



St. Finbar's Primary School

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NEWSLETTER No 3

Thursday 11th February 2016

Dear Parents,

This week we had Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday celebrations during the morning and I would like to thank all of the parents who assisted with the preparation of food for the children. Particular thanks to everyone for observing our updated anaphylaxis policy which now includes fish. The reason fish has been included on the banned list is that the smell of any fish products will cause a severe anaphylactic reaction in a student in our care. I would like to thank all families for their understanding in this matter. Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Lent preparation time towards Easter. As Fr. Ian mentioned in Mass it is a time for everyone to not only consider 'giving up' some type of treat, but it is also a time for us to 'take on' something new such as: helping others or contributing to the project compassion collections.

It was wonderful to see the commitment from families at the start of year school mass last Friday and the following welcome picnic on the school grounds. I would like to acknowledge the attendance of our hardworking staff, their dedication to our learning community is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the Year 1 families who organised the event.

Enrolments for 2017 have now opened and I would urge all families who have siblings beginning next year to ensure the enrolment forms are in no later than the end of February. This will allow us to ascertain how many places we will have for new families. We will be holding Open Days on Wednesday 16th March - 9:30am – 11:00am and Tuesday 22nd March – 12:00pm – 1:30pm. Current families and new families are invited to attend.

Thank you to Miss Hill for organising our cyber safety evening on Wednesday night. It was a very informative session that all parents in attendance found very useful in helping to keep our children safe when on the internet. Thanks also to Mr. Rodrigues and Mr. Daniell for assisting on the night.

We held our first board meeting on Tuesday evening and I am incredibly excited about the new directions we will be heading in in the coming years. Having the support and guidance of the parents in this forum is invaluable in assisting me in making decisions that affect the running of our school. Special thanks to Matt Malone for taking on the role of chairperson this year.

There have been a few necessary changes to the Sacrament calendar for 2016 – in particular First Eucharist. I do apologise for the late change to the date. Please see further in this newsletter for current information. Please note that all sacramental dates are now locked in for the year. Please note that the Year 3 Reconciliation parent/child evening is on Tuesday 16th February.

Next week our Year 6 students will be going on camp to Campaspe Downs. Thank you to the school staff who are attending camp – Mrs. D'Rozario, Miss Durie, Mr. Rodrigues and Mrs. Hepples (Emma). This also gives us the opportunity to roll out our new school app which can be located with the following information:

We will be using the app to share information/photos of the children at the camp. Please note that the app is a 'members only' site and only St. Finbar's people will be able to access the information.



Announcing the launch of our new app **Updat-ed**. To download the app just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android's. Search for **Updat-ed** and from the menu select our school. We'll receive your registration request and will need to approve you before your app is up and running.

Peace and Blessings,

Mr Pat Berlinger
Principal



TERM 1 UPCOMING EVENTS:

February

- Fri 12 Year 6 Speaking with Power incursion
Mon 15 Year 6 Camp to Campaspe Downs
Tue 16 Year 3 Reconciliation Information night
Wed 17 No school for Foundation students only
Year 6 students return from Camp
Fri 19 Year 6 Speaking with Power incursion
Mon 22 Swimming training – relevant students
Tue 23 Year 6 Speaking with Power incursion
Parents & Friends Meeting 7pm
Wed 24 No school for Foundation students only
Thu 25 Dendy District Swimming Carnival – relevant students
Fri 26 Year 6 Speaking with Power incursion

March

- Sat 5 **First Eucharist Commitment Mass 6pm**
Sun 6 **First Eucharist Commitment Mass
9am or 11am**
Tue 8 Reconciliation Mass 6.30pm – Year 3
Wed 9 **Year 4 Eucharist Parent/child night
7pm**
Thu 10 School Closure Day – all students
Fri 11 School Closure Day – all students
Division Swimming Carnival – relevant students
Mon 14 Labour Day Public Holiday
Catholic Education Week
Tue 15 Year 3 Camp Mount Morton
Wed 16 Foundation Open Day 12pm to 1.30pm
Thu 17 St Patrick's Day Mass – relevant Year 6 Students
Fri 18 Dendy Soccer Lightning Premiership – Year 6 relevant students
Mon 21 Interhouse Athletics Carnival
Tue 22 Foundation Open Day 9.30am – 11am
Thu 24 SMR Swimming Carnival – relevant students
School Liturgy 9am
Last day of term – students dismissed at 2pm
Fri 25 Good Friday
Sun 27 Easter Sunday

