Palm Sunday
This Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday with the triumphant entry of Christ riding a donkey into Jerusalem.

John’s gospel records that Jesus rejected the call to be their warrior king. Mounting a donkey, he rode into Jerusalem. Fulfilling the prophecy of Zephaniah: “Fear not. Daughter of Sion, your king is coming, mounted on a donkey’s colt”

At this time his disciples did not understand this…” John concludes.

And do we yet understand,
Lord Jesus, as the years go by and
we hear the story again?

Can a poor man on a donkey
dying like a slave succeed?

We like success so much,
the kind you feel and touch and
put your hands on right away.

What success can anyone
find in a Cross?

Or is there success in faithfulness?
When you can say:
“Your will be done!”
“Father, forgive them.”

Like the two from Emmaus
we hope for easy gain.
Come walk at our side,
And tell us what matters most,
O Lord.
Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

Congratulations to the Year 3 class members that received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Saturday at St. Andrew’s Church. Thanks to the teachers and parents who helped prepare the children so well. The children now have a greater understanding of the term “forgiveness” and the gift of forgiving and being forgiven. In forgiving they become closer to God and his forgiveness also deepens their relationship with Him.

This coming Friday night, 18 March, children from Years 5 to 6 will be presenting the Stations of the Cross at St. Andrew’s Church commencing at 7.00pm. All families are welcome to attend. Thanks to Mrs Dolbel and her team of helpers for preparing the children for this presentation.

The Year 4 Assembly last Friday was excellent and the children can be proud of their ability to recite Wombat Stew by Marcia Vaughan in such a special way. They were able to use the tone of their voices and their expressions to keep the audience enthralled throughout the performance, congratulations children. Thanks to all involved in preparing them so well.

Either some families are not reading the newsletter or are deciding to ignore what is being asked of them, not sure which but it is disappointing that people are still parking in the Butler College car park. We have once again been asked by the college not to park in their carpark, please adhere to this request. At the same time I ask all drivers to please demonstrate positive behaviour behind the wheel both within the school and around the school by being courteous to one another.

You are allowed to drive into the school during school hours. To enter into the school when the gates aren’t open all you need to do is press the intercom button (on your left) and once answered the gates will open automatically; you won’t need to push them. This works for both those wanting to drive into the school and those wanting to walk into the school.

Kindy interviews have commenced for new families entering into the school for the first time in 2017. Families already in the school with children entering Kindy next year will be interviewed in term three. We have the following siblings’ applications for Kindy next year: Prunster, Dengyaak, Modi, Ridley, Clinton, Guelfi, Van Der Brugghen, Ashworth, Harper, Glew, Barker, Thomas, Holmes, Fernandez, Mountney, Williams, McCombie. If your child is born between 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 they are eligible to attend Kindergarten in 2017. If you haven’t enrolled your child yet please do so, applications can be picked up in the office. If you know of families who are interested in joining our community please let them know that interviews are currently being held.

Next Monday is Harmony Day. A note outlining the day is in the body of the newsletter. Please either come in ‘Orange’ the chosen colour for Harmony Day or in your National Colours. Please no football or soccer jumpers or outfits.

Thanks to the families who donated the cakes for the first Cake Stall of the year, the P&F greatly appreciate your support. Thanks to the P&F for organising this treat for the kids. The P&F have been busy organising their next couple of events, the Fish & Chip Lunch (Kindy-Year 6), P&F Lapathon and Subway lunch (PP-Year 6). Notes for the Lapathon and Subway lunch are going home today explaining how to participate in these events. Thanks to those members of the P&F who are organising these occasions. The next P&F meeting will be held in the staffroom at 8.40am on Tuesday 5 April, all welcome.

School Photos will be taken during the last week of school. School photo envelopes will go home to every child next Tuesday 22 March.

Please note there will be no school for the children on Thursday 24 March, Holy Thursday, or on Tuesday 29 March, Easter Tuesday. All staff members will be attending a Professional Development day on the Thursday and the Tuesday is a gazetted day off for schools. Camp Australia will be providing their ‘Care Program’ on both days if numbers are sufficient. If you require this service please book your children ASAP.

I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter and may the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

Take care and God bless,

James Danaher
HARMONY DAY - Monday 21 March

We are celebrating Harmony Day next Monday 21 March. The whole school will be celebrating with a short assembly at 8:45am in the undercover area which will be hosted by the Pre-Primary classes. Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity and it is a great opportunity to showcase our traditions, cultures and diversity.

All children are invited to wear their National Costume (Australian included) or orange which is a harmony colour or their school uniform. Orange has been worn for Harmony Day since 1999. We ask that students do not wear their Soccer or Football sport clothes.

Gold Coin Trail (following Harmony Day Assembly)

As part of the Year of Mercy one of the Corporal Acts we are asked to do is to feed the hungry and clothe the poor. Many of you will have seen on the news the devastation in Fiji following the cyclone and the enormous rebuilding program which has begun. The people of Fiji have lost their homes, their livelihood and many schools have been destroyed. As a result the money we raise through Project Compassion and our money trail will go towards helping the children and families most in need.

