Dear Parents,
Welcome to a lovely, sunny few days!
The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has indicated that it is undertaking a collection of non-government school student addresses during March 2012. These addresses will be used in conjunction with data from the 2011 Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Census to calculate SES (socioeconomic status) scores for schools for 2014. This process is being completed to ensure continuity while the recommendations of the Gonski Review are being considered. To this end, we will be sending home a student information report for you to check for accuracy. Please read and check the whole form as this will help us to update our student databases as well as verifying addresses as is required. You will also receive an attached privacy notice. Please read it carefully. Thank you!

Professional Development
Yesterday evening, all staff took part in First Aid training to update qualifications. Whilst these make for long days, staff always manage to inject a little humour into the proceedings, especially as some people usually find bandages wrapped around their mouths!!
Mr Malone and I leave this afternoon for our usual March cluster gathering that takes place for the South West Region. We will have input from a number of specialist staff on topics such as curriculum, leadership, strategic planning and quality assurance. We also have the opportunity to meet with some of these people individually to discuss our own school context.
Last Friday a team of staff members met with our coach to further work on our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support programme. You may remember that this is an initiative started last year – it is a very thorough, data informed way to examine and improve on behaviour across all year levels and all settings. As we progress through the implementation phase, the programme becomes increasingly ‘visible’ to all in the community.

Staff News
Parents/Caregivers of our Year 6 and 7 students each received a letter today – Mrs Pareezer-Jones will be taking Long Service Leave for the last four weeks of the term and, as you know, Mrs Stevenson will be taking parental leave from the Easter break. We welcome Miss Gemma Wallis to staff. Gemma will take Mrs Pareezer-Jones’ leave period and then move straight into Mrs Stevenson’s. This is an excellent outcome for the children as there will be good continuity and Miss Wallis will certainly get to know all children very quickly. She will also be here tomorrow and Friday to work with all three teachers. We Wish Sharon all the best for a well deserved Long Service Leave!
Lastly – Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Malone! Catherine is expecting their second baby in September and are looking forward to a brother or sister for Elliott!

God Bless,

Maryanne Riley  PRINCIPAL
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN FOCUS:
FROM THE APRE

Project Compassion is in full swing, with our Yr 7 leadership organising some fun ways to raise money for Caritas. This week's story tells us how Caritas uses our donations to help some of Australia’s closest neighbours in Timor Leste. These weekly stories are great as they show our students a human face behind the banner of Project Compassion. We have short movies and presentations that teachers use in classrooms through Lent to show our children where their donations go.

1st Week of Lent

Project Compassion, Week 1, brings you the story of Flabiana.

Flabiana lives with her family in the remote province of Oe-cusse in Timor Leste. With training from Caritas Australia, Flabiana and other members of her community have started a business producing tofu and tempeh which has enabled them to improve their livelihoods.

Australia’s Project Compassion provides villagers like Flabiana with the opportunity to learn new skills, enables them to move away from dependence and debt and assists them to become self-supporting. www.caritas.org.au

On the 17th of March, we will have a representation at the Parish 6pm mass to help celebrate the feast of St Joseph, which falls on the 19th of March. We are intending to present a hymn or song during the mass and also have students assist in welcoming parishioners and to offer up the Gifts prior to the Eucharist. If your family normally attends this mass (or are able to attend this weekend) and would like to be involved, please let me know and talk to your children about this, as we will be asking for student volunteers to learn a hymn or song over the next few weeks.

Bryan Malone - APRE

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TUCKSHOP

**Wednesday 07/03:** Cheryl Withers; Marie Noirette; Kym Hutley **Cake Roster:** Julie Phipps; Sally De Jonge.

**Friday 09/03:** Danielle Baillie; Angie Hollingworth; Toni O'Reilly **Cake Roster:** Alison Russell; Michelle Ebzery; Jacqui Liddelow.

SPORTS NEWS: Any girls who were born in 2000 or 2001 (11/12yrs) who currently play and are skilled at Basketball and would like to trial for the West Taylor Bridge District team, please come and see Miss Cashman in 1 Green by Friday 2nd March. The trials will be held on the 7th and 8th March at Indooroopilly State School.

Scholastic Book Club: Book club will be sent home this week, could you please have all order forms and money back by Friday 9th March.
**The Year 7 recreation group** are holding a fundraiser for Caritas from today until Friday 9th March every lunchtime and afternoon tea. ‘Guess how many lollies’ will cost 50c for 1 guess or $1 for 3 guesses. All money raised will go to Caritas.

For Sale School Uniforms: Brand new, not worn (only labelled) – 1 Hat sz M $15; 2prs Boys grey socks sz 13-1 $6 pr; Homework bag $8; Boys green shorts sz 8 $15. Please contact Jennifer via e-mail lohjenn@gmail.com

Child minding for 10 and 7 year old required for early morning (5 am - 7 am) work in the Sherwood area. Enquiries: 0434 1164 88 (Angela).

The office has some second-hand St Laurence’s uniforms available, various sizes. Please call the school for further details.

The Staverton Series is a **free event** focusing on improving the wellbeing of children. This session is the first for 2012, in a series of relevant and informative sessions for parents of pre-school aged children hosted by Staverton Kindergarten. The seminar will be held on **Tuesday 13th March 2012** at 43 Twickenham St. Chelmer at 7.15pm. The seminar entitled **Developing Emotionally Resilient Young Children** will be conducted by Clinical Psychologist Dr. Peta Lilley. During this presentation, Dr. Lilley will discuss strategies to assist with the development of resiliency in children as well as how to address common childhood problems. Separation anxiety, or the distress and worry a child feels when separated from their caregiver (like at school or bedtime), is one such problem. Please RSVP for the event via email staverton.speaker@gmail.com by the 9th March or call Colette Brown on 0409 481 065 for details.

**Game On - Sports Holiday Program** 10th-13th April

Game On Australia will be conducting another sports program in the Easter holidays. Lots of exciting games and sports on offer, where students will have loads of holiday fun.

**When:** 10th-13th April (no session on Easter Monday 9th April)

**Where:** Christ the King Primary School (Undercover gym) and Graceville Memorial Park

**Years:** Prep - Year 7 - All abilities welcome

**Cost:** $125 for full week ($100 for each additional sibling); or $40 for daily option

**Times:** Activities from 9:00am-3:00pm (supervision from 8:00am-4:00pm)

**Staff:** Conducted by HPE Teachers and coaches (male/female – Blue Card cert)

Game On Australia is Child Care Accredited (NCAC) and therefore parents are eligible to claim for Child Care Rebates (CCR) and Benefits (CCB).

Be sure to enrol quickly to secure your place in this exciting program.

For full details and to register online, visit: [www.gameonaustralia.com.au](http://www.gameonaustralia.com.au)

Ph: 0423 315 404 or E: info@gameonaustralia.com.au

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