Dear Parents

As we end the first Term for this year, it is important as a Catholic School, to reflect on the events of Holy Week and prepare for Easter Sunday. The students have been celebrating these important events over the past week and have been prayerful in their presentations.

While you attend the services over Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, explain to your children the meaning of each event. When they are enjoying their Easter Eggs also stress with them that the eggs mean New Life, that is New Life in the risen Lord for all of us.

Have a happy and Holy Easter.

Term 2 resumes on Monday 20th April.

Warm Regards

Phil Mahony
Principal
FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS
This past week, we have seen all grades recreate the events of Holy Week. They have reminded us how important the Lenten Season is and how important Jesus is to our lives. The children did a very good job and we would like to congratulate the teachers and students for putting so much time and effort into their re-enactments.

This term has been wonderful, full of events and fun. We would like to thank the parents and teachers who helped out and especially Mr Mahony, or organising everything.

We are looking forward to the next term, for more learning and fun. We hope you have an excellent holiday full of joy. HAPP Y EASTER!

Kind regards
Charlie-Rose el Riachi, Julian Barakat
Josephine Moujaes, Tony Ashkar,
Madison Yagki, George Alam, Teresa Akkari,
Isaac Halloun, Mikayla Issa

FROM THE SPORT COORDINATOR
Congratulations to Raymond Hekeik and Dion Lendon Sleiman on being selected in the Opens MacKillop Rugby League Trials held in Canberra on the 1st May. We wish them all the best.

This year we have entered the Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day on 23rd April. Make sure all notes are returned ASAP. We wish the following girls all the best as they compete against many other schools in the diocesan for a day of soccer.

All Diocesan Cross Country money needs to be returned to Mrs Chatten or the office by the end of week one next term.

Don't forget to get your plain coloured t-shirt for the Athletics Carnival next term. If you are unsure of your house colour please see your teacher.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Mrs Turano who gave up her time and expertise to fix our school parachute which had seen many an athletics carnival over the years. We greatly appreciate your time and effort in helping St Patrick's.

FROM THE PARENT GROUP
Dear Parents
A great big thank you for your wonderful support and contributions to our Easter Fundraising Project. It truly was a great success. This was only achieved through your generous contributions. A huge thank you to Therese Anjoul of Bhampered for the wonderful donation of our 7 grade raffles, and to Linda Boutros for the mouth watering Easter cookies that she made for our raffles. Also thanks to Mary Contreras for co-ordinating the Easter Fundraising Project and the outstanding mums and dads that took the time out to wrap all the eggs for the children.

Please don’t forget to send in the note for the mothers day helpers in the first week of term 2. In order for our school to have a mothers day stall we need to have helpers and someone to co-ordinate the fundraiser. Please spare any time you can to help make this possible.

Have a wonderful Easter and a safe holiday.

FROM THE OFFICE
Please finalise Term 1 One School Fees if you haven’t already done so. We would like to wish all the families at St Patrick’s a holy, happy and safe holiday.
The meaning of Easter is Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolises the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him. The meaning of Easter also symbolises the complete verification of all that Jesus preached and taught during His three-year ministry.

If He had not risen from the dead, if He had merely died and not been resurrected, He would have been considered just another teacher or Rabbi. However, His resurrection changed all that and gave final and irrefutable proof that He was really the Son of God and that He had conquered death once and for all. Today, the meaning of Easter, for million of Christians, is that of honouring and recognising Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, and His glorious promises of eternal life for all who believe in Him.

MASSES
Parents and friends are welcome to celebrate the Mass with the parish and students next term on:

Week 1 – Wednesday 22nd April
9am Years 2 Mass
3rd Week of Easter

Week 2 – Wednesday 29th April
9am Year 6 Mass
St Catherine of Siena

RELIGIOUS TRIVIA

- How long did Jesus spend in the desert?
- How did the soldiers know who to arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane?
- What did Jesus say at 3 o’clock before he died?
- True or False - Jesus rose from the dead on Good Friday.

Answers

- Not True
- False
- True
- False
- False

Have a joyous Easter!

Yours in Christ,
Mrs Wardeh Khoury
HOLY WEEK REFLECTIONS

Kindergarten- Palm Sunday

Year 4 – Holy Thursday

Year One—Garden of Gethsemane

Year 5 Jesus is Trailed and Sentenced to

Year 6 – The Stations of the Cross

Year 2—Burial

PRINCIPAL’S GOLD AWARD MORNING TEA