In understanding that there are people close to Australia that need our support we will be having a gold coin or lots of coins, money trail on the basketball court where the children will place their coins on their faction line. The faction with the longest line will have 15 minutes extra play time on Wednesday 30th March. All money raised will be given to Caritas through our Project Compassion Box Appeal.

We thank you for your support as do the children of Fiji.

Fiona Christie AP

SPORTS NEWS

Before and After school activities Years 3-6

Thank you to all the activity leaders for taking the time to coach and help our students. All activities will conclude next week (week 8). Please check your emails as term 2 nomination forms will be emailed out today and are required back by Tuesday April 5th.

Interschool Swimming Carnival Year 4-6

Thank you to all the parents and students who are giving up their time and day to participate and represent our school in the Interschool Swimming Carnival on Thursday 24th March. Good luck and have fun!

Kind Regards,

Amanda Croxall
Sports Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

Hello everyone and welcome to the Library Corner. This term we have been trying to draw attention to our wonderful Australian writers by displaying a large number of story books, many of which are internationally recognized. Picture Books are always popular with all age groups and I hope many parents are enjoying them with their children. You will be utterly amazed at the explosion of colour on many pages, the story lines and the level of artistry in these books.

Year fives are making a wonderful start to the year and must be commended on their choice of reading material and respect for the Library itself. Year three have started borrowing books from the entire fiction section of the Library and do we have some choice! It is a little overwhelming at first, but they too have used the guidelines suggested during class time to help with the selection of a story that they can really enjoy. Happy reading to all.

Regards

Anne Versteegen and Marie Gray (Library Ladies)
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS (Summer uniform)

Our school photograph days this year are Wednesday 6 April and 7 April 2016 (Week 10). Please keep a check on your child’s bag. Children from Year 1 to 6 will be in their summer uniform for the photos. Photo envelopes will be going out to every child in the school next Tuesday 22 March.

**PLEASE NOTE** You now have the option of placing your photo order ONLINE instead of filling in the pre-paid envelope, refer to your child’s personalised envelope for details about online ordering, or phone MSP Photography on 08 9342 3465 if you have any queries.

If you are placing your order through the pre-paid envelope please make sure that your child brings the envelope to school on photo day to hand to the photographer, otherwise your order will be missed. NOTE: If you have placed your order online, you DO NOT need to bring in your envelope to hand to the photographer. 

If you wish to purchase a family photo, please come to the administration office to collect a Family envelope. It is the eldest child’s responsibility to collect their siblings at the scheduled time for family photos. On delivery of the school photos the family photos will be left at reception for parents to collect, they will **not** be sent home with the children. NOTE: Family photos cannot be ordered online.

**NO CHANGE** will be given so please ensure correct money is enclosed in your envelope. We now offer online ordering for your convenience. Payment for photos can be made by cash, cheque or money order in your prepaid envelope or via Credit Card for **Online Purchases Only**.

All children will have an individual portrait taken whether purchasing photos or not for the school data base. If you have not placed an order on photo day you can still **ORDER ONLINE** up to 14 days after the last photo day. If you wish to place an order and it is after the 14 day period please phone MSP Photography on 08 9342 3465. **PLEASE NOTE:** Orders placed after the 14 Day period will incur late fees.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| Friday 18 March    | Stations of the Cross  
7:00pm at St Andrew’s Catholic Church, Clarkson                      |
| Monday 21 March    | Harmony Day  
Assembly 8:45am / Gold Coin Trail after Assembly                     |
| Wednesday 23 March | P&F Fish and Chips Lunch  
Board Meeting (6:00pm)                                                  |
| Thursday 24 March  | Staff Professional Development  
(No school for students)                                                  |
| Friday 25 March    | Good Friday  
(No school for students)                                                 |
| Sunday 27 March    | Easter Sunday                                                         |
| Monday 28 March    | Easter Monday  
(No school for Students)                                                 |
| Tuesday 29 March   | Easter Tuesday  
(No school for students)                                                 |
| Friday 1 April     | Year 6 Assembly (8:45am)                                              |
| Tuesday 5 April    | P&F Meeting (8:45am)  
Science Incursion PP-Year 6                                               |
| Wednesday 6 April  | School Photographs                                                     |
| Thursday 7 April   | School Photographs                                                     |
| Friday 8 April     | Year 2 Assembly (8:45am)  
P&F Lapathon/Subway lunch order (PP-Year 6)  
Students finish school for Term 1 (2:45pm)                                 |

Term 2  

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| Monday 25 April    | Anzac Day public holiday  
(No school for students)                                                 |
| Tuesday 26 April   | Students commence back at school for Term 2                           |
P&F NEWS

Easter Raffle - Thank you to families that have brought in donations of easter eggs and baskets. All donations need to be handed in by tomorrow, Friday 18TH March. All raffle tickets and money must be returned to school no later than MONDAY 21ST MARCH. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 23rd March.

