organising several other small fundraisers for particular projects in the coming weeks. Well done to all.

STAFF PD
Last Saturday all teachers were in Cairns attending the CES TREWTH – Topics on Religious Education and Wellbeing That Help Conference as part of their Professional Development.

Please keep in your prayers Mrs Susan Lynch (teacher 2AL) who has fractured her leg. Sue will be back on deck early next term.

Good luck to our U/12 footballers who will attend the District Gala Day this Friday at Callendar Park.

Regards,
Liam
God’s Rainbow Promise Prayer Assembly...
Congratulations House Captains for your colourful presentation reminding us that God is all the colours and reflects back to us all that is good and how we can rejoice in our own qualities and those of others and celebrate our differences.

Project Compassion...
So many creative efforts happening in the classrooms for the Food for Life donations—from Compassion Chefs to Jobs at Home to Money Trains.

4PM Money Train...
Interesting Math lesson integrated with reflecting on the needs of others who need to be skilled in providing FOOD FOR LIFE for themselves. Students counted money and measured the length of their generosity—$39.35 in 6.25 metres.

Cyclone Marcia Free Dress Day...
Thank you to everyone who contributed to our raising over $400 last Friday for the Cyclone Appeal for Rockhampton Diocese Community.

Ember Day 5 March...
Ember Days occur twice a year on the Australian Liturgical calendar, spring and autumn. Here is Australia, the season of Autumn begins in March. A new cycle of the earth reveals the beauty of all creation. Let us pray that we will appreciate the environment in which we live. Please join us for 3/4K’s Ember Day Prayer Assembly.

Thought for the day...
Black Duck Wisdom www.maggiedent.com
Silence, stillness and being calmer are essential for good health and wellbeing. Many humans live very hectic, busy lives that contain little silence and stillness. Living life without calmness can make people physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually sick. It can also make you hard to live with—and this does add to relationship conflict. This can cause further frustration and stress. SLOW DOWN. PAUSE. STOP. Smell the roses and enjoy the little things in life.

Yours in Catholic Education—Maria Caltabiano—Mrs C. Assistant Principal Religious Education & Administration

2015 TERM DATES...
TERM ONE
Fri 06.03 3/4K Ember Day Assembly
Fri 06.03 RL Gala Day Callendar Park
Tue 11.03 School Photos
Fri 13.03 6H St Patrick’s Assembly
Fri 13.03 P & F MEETI & GREET 6:30pm
Fri 13.03 Student Council Hawaiian Disco 7:00pm Blue Area
Tue 17.03 St Patrick’s Green Dress Day
Fri 20.03 4/5H Good Samaritan Charism
Sat 21.03 Mini Vinnies at Mass 6:30pm
Fri 27.03 3Y Palm Sunday Assembly
Fri 27.03 Bessie Spiller Netball
Tue 31.03 6B Last Supper Assembly
Wed 01.04 CROSS COUNTRY
Thu 02.04 5GH Stations of the Cross
Fri 03.04 Good Friday

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Easter Mon 6 April
TERM TWO
Mon 20 April - Fri 26 June (10 weeks)
Sat 25 April ANZAC Day March
Mon 8 June Queen’s Birthday

TERM THREE
Fri 10.07 INNISFAIL SHOW
Mon 13 July - Fri 18 Sept (10 weeks)
Sun 26.07—Sat 01.08 Catholic Education Week

TERM FOUR
Mon 5 Oct Labour Day
Tue 6 Oct - Fri 4 Sept (9 weeks)
 sociaL and EMOTIoNaL LEaRNINg AWaRDS 2015
 Term 1 Week 5 Recipients

PC  Seth Gullo  Getting Along
PC  rose Jordan  Getting Along
PFD  Summer Masina  Getting Along
PFD  James Friel  Getting Along
1G  Thomas Van Bael  Persistence
1G  Cooper Lynn  Persistence
1G  Jemimah Conroy  Persistence
1G  Darren Rockley  Persistence
1S  Cameron Barnes  Getting Along
1S  Matt Hathaway  Persistence
1S  Hana Vale  Persistence
2AL  Ashton Vecchio  Getting Along
2AL  Jason Schramm  Getting Along
2AL  Jared Spinella  Getting Along
2AL  Isabella Booth  Confidence
2AL  Matthew Mellick  Persistence
2WH  Sheri Evans  Organisation
2WH  Ryan Millard  Persistence
3Y  Lane Maitland  Emotional Resilience
3Y  Flynn O’Brien  Confidence
3/4K  Ruby Kukulies  Persistence
3/4K  Mitchell Barker  Persistence
3/4K  Braeden Johnson  Persistence
4PM  Breanna Bignall  Confidence
4PM  Baylee Worth  Confidence
4PM  Jessika Kenderick  Organisation
4/5H  Callum Scullen  Getting Along
4/5H  Jasmin Ham  Getting Along
5GH  Kate Brunetto  Emotional Resilience
5GH  Tyrone Morales  Persistence
6B  Harry Negri  Persistence
6H  Jack Shinn  Persistence
6H  Ashlee Travers  Organisation

Week 5 School & Overall
Colour Points House Winner — MacKillop

Children’s Liturgy
This Saturday evening, 7 March at the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. Children of primary school age will be invited to come forward at the beginning of Mass and then taken into the Parish Centre to hear the readings of the week at their level and to complete an activity. We hope to see you there! Any queries, please contact Lisa deBuck on 40633524
PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE

WED 04 MAR HELP NEEDED
FRI 06 MAR MICHELLE BORG
MON 09 MAR HELP NEEDED

If you can help out at any time even for an hour during the busy time please let the tuckshop know.

Regular times for sale of uniforms are MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY

8.00—8.30am and 11.00am —12.30pm

TERM FEES

Term fees were issued last week. Those families seeking a remission for 2015 must make an appointment to see the Principal ASAP.

As we are now operating with the new system, your Term Fee invoice will be emailed to you each term.

For direct deposits please use your Reference No 973........... (ask at office or note on bottom of invoice) to ensure that monies are paid against correct family.

PAYMENTS OVER THE INTERNET

NEED TO ENSURE USE OF FAMILY CODE AND EMAIL/FAX CONFIRMATION OF PAYMENT TO OUR OFFICE ON 40612271.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH

Envelopes sent home last week. All students are to have their own envelope on photo day (but payment can be put in one envelope).

Sibling envelopes are available from the Office or you can order online prior to Photo Day.

Step 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code TGB 9TD 7P1
Step 2: Enter your student’s details.
Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection.)
Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

Please note: LATE FEES will apply once orders are closed. Family/Sibling photo orders online close 48 hours before the first school photo day however they can be purchased with an envelope on photo day.

Money and envelopes to be brought in only on photo day.

Cross Country Training

Starting next Monday 9th March and continuing for the next 3 weeks morning lap running will take place on the oval. This is to prepare our students for the upcoming cross country. Running will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:00 – 8:30am. P – 3 students who complete 50 laps in 3 weeks will receive a free frozie cup and 4 – 6 students who complete 100 laps will receive a frozie.

Don’t forget one session will be a bonus round with triple lap points on offer. The boy and girl who complete the most laps in 3 weeks in each year level will receive a prize. Parents please encourage your child to be part of our running program, get fit and have fun!

Miss Bowie

Congratulations to the Davis family on the recent birth of their baby boy Wesley. A little brother for Violet (1S) and Summer-Rose (6H)