COMING HOME TODAY:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Every child, all years | Friendship List |
| Eldest child, years F – 4 | Catholic Education |
| Every girl, year 4 – 6 | OLSH Open Day flyer |

EMAIL ATTACHMENT/ LINK

STAR OF THE WEEK

FG ~ Angus S, FI ~ Jackson C
Year 1H ~ Jacob P, Year 1J ~ William K
Year 2A ~ Sienna M, Year 2G ~ Ryen T
Year 3K ~ Claudia R, Year 3M ~ James L
Year 4A ~ Luca E, Year 4H ~ Michael N
Year 5L ~ Charlotte V, Year 5W ~ Lily A
Year 6A ~ Charlotte R, Year 6D ~ Sophie H

TERM 1 UPCOMING ASSEMBLIES:

Monday 15th February – Year 4A
Monday 22nd February – Year 1J
Monday 29th February – Year 6A
Monday 7th March – Year 2A
Monday 14th March – LABOUR DAY
Monday 21st March – NO ASSEMBLY

All parents are warmly welcomed to attend our weekly assemblies.

**Assembly every Monday at 2:40pm.
Please arrive on time to avoid disappointment.**

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS:

**Term One Accounts are due and payable
by Friday 19th February 2016**

Thank you to the many families who have returned their payment plan forms to the office.

All parents are under a contractual agreement to make sure their fees are **ALWAYS** up to date.

Prompt payment is expected if paying by the term with all accounts due on the following dates:

- Term 1 Account due ~ Friday 19th February 2016
- Term 2 Accounts due ~ Friday 29th April 2016
- Term 3 Accounts due ~ Friday 29th July 2016

Any queries please call the office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties at any time, please ring the office to make an appointment with Mr. Pat Berlingeri as soon as possible. Thank you.

OFFICE NEWS

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF): School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors; excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you **hold a valid means-tested concession card** or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is: • \$125 for primary school students.

HOW TO APPLY: Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef **CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Monday 29 February 2016**

Knitting Club

Knitting is a fun activity that will be taught every **Thursday at lunch time.**

All children from grade 2 upwards can learn, and create beautiful things.

- The school will be making knitted blankets made from squares for KOGO (charity) so there will be wool and needles provided for children who just want to have a go, but not start their own project.
- If your child would like to start a project please bring in some wool (see attached sheet that gives suggestions). Unless your child is a good knitter please buy only 8ply and above wool please.
- Kids can bring in their own craft to work on and we can help if needed

Please call me if you have any queries Eva: 0413 388 918

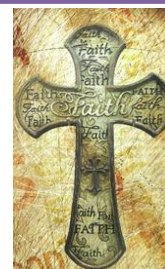
Some of the projects that children made in 2015



Other projects children can make in 2016, or bring in a pattern you want to make. Projects sheets available at the Knitting Club.



This weekend we celebrate the first Sunday of Lent, which we began yesterday, when all received the ashes to remind us of our mortality and further challenge us to reflect on the things that **really** matter. This week's gospel from Luke highlights how easy it can be to be caught up in the temptations of this world, and shows us through Jesus' actions how we can resist ... perhaps this week we can reflect on our own 'temptations' and find ways to balance the energy we expend on our physical and material domain, with our mental and spiritual domain ...



Pope Francis has asked us to live this jubilee year in light of the Lord's words: "Merciful like the Father". This season of Lent is our gift to achieve this mystery of mercy. As we journey to Jerusalem with Jesus through these days and weeks of Lent may we open ourselves to the mercy of our God so that **we** might **become** mercy for our sisters and brothers everywhere.