Lapathon/Subway Lunch - A note and sponsor form and Subway lunch order form is going home to the eldest child from PP to Year 6 regarding our School Lapathon and Subway Lunch on Friday 8 April.

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop hours are:
- Tuesday afternoons 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- Friday mornings 8.00am – 8.30am

- If you cannot make these times, please come to the office and fill out an order form along with payment and the order will be filled on the next opening day. Orders will not be filled outside of these hours.
- We can only accept cash or cheque – the school does not have facilities at all for Eftpos/credit card payments.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
Congratulations to the following students who have recently celebrated a birthday or who will be celebrating their birthday over the next two weeks:
Chase Andela, Riley Andela, Fletcher Ashworth, William Di Giacomo, Rebecca Oma, Nathaniel Ridley, Madeline Torpy, Xavier Ramirez-Martin, Trent Siegertsz, Emily Tebbit, Kai Victoriens, Jake Coorey, Wieu Atuer, Norah Curic, Sienna Kohlschein, Declan Thomas, Malachi Mountney, Harrison Kenworthy, Deng Majak, Aoife Sheehy, Peter Kumai, Patrick Stevens.
We wish you all a fantastic day!

ST ANDREW’S PARISH, CLARKSON (Cnr Belleville Gardens & Victorsen Parade)
Parish Priest: Father Robert Carrillo 9407 7512
Assistant Priest: Father Israel

Mass Times: Saturday 6.00pm
            Sunday 7.30am/9.00am/5.30pm

2016 Holy Week Services

Passion / Palm Sunday – Blessing of the Palms (19/20 March)
Mass on Saturday: 6.00pm
Masses on Sunday: 7.30am; 9.00am; 5.30pm

Holy Thursday – 24 March
Mass at 7.00pm

Good Friday – 25 March
Stations of the Cross: 10.00am
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion: 3.00pm

Easter Vigil – Saturday 26 March
Mass at 7.00pm

Easter Sunday – 27 March
Masses at 7.30am and 9.00am
OPEN DAY

Tuesday 5th April 2016 - Guided Tours at 9:00am & 1:30pm. An excellent opportunity for prospective parents and students to experience the College during a school day.

Bookings essential - To book contact 9562 2400 or Email: admin@imcc.wa.edu.au.

Outstanding Academic Education
Visual & Performing Arts Specialist Programs
Australian Rules Football & Soccer Academies
Broad Spectrum of Extra-curricular Opportunities
VET Study and structured Workplace Learning

Interviews for Year 7 2018 have now commenced.

2017 YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARIES
Applications are now invited for the following Year 7 2017 Scholarship and Bursaries


St Andrew’s Catholic Parish Bursary
St Andrew’s Catholic Primary School Bursary
Brighton Catholic Primary School Bursary
Aboriginal Bursaries

Further information and Application forms are available from the College website or by emailing admin@imcc.wa.edu.au

Applications close Friday, 8th April 2016.
IRENE McCORMACK CATHOLIC COLLEGE presents

WONDERLAND

MATINEE PERFORMANCE
Tuesday 17th May 12.30pm

EVENING PERFORMANCES
Wednesday 18th May, Thursday 19th May and Friday 20th May 7.00pm

Allan Shaw Centre,
Peter Moyes Anglican Community College, Mindarie

Director Tamara Brankstone  Musical Director Kylie Malam
Choreographer Sinead Harte  Vocal Coach Francesca Christie

Tickets available at www.trybooking.com

Music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur and Book by James Devita by arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service Inc.
### Monday 11 April 2016

**Jewel of the Nile**
There are so many special treasures hidden in the jungle. Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

### Tuesday 12 April 2016

**Puzzling Animals**
3D Animal Puzzles - Today we’ll be the ones getting puzzled, building and decorating our own iconic animal puzzles.

### Wednesday 13 April 2016

**Spots & Stripes Spectacular**
I spy with my little eye… Let’s look at all the amazing colours and patterns in the jungle! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

### Thursday 14 April 2016

**A-Maze-in Pinball**
Make a Pinball Machine - Tilt, push, and pop the pinball through a miniature zigzagging maze of your own creation!

### Friday 15 April 2016

**Toya the Explorer**
Toya has her safari hat on and looks like she’s ready for an adventure. Wait up Toya, we’re coming too! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits.

### Monday 18 April 2016

**Sahara Sands**
Today we’re venturing out of the busy, bustling, green jungle, and heading to the biggest desert in the world! Can you think of what animals and mysteries we’ll encounter?

### Tuesday 19 April 2016

**Lost Treasure**
Make a Mandala - Create a hidden treasure inspired by the beautiful (wild) world around us.

### Wednesday 20 April 2016

**Urban Jungle**
At the Movies - Zootopia: Welcome to the mammal metropolis!

Please arrive by 8:45am

### Thursday 21 April 2016

**April Jokes and Fun!**
We’re all being cheeky monkeys today. Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

### Friday 22 April 2016

**Jungle Rumble**
Make an erupting Volcano - Today we’re making the rumble to put in the jungle!