Wellbeing Focus for this Term

Our whole school focus for this term is ‘DIVERSITY’; each grade will be exploring all the ways we can be different and what we have in common. It is important that we not only develop tolerance, but value and accept our differences as well as our similarities. It would be a grey old world if we were all the same!

Pancake Day

Next Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day. Mrs Moss has organised parents to cook pancakes for each of the classes; thank you to all those parents who have volunteered (or their children have volunteered them!!!). This year we are asking if students can bring a gold coin donation; this money will go towards Project Compassion. Project Compassion 2015 explores how Caritas Australia is helping the world’s poorest people establish sustainable food, walking with them as they free themselves from the burden of food insecurity and develop new, improved income streams for a better future.

http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/about

Ash Wednesday Mass

Next Thursday the whole school will be attending the Ash Wednesday Mass. This will be our first whole school Mass so please join us if you can. And if you were wondering why it is on Thursday, not Wednesday, this is because Father Howie can’t be in two places at once!

After School Sport/Care Program—This Thursday

We have had a quick response to our offer of After School Sport, with most people opting for the Thursday. There are sufficient numbers for us to offer Thursdays so we will commence the program from next Thursday, 19th February. If you have any queries, please get in touch with Mr Forrester.

Project Compassion for 2015

The theme for Project Compassion 2015 is “Food for Life”. Food is essential for all life, yet many of the world’s poorest people do not have food security. That means they live from day-to-day, uncertain of how to afford or how to access their next meal. Without food, the rest of life is impossible to contemplate:

How can you plan for the future or educate your children when you fear you will be hungry?

As Pope Francis says: “It is a well-known fact that current levels of production are sufficient, yet millions of people are still suffering and dying of starvation. This is truly scandalous.”

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Prayer Corner—Diversity

A Jewish Prayer

“In that which we share, let us see the common prayer of humanity. In that which we differ, let us wonder at the freedom of humankind.”

— from The Gift of Prayer, A Treasury of Personal Prayer from the World’s Spiritual Traditions

Welcome to the new school year!

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6pm, Reconciliation Commitment Mass @ St Michael’s Church for those unable to attend last week

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Shrove Tuesday: Pancake Day
Wednesday 18th February
11-12.30pm Yr 3-6 Swimming
3-4pm Homework Club

Thursday 19th February
9.30am Ash Wednesday Mass
9.00-11am Heyfield & District Playgroup in MPR
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Term 1, Week 3- Newsletter

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SCHOOL CAPTAIN’S MESSAGE FROM BEN AND LAUREN

Wow... week 2 already (looking forward to the holidays) Nice to see everybody settling in and getting to know each other. Good also to see the Preps fitting in and enjoying themselves.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Next Friday is our annual St Michael’s Swimming Carnival so start hunting through the cupboards for those House colours! Last year we had some pretty amazing zinc designs! We will be going to the pool at 11.15- 11.30am and will stay on at the pool for lunch (lunch orders will be brought to the pool). We’d love to have some parent support to help cheer the students on and help with running the races. A note should be received today giving all the details.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday, 6th March. This is an opportunity for you to touch base with your child’s teacher if you have not done so already. The primary purpose for these interviews is for you and the classroom teacher to share information about your child, especially about how he/she has settled into the school year and a new class. More detailed information will be sent home soon so that interview times can be arranged.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Every year we volunteer to support Meals on Wheels and are rostered on to deliver meals for one week per term. This is a great service that is offered to people in our community, enabling them to stay at home longer. However, without this volunteer support it could not be offered.

We are rostered on in the months of March, May, August and October.

Our first round begins on Monday, 2nd March, and ends on the Friday. We have had some stalwarts who have filled the gap each year—hopefully we will get some more volunteers this year to help spread the load!

Jane will have a roster on the whiteboard in the office so please ring or pop in and put your name down. Be warned! We will ring around if we don’t get any names!!!!!!!

WE ARE PROUD OF THEM

Congratulations to our new Preps; they have settled into school like old hands, joining in with games out in the playground, making new friends and working out the classroom routines. It looks like its going to be a great year in the Juniors!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Happy birthday to the following people:

Ben 10th February