Each year at St Finbar's we are involved in Project Compassion – where we are called to do three simple steps each day: **Reflect, Act and Pray**. Our daily whole school Christian meditation is helping us to reflect and pray for our loved ones and those in the world less fortunate than us Our new Social Justice leaders Sebastian and Alice will lead us to understand more about the theme for Project Compassion this year - Learning More, Creating Change. A meaningful action we can take is to start collecting for Project Compassion, remembering the words of our Pope: **Education is an act of Hope (Pope Francis, 2016)**



Lent is also a time when we look at ways we can restore relationships – with our friends, family and God. Our Year 3 students are exploring this theme as they prepare for their reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation later this term.

A reminder of the Reconciliation Parent/Child night next Tuesday 16th February at 7pm for all Year 3 students and their parents.

*Please avail yourself of the opportunity to visit the new improved Sacred Space that has been set up in the corridor outside the Year 1 classroom ... a quiet time to reflect and pray this Lent... A possible prayer for this week: **Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble...***

Dates to remember ...
 Tuesday, 16th February @ 7pm – Year 3 Reconciliation Parent/child night
Saturday, 5th March @6pm – First Eucharist Commitment Mass OR
Sunday, 6th March @ ANY Mass 9am; 11am or 5pm - First Eucharist Commitment Mass
 Tuesday, 8th March - Year 3 Reconciliation
Wednesday, 9th March – Year 4 Eucharist Parent/child night 7pm
 Saturday 30th April @ 6pm ~ First Eucharist Mass
 Sunday 1st May @ 9am & 11am ~ First Eucharist Mass

St Finbar's School RE Calendar

Term	Date & Time	Event	Venue
T1	5 Feb @ 5pm	Beginning of Year & Commissioning Mass	Church
	10 Feb @ 9am	Ash Wednesday Mass – Years 2 -6 attending	Church
	10 Feb	Ash Wednesday – Junior School Liturgy & distribution of ashes	Classrooms
	16 Feb @ 7pm	Year 3 Reconciliation Parent/child night	Classrooms
	Weekend of 5/6 March	First Eucharist Commitment masses	Church
	8 March	Year 3 Second Rite of Reconciliation	Church
	9 March	Year 4 Eucharist Parent/child night	Classrooms
	21 March	Holy Week Liturgies – Palm Sunday	Church
	24 March	Holy Week Liturgies – Holy Thursday & Good Friday	Church

St Finbar's School RE Calendar cont'

Term	Date & Time	Event	Venue
T2	11 Apr @	Easter Liturgy	Church
	26 April @	ANZAC Liturgy	Church
	30 Apr @ 6pm & 1 May @ 9am & 11am	First Eucharist Masses	Church
	11 May @ 6.30pm	Foundation Prayer Night	Classrooms
	15 May @ 5pm	Foundation Class Mass	Church
	25 May @ 6.30pm	Year 1 Prayer Night	Classrooms
	29 May @ 5pm	Year 1 Class Mass	Church
	Weekend of 18/19 June	Confirmation Commitment masses	Church
	24 June @ 9am	End of term Mass	Church
T3	24 July @ 5pm	Year 4 Class Mass	Church
	26 July @ 9am	Grandparents & Special Visitors Mass	Church
	27 July @ 7pm	Year 6 Confirmation	Church
	29 July @ 7pm	Year 6 Confirmation	Church
	3 Aug @ 6.30pm	Year 2 Prayer Night	Classrooms
	7 Aug @ 5pm	Year 2 Class Mass	Church
	16 Sept @ 9am	End of term Mass	Church
T4	16 Oct @ 5pm	Year 5 Class Mass	Church
	23 Oct @ 5pm	Year 3 Class Mass	Church
	30 Nov @ 6.30pm	Carols Night	Church
	8 Dec @ 6	Year 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner	Church & Hall
	15 Dec @ 9am	End of School Mass	Church

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS ~ Mr. Nigel Rodrigues

Dear Families of St Finbar's,

As we approach the end of our third week of term it is great to see how well our children have settled into their new classes for 2016. Children have been able to establish new friendships as well as renew old ones. A huge focus in the area of Student Wellbeing this year will be in providing opportunities for students to develop leadership skills and be able to contribute to some of the decision making in our school.

