March Birthdays

EVAN BOK
BIANCA NORTH
ISAC NORTH
JUSTIN HUYNH
TIYANA POWER
KEVIN DIEP

RILEY PASCOE
MAI LINH CARR
ANTON LUC
DECONTEE GAYE
PRESLEY PRACH
JAIDEN NGO
DAYAL VASANTHA KUMAR
SUMMER ERRINGTON
SHARNIQKA PIN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
All students have been supplied with a new hat with their house colours. These hats have been named. If your child loses their hat you will need to purchase a new hat from the uniform shop.

Canteen Volunteers

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Sports Day 2016

HOLY WEEK
8.50AM MONDAY
MORNING PRAYER
LITURGY GROUP
ALL WELCOME

HARMONY DAY

TERM DATES

TERM 1
ENDS 15TH APRIL
3.10PM FINISH

TERM 2
BEGINS 2ND MAY
FINISHES 8TH JULY

TERM 3
BEGINS 25TH JULY
FINISHES 30TH SEPTEMBER

TERM 4
BEGINS 17TH OCTOBER
FINISHES 15TH DECEMBER

3.10PM FINISH

ABSENTEE INFORMATION
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Dear Parents and Community Members,

It was delightful to see so many family members join us to see the children participate in our annual Sports Day. Sports Day is one of the highlights of the calendar year and many children look forward to competing in track and field events. The twilight format of starting 3 hours later is proving to be very popular with our school community as many parents are able to join us after work and many old scholars relish the opportunity to come to their old school. In fact, some of them were planning for this day even before they finished Year 7.

A number of families took the opportunity have their children be looked after by Camp Australia in the morning until 11:30. I have heard lots of positive comments about the exciting program that Camp Australia provides and children participating in engaging, fun activities.

Each year, I am always in awe of the way our staff members plan and set up for Sports Day and I would like to thank them for their extraordinary efforts. I am also in awe of our many volunteers who helped with selling food and drink on the day. Some of our volunteers like Eileen and Bill Pryor, Jacqui Ternyszchid and Jeff Carr were there early in the morning to begin preparing for the day. I want to also acknowledge the effort and congratulate our 6 school captains:

Betsy HAILEMARIAM & Lokesh BARANI KUMAR – MacDonald Team (Blue)
Grace NGUYEN & Anthony PHAM - MacDonald Team (Gold)
An Thien LE & Ryan NGUYEN - Tenison Team (Red)

Project Compassion
This week the focus is on the Northeast of Cambodia where Caritas Australia works among the poorest of the poor. Before enrolling in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program, supported by Caritas Australia, young midwife Srey mom lacked the practical experience necessary to safely assist childbirth. Now, with the skills and knowledge gained through the program, Srey mom is a trusted midwife who is helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region. As a result of training of midwives and health care staff the quality of life for these indigenous people is improving as less care, hygiene, nutrition and sanitation becomes more important.

Gold make it back to back sports day wins!

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From our APRIM………. 

Sisters of St Joseph 150th Anniversary
This Saturday, 19th March, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart will celebrate their 150th anniversary. The order of sisters began with St Mary of the Cross MacKillop who, with the support of Father Julian Tenison Woods, wore a black dress for the first time in a small town called Penola and called herself Sister Mary of the Cross. Unlike previous religious orders, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart chose to live amongst the community rather than behind the walls of a convent. The order grew very quickly with many women following in Mary MacKillop footsteps helping the poor, establishing schools, establishing refuge for homeless women, pregnant women and orphans for boys.

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From our Principal………..

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Sustainability Quote and Tip for the week

Lokesh, Betsy and Arshdeep say if you are planting seeds here is a great tip to ensure your seeds grow fast!

Buy the seeds that you want and soak them in hot water for around 5 - 10 minutes. Then remove and plant them in your desired place. They will grow faster than before!

Harmony Day

Harmony Day, Monday 21st March, celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common.

Friends of St Patrick’s Morning Tea

Please remember to join Frank Congedi and Jackie Ternyszchid for morning tea in the staff room tomorrow morning straight after the bell. It will be the first gathering for parents for 2016 and a great opportunity to meet some new parents you may not have met before.

Discussion will include ideas for greater parent involvement at St Patrick’s and different fundraisers/community events we will have in 2016. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Have a lovely week
Anne-Marie Platten, APRIM.

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