26th March 2014

Scripture Reflection

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent and the Gospel from John is the story of Jesus curing a blind man (9:1-41). Year 5 has been focusing on this reading during their current Lent unit. They have discovered that people that are blind need to have faith in others and that this faith is built around trust. The blind man shows a journey to faith, from blindness to sight, from ignorance to true knowledge of Jesus.

The Gospel holds up the possibility of two journeys – towards the light or towards the darkness. The light of Easter invites us forward but we must first pass through the shadow of the cross as we struggle through Lent to heal our relationship with God. As we make the journey of the blind man we pray, ‘Christ be our light!’

Sacraments

Just a reminder for all families, that we will not have dates for children to make their First Reconciliation and First Communion until the issue of Parish Priest is finalised. We are hoping that Reconciliation for all Year 3 and older children will be next term and First Communion Term 3. Thank you for your patience and we will keep you updated as we receive further news.

Junior Joeys

The Junior Joeys will be holding a couple of fundraising events for Caritas over the coming weeks. Friday of Week 10 during lunchtime children (both boys and girls) will be able to get their nails painted Purple for Peace for the cost of $1 per hand.

In Week 11 the Junior Joeys will be helping children make Easter cards for the price of 50c per card during lunchtime. Thank you for generosity in supporting the wonderful work that Caritas do.

Mr Steve Bawden
Religious Education Co-ordinator

We congratulate this week’s Student of the Week Award recipients:

Suzanna Hannouch  Lael Mbula Ekamba
Kaitlin Commodore  Montell Kumar
Erica Chen  Antonia Aoun
Anthony Diib  Georgia Hannouch
Joey Diab  George Gebrael
Matire Tairua  Rita Nohra
Charbel Farah  Brandon Jbarah

Religious Education Matters
Thank you to all families for their support of our special events last week. They were each great celebrations of community.
**EASTER RAFFLE**
Students are asked to start bringing in Easter eggs for donation to the class raffle baskets. Each class will use these donations to create wonderful raffle prizes. Remember—there is a class prize for the best decorated baskets.

Please note: We need to change the raffle draw to Tuesday 8th April at 2:00pm. All tickets need to be returned before that time.

With two weeks to go, we have already raised $570 - can we beat last year’s record of $1,507?

**Birthday Celebrations!**

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week: Sebastian Roughley, Michel Rbeiz, Aaliyah James, Kaitlin Commodore, Sam Hannouch, and Ken Tanuvasa.

**School Fees**

Thankyou to everyone that has already paid their school fees. Please note, school fee payments are now overdue. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPAY or at the Post Office.

Any family having difficulty in paying must make an appointment with Mrs Guilfoyle to discuss this matter. Thank you.

**Calendar**

March

Friday 4th April 2.00pm Whole School Assembly—Kindy, Yr 2,4,6 presenting.

**Copies of Student Reports**

Each year parents are provided with copies of their children’s half year and yearly reports, and NAPLAN reports in Yrs 3 & 5. A great deal of school time and expense provides these documents and we ask that you keep them somewhere safe for future use.

If parents misplace these documents, and require reprints, (e.g for Yr 7 enrolment) they will be provided at a printing cost of $1/page.