Our year six leaders have been chosen and are proudly wearing their badges. They will have many opportunities throughout the year to demonstrate their organizational skills; working with their teachers and other children to help make St Finbar's a truly great school. Students from other year levels have also been chosen as SRC members and will ensure that the voices of all students from Foundation to Year 5 are heard.

As many of you will know St Finbar's began introducing KidsMatter as part of its commitment to the wellbeing of every member of the community. We will continue to keep you informed of developments in this area as it provides an important framework for our approach to student wellbeing.



"KidsMatter Primary is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children."

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/about-kidsmatter-primary>

St Finbar's has, over many years, developed policies and procedures to ensure our children feel safe, respected and able to learn in a positive and supportive environment. To continue maintaining St Finbar's as a school which promotes the wellbeing of each member of the community we will be reviewing all aspects of our student wellbeing programs including discipline and behaviour management procedures. St Finbar's will continue to promote a restorative approach to dealing with issues arising between members of the community to ensure that positive relationships are maintained and individuals are, at all times, made aware of the consequences of their choices and actions. It is hoped that students in particular will be given the opportunity to contribute to the ongoing development and improvement of our school policies and procedures.

RULES

1. Follow directions
2. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself
3. Listen to the speaker ~ do not interrupt
4. Walk inside the building
5. Always asks permission before leaving an area

CONSEQUENCES

- Step 1: Warning ~ stating the Rule which has been broken
- Step 2: 'Time away' within the classroom
- Step 3: 'Time away' in another area
- Step 4: Student meets with the Principal or Deputy Principal and may be required to complete a behavior sheet.

St Finbar's School Rules and Fair Consequences

(Our school rules and consequences will be reviewed and updated throughout the year to ensure they remain effective and relevant to our student's needs.)

ONPSYCH PSYCHOLOGIST IS NOW AVAILABLE: OnPsych Psychologist is available for children who are presenting with social, emotional or behavioural difficulties. This service is completely covered by Medicare. Please visit onpsych.com.au for a short video highlighting the help they can provide. To access this service please speak to Mr Nigel Rodrigues ~ Deputy Principal who will provide you with details on how to refer your child.

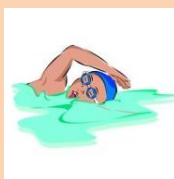
CURRICULUM NEWS

SPORTS REPORT~ Mrs Tania Thompson

TERM 1 SPORT DATES:

Thurs 25th February: District Swimming Carnival (relevant Yr 3-6 students)
Friday 11th March: Division Swimming Carnival (relevant Yr 3-6 students) Note: School closure day
Friday 18th March: Soccer Lightning Premiership Interscholar tournament (relevant Yr 6 students only)
Monday 21st March: Whole School Inter House Athletics Carnival - Sandringham Athletics Track, 9-3pm
Thursday 24th March: SMR (Southern Metropolitan Region) Swimming Carnival (only relevant students)
NOTE: Change of date for our Yr 3-6 Inter House Cross Country: NOW Monday 18th April (not Mon 2nd May)

CONGRATS TO ALL YR. 3-6 SWIM TRIAL PARTICIPANTS



A sterling effort from our 55+ keen swimmers who hit the water and swam their little hearts out at our 2 mornings of Yr. 3-6 District Selection Swim trials at GESAC last week. The early rises, drizzle rain on the Wedn, pre-race nerves, younger siblings with parents encouraging our swimmers and supportive staff to help run the trials; were just some of the highlights of the two sessions.

Heat times have now been compared and our swim team has been selected and notified to all who trialled. Many thanks again to all parents/guardians for bringing your child to the trials and to the students; well done on your fine efforts!

Our team of 34 swimmers are now preparing themselves to represent the school at our Dendy District Swim Carnival at Oakleigh Pool on Thursday 25th February. Here they'll race against other students within their age group from the 9 other schools within our Dendy District. Well done Team - we know you'll try your best and represent the school very well.



Congratulations to both Maxwell P (6A) & Denzell P (6D) who have recently been selected in the VJBL (Victorian Junior Basketball League) State Performance Program. The boys will attend this program for 6 months; involving 26 state-based training sessions with State and National coaches; aiming to prepare the athletes for Victorian State Teams for National competitions. Well done boys; we hope you enjoy this wonderful opportunity!

Year 6 Cushions

During celebration week the Year 6 leaders have been creating their own cushions for meditation and other purposes. They had two fantastic helpers, Karen Revill and her mum Barbara, who came in and helped a great deal for them.

We would like to thank Karen and Barbara enormously for their much needed assistance. Each Year 6 student personally designed their cushions with leadership quotes, name and year 2016.

They each bought an 18x18 cushion with two different designed pieces of fabric. They first had to cut their fabric, next they put their design of lettering to be hot glued or ironed by Karen and Mrs. D'Rozario.

The students accessorised their fabrics with letters, patterns, buttons and a whole lot more. Projects were a complete success and have provided something for them to cherish forever.



OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS

Bookings/Cancellations/Adjustments please call **9592 0994** directly.

Parents, please provide a broad rimmed or legionnaire sun hat and sunscreen for the OSHC program



Child care benefit and childcare rebate

With new families now using the OSHC service it is important that correct and up to date information is documented on the enrolment record. All families are entitled to a 50% rebate (Child Care Rebate) of the fees however this means families must contact the Department of Human Services - Centrelink on 13 61 50 or visit the DHS website at www.humanservices.gov.au

Families must ensure that they have **recently** been assessed for CCB by the Department of Human Services (DHS). The amount of CCB received depends on the family income, the number of children who are attending approved care and the type of approved care used. Just because families have a Customer Reference Number (CRN) issued by DHS for another payment like Parenting Payment or Family Tax Benefit doesn't automatically mean families can receive CCB and CCR. CCR is a different type of payment to CCB and family income is not considered. Families need to ask DHS to be assessed for CCB so that they can receive both payments or just CCR. The DHS will provide you with a letter that contains CRNs (customer reference numbers) and confirms whether families are eligible for CCB and/or CCR.

For more information please click on the link below:

[Tips for getting your child care payments right -Parent Responsibilities](#)

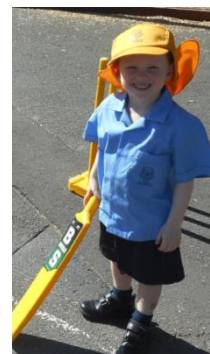
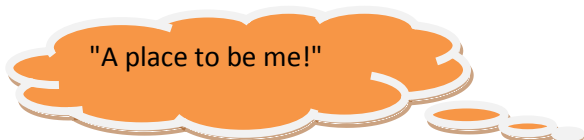
Creating a nurturing environment-Wellbeing

The OSHC is a child focused environment.

Child-focused practice has two essential components:

- The practice is based around a child-centred belief that every child or young person has the right to a safe passage through childhood and the right to grow in an environment free from harm.
- The child's needs and welfare are the primary concern and the primary focus of practice.

The following chart indicates Educator practices at the OSHC that promote a nurturing environment that ultimately achieves wellbeing. In simple terms we'd like children to feel that the OSHC "is a space to be me!". This is extremely important at this stage of the year as Foundation children are transitioning into school and the OSHC.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:

Tuesdays 16th February, 1st & 15th March – 9am – 9.30am.

Reminder – order forms are available from the office or they can be downloaded via the school website. Orders can be left at the office and will be filled and returned to your eldest child's classroom.

What a great start to the year we have had!

There was a great turn out to the welcome picnic last Friday Night. We were very lucky to get such a perfect evening to get together.

The evening would not have been possible without the help of all the staff. Also a special thank you to Beck Myers, Alex Cochlan, Michelle Nash, Amanda Attana and Emily Husband for all their hard work in organising the entertainment and icy poles.

Tuesday was Shrove Tuesday and all the children had the chance to enjoy pancakes in class. They are always a big hit! Thanks to all the parents who were able to help out I am sure it was appreciated.

REMINDER: The Parents and Friends first meeting for the year will be held Tuesday 23rd February at 7pm in the library. It would be great to see you there!



PARISH NEWS

13-14 February	Altar Servers/Helpers	Readers
6pm		M Birkenleigh
Counters	J Cahill, T McClelland & J Sheahan	
9.00am	Reese & Aidan	M Devlin
11am	Eden	M Heffernan
5pm	Lauren & Sarah	McConnell family

Children's Liturgy

Come along to Children's Liturgy this Sunday at 9am Mass. Children are escorted with the teacher to the Marian Room where they will hear the Gospel in a simple way and enjoy a craft activity. They will be invited to bring up the gifts and return to their family for the celebration of the Eucharist. All welcome.



Altar Serving

As the children in year 3 and 4 begin their preparations for their First Reconciliation and Eucharist this year, consider helping them to strengthen their connection with the church by becoming an Altar Server. New children will be assisted by someone experienced, on a roster basis, just one Sunday a month, at a Mass time which suits you. For more information contact the parish office on 9593 2122 or BrightonEast@cam.org.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

STAR OF THE SEA ENROLMENTS: There has been a change to enrolment information for Star of the Sea College. We have moved to electronic Prospectus and forms and they are available from our website: www.star@starmelb.catholic.edu.au under the heading *Enrolment*.

Commencing this year prospective parents need to visit our website in order to complete their application for 2017. They can also request hard copies of the Prospectus and Application Form for Year 7 in 2017. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 9596 6099 or via email aquilina@starmelb.catholic.edu.au.

College Tour to be held on Saturday 13 February, 2016 at Star of the Sea College commencing at 9.30am with a brief presentation from the Principal and current students. Following the formalities, tours will be conducted in small groups. Bookings are not required.



KEYDATES
YEAR 7, 2017

Friday 26 February 2016	Applications for Year 7, 2017 close
March 2016	Enrolment interviews hosted for all Year 7, 2017 applicants
Friday 22 April 2016	Offers of places to prospective Year 7, 2017 students are posted
Riday 6 th May 2016	Final date for acceptance of offers made.

2016 De La Salle College tour details:

Friday 12 February	2:00pm	Wednesday 24 February	9:15am
Friday 18 March	2:00pm	Wednesday 4 May	9:15am
Friday 3 June	2:00pm	Wednesday 27 July	9:15am
Friday 19 August	2:00pm	Wednesday 7 September	9:15am
Friday 21 October	2:00pm	Wednesday 16 November	9:15am



A smaller school with big results



**ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 2017
CLOSE 26 FEBRUARY 2016**

COLLEGE TOURS FOR TERM 1
15, 19 & 26 February, 4 & 18 March 9.15am - 10.30am
Bookings essential. Call 9575 6100 or email registrar@sjcbe.catholic.edu.au

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St Paul's McKinnon JFC



The Demons

JUNIOR FOOTBALL REGISTRATION
&
"MEET AND GREET DAY"

Sunday February 21st, 2016
10.00am – 12.00pm
McKinnon Reserve
(Cnr McKinnon & Tucker Roads)

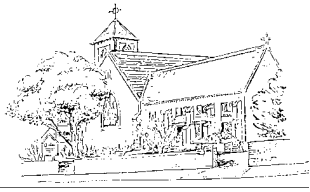
- * COME & MEET THE COACHES
- * FREE BBQ AND FOOTY ACTIVITIES
- * TEAMS FROM AUSKICK & U8'S - U17
- * MEMBERSHIP ONLY \$160

(\$200 IF REGISTERED AFTER REGISTRATION DAY)
Free merchandise item for all new registered players!



WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AUSKICK IN 2016 AND ARE CALLING ALL GIRLS AND BOYS TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

Contact President - George Wagner - 0417 228 322 or www.stpaulsjfc.com.au



St Finbar's Catholic Parish

Parish Priest Father Ian Ranson
 Parish Secretary Bridget Cooper (Tues & Thurs)
 Address 86 Centre Rd, Brighton East
 Phone 9593 2122
 Email BrightonEast@cam.org.au
 St Vincent de Paul Hotline 1300 305 330
 School Principal Mr Patrick Berlinger
 School Phone 9592 4479

Mass Times

Saturday 6pm Vigil
 Sunday 9am & 11am
 Weekdays Mon at 8.15am, Tues to Sat at 9.05am
 Reconciliation After 9.05am Mass on Saturday
 Baptisms Most Sundays following 11am Mass
 Contact the Parish Office

Parish Roster 21 st Feb 2 nd Sunday Lent / Year C	6.00pm	9.00am	11.00am	5.00pm
Lectors	Jan Christie / Clare Sabatino	Peter Cooper	Michelle Sideridis	Susannah Symes
Special Ministers	Volunteers	Pauline Bourke / John Mason	Jenny Reiche / Rita Maguire	Volunteers
Altar Servers	Jackson, Chelsea & Ava	Tara	Calvin	Kenichi
Children's Liturgy		Andrea		
Data Projector	Dungan	Coopers	Choir	Volunteer
Counters	P Matthey, J Hansen & B Symes			
Readings	<i>First Reading: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18</i> <i>Psalm: Ps 26: 1, 7-9, 13-14 "The Lord is my light and my salvation"</i> <i>Second Reading: Philippians 3: 17-4, 4:1</i> <i>Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36</i>			

14 February 2016

1st Sunday of Lent

The wilderness, or desert, is used repeatedly throughout the Bible as a place of special encounter with God and preparation for a new direction or a new ministry. The 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness immediately followed his baptism in the Jordan where his status as the beloved of God was confirmed. He is led by the Spirit to go out into the wilderness for a period of fasting, prayer and preparation before entering into his public ministry. In fact, the event that immediately follows this passage is the episode in Nazareth where Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah and declares the intent of his ministry. It is presented as if, having spent his time in preparation and overcoming the temptations before him, Jesus strode out of the wilderness and laid out what he had decided. The episode of the temptations is a clear indicator of the humanity of Jesus – he experienced doubt, uncertainty and fear just as we do. If the gospel intended to emphasise the divinity of Jesus, none of these temptations would have been an issue. We are told that Jesus was indeed tempted, not just pestered by the devil. The opportunities laid before Jesus were actually tempting to him. They challenged his resolve. They made Jesus question the sort of Messiah that he was to be: the all-conquering, powerful Messiah that the people expected; or the servant to the poor who will be tortured and put to death. Jesus is tempted to use his power to make his task easier or to display his authority to others. Had he chosen to do this, surely it would have been easier to get people's attention – and that was the temptation: to take the easier path or stick to the more subtle, more personal, more difficult path. © Greg Sunter

Recent deaths: Fr John Spillane

Anniversaries: Emilia Dial, Danilo Carlos, Val and Mim Cullinan, Rosa Liberati, Giuseppe Fazio and Tom Thynne.

Please pray for the sick: Brinal D'Silva, Liam Evans, Josie Spinella, Mary Barberi, Kath Dyer, Denise Fitzsimmons, Louise Davis, Kathleen Chiosso, Judy Burke, Cody Fisher, Joan D'Cruz, Kerrin White, Sheridan Veith, Adrienne O'Meara, Elizabeth Breen, Michael Moroney, Delores Grant, Lisa Tonna, Maurie Beaumont, Geraldine Farrell, Tracey Harris, Michaela Burge, Tegan Whittle, Carmel Currie, Paul McManus, Wendy Glennister, Sandra Charles, Jane Boyd, Patricia Cawte, Angela Portelli, Barry Watts, Annalisa Ziino, Margot Rawson, Olive Mabag, John Watson, Odessa Prosser, Craig Tonini, Logan Tonini, Jill McKern, Jennifer Spencer, Nick Byrne, Tony Venier, Luke Marriott, Max Finch, Rosa Maria Santos, Tom Howard, Henderick D Tolentino, Catherine Stahn, Fr Ross McKenney, John Smith, Sue Heffernan and Krystyna Charbucinska.

Some of their names will be read out each week in the Prayers of the Faithful.

Parish News

Lenten Discussion Groups began this week. We are grateful to the people who are opening their homes to host 3 groups this year. There are still places available, please phone the parish office on Tuesday to find a group.

Lost and Found A set of keys, including car keys, was handed into the Parish Office recently. Please contact us on 9593 2122 to claim them.

Platters and Bowls Thank you to all those who helped us celebrate Fr Malcolm's farewell BBQ. Plates and bowls left after the function have been placed in the Marian Room for collection.

Saint Vincent de Paul

Have you ever thought about joining the Saint Vincent de Paul Society? We do a variety of different things in the community – perhaps there is something that will appeal to you? Last week I mentioned volunteering in the shop. Another of our activities is a weekly bread run – with people rostered on about once a month; we distribute bread and other bakery items to various individuals and families in the community. To find out more call Philip McInerney 0423 109-506

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Parish Calendar:

9 Feb to 17 Mar Lenten Discussion Groups.
 8 Mar Anointing of the Sick Mass at 11.30am (no 9am Mass), followed by lunch in the Marian Room.

Community News

QLSH Bentleigh Enrolments for Year 7 2017
 Information session Tues 16 Feb 2016; Cut off for applications 26 Feb 2016

St James College East Bentleigh

A Smaller School with Big Results
ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 2017 CLOSE 26 FEBRUARY 2016. COLLEGE TOURS FOR TERM 1: 15, 19 & 26 February, 4 & 18 March 9.15am - 10.30am. Bookings essential. Call 9575 8100 or email registrar@sjcbe.catholic.edu.au

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!
 Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2016 Melbourne weekend dates : 8-10 April, 17-19 June, 19-21 Aug, 11-13 Nov Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.wwme.org.au

MASS IN SUPPORT OF PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM

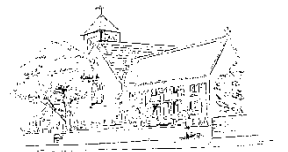
Tuesday 15 February, 11am
 St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

All are welcome at this special Mass in support of refugees and people seeking asylum. It will be celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long, ofm conv, himself a refugee to this country and now the Australian Catholic bishops' spokesman on refugees.

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING: MAKING THE MOST OF EASTER

Monday 15 February, 7.30pm, St Dominic's, 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell.

Dominican deacon, Br James Baxter OP, will speak on 'Making the most of Easter' and will consider the purpose of the Easter liturgy, the meaning of each day of the Easter liturgy, and how we can live prayerfully over the three days of Easter. Br James' insightful nature will highlight aspects of the Easter liturgy that will benefit even the most seasoned of Church goers, so come along to hear him speak at St Dominic's Parish Centre, Camberwell. The talk starts at 7.30pm sharp and will conclude with a light supper. Cost: Gold coin donation. Details: Fiona Bradley on 0402 474 074 or stdominicevents@hotmail.com



Parish Contacts

Please feel free to contact any of these people if you would like to become more involved in Parish Life.

Rosters for Lectors, Collectors and Special Ministers at Mass Paul Dungan 9592 2463

Counting Roster

New Volunteers please call Parish Office

Children's Liturgy Parish Office 9593 2122

Altar Serving Parish Office 9593 2122

Church Flowers and Linen Rita Maguire 9592 4159

Church Decoration Jim Sinclair 9598 9541

Senior's Group Sue Sharry 9592 7229 and Joan Hamilton 9592 2498

Music Joy Conheady 9596 2643

Lent/Advent Prayer Groups Parish Office 9593 2122

Sacramental Enquiries (Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation) Parish Office 9593 2122

Chair of Parish Pastoral Group

Tony Grant 0412 554 211

St Vincent de Paul

Members/Volunteers: Philip McInerney: 0423 109 506

Assistance Hotline: 1300 305 330 (Mon to Fri 10am - 3pm)

Tennis Club

www.stfinbarstennisclubbrightoneast.com

Netball Club

www.stfinbarsnetballclub.com.au

Basketball Club www.scalpers.com.au

Next Parish Pastoral Group meeting: 25 Feb 2016

Children's Liturgy dates (9am Mass): Feb 14, 21 & 28

Children's Liturgy

Come and join our Children's Liturgy this Sunday at 9am Mass 14th February in the Marian Room.