

Dear Parents & Families

THE WITNESS

I was among the crowd
Who followed Jesus up the hill -
I watched the soldiers nail Him to His cross.
And I saw Mary weeping when they crucified her son,
I viewed firsthand the anguish of her loss...
I was one of many who looked up into His eyes,
expecting to see nothing there but grief...
But when His gentle gaze met mine,
It struck me like a blow that this Man was no ordinary thief...
I stood by and listened as He gasped His final words -
I heard no blame or anger in His voice...
Instead, He cried, "Forgive them!"
And then suddenly I knew that He was hanging there by His own choice...

I'll never know for certain what He whispered at the end,
when all His agony was finally through...
But I believe, with all my heart, I heard the Saviour say,
"My child, I lived and now I die - for you..."
B.J Hoff

This Sunday we enter Holy Week, the most important week of the year as a Catholic community, even more important than Christmas.

The events we celebrate at Easter happened a long time ago. In another very real sense, they are the basis of our day-to-day experiences. The Gospels outline Jesus' life story and we all share the broad outline of that story, this being: He was like us in all things, sin excepted. The rich symbols of Easter bridge the gap of over 2,000 years to remind us of the meaning of Jesus in our day to day lives. Like Jesus, we fear the pain that faithfulness to God may demand. **The core of the Easter message is that out of death comes LIFE, life to the full.**

This week, I had the pleasure of spending two days with the Year Six students on camp at Woodman Point. I am **so proud of the way in which they conducted themselves**; their encouragement of each other, their courage to give things a go and **the joy with which they embraced every opportunity was commendable**. I thank our staff who gave up their own time to be with their families to accompany our children to camp.



We warmly invite our families to join us for two special Easter events on Thursday 6 April. At 9am Years 1-6 will be participating in the Stations of the Cross, in the undercover area. Then at **2pm we will be holding an assembly, which will include our annual P&F Easter raffle**. To help us with the setting up of seating, we ask that if you **are** attending either or both these events, **please complete a RSVP via forms by going to <https://forms.office.com/r/L1n1bL1hCb>**. I look forward to you joining us at these events.

Last Friday we held our **annual school swimming carnival**; with the event being enjoyed by all. A special thanks to **Mr de Rosario for his efforts in organizing a great day and to our wonderful staff and parents** who assisted with the plethora of jobs. Congratulations to our Champion and Runner Up Champion girls and boys.

As we venture into Term Two, we have a few staffing changes. Mrs Geraldine Baccini is on leave for Term Two; with Mrs Isobel O'Meara teaching Music for the term. We warmly **welcome our new Grounds staff to Assumption; Mr Jason Boserio and Mr William Mansfield.**

We are excited to announce we will be expanding our **Pre Kindy program to include a Friday class.** Current Pre Kindy families will be able to enrol for the Friday class at a discounted rate. Please contact the school office for further information.

It has been an incredibly busy term and **I am actively encouraging staff to disconnect from technology and emails over the break.** As such, all staff will refrain from reading or sending emails over the holiday break so they can relax, recover, and rejuvenate.

Just a reminder that **Term Two begins on Wednesday 26 April** as the staff have a PD day on Monday 24 April and the Anzac Day public holiday on 25 April. On our PD day our staff will receive Work Health and Safety training and continue with our literacy focus.

Upcoming Events:

26 April	First Day of School for Students
26 April	ANZAC Day Liturgy 2pm
3 May	Confirmation Parent Information Night – 6pm
4 May	Assembly 2:30pm
5 May	Winter Sport Fixture
9 May	Mother's Day Stall
10 May	Mother's Day Stall
10 May	P&F Meeting 6pm
11 May	Mother's Day Breakfast
11 May	Mother's Day Mass 9am

I wish all of our families a safe and Happy Easter.

May God bless our school and those within it.

Miranda Swann

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Principal



What's happening

Week 10	Events
3 April	<p>Canteen Closed</p> <p>Stations of the Cross Practice 12:10pm</p> <p>Interschool Swim Carnival Year 4 - 6</p>
4 April	Canteen Closed
5 April	Canteen Open – Online Orders Only
6 April	<p>Canteen Open – Online Orders Only</p> <p>9am Stations of the Cross</p> <p>2pm Assembly including Easter Raffle</p> <p>Last Day for Students</p>
7 April	Good Friday

NOTES TO CAREGIVERS:

1. Assumption Interschool Swimming Carnival Note Years 4 – 6 Selected Students Only
2. JAMF iPad Enrolment Years 4- 6

TERM TWO WINTER UNIFORMS:

In Term Two students will changeover to their winter uniform. **Please note students will be required to wear their winter uniform from the first day of Term Two, Wednesday 26 April.**

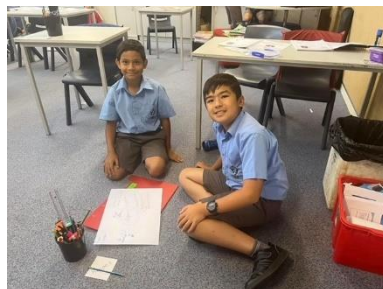
Please be advised that the girls will now have the option of long winter pants which would be worn with the blue button up formal shirt and tie. They should be available in the last week of school holidays for purchase.

SCHOOL SNAPSHOTS:

Year Six Camp



Year Four Blue MJR



GENERAL INFORMATION:

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Wednesday:	9am to 5pm
Thursday:	10am to 6pm
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Saturday:	9am to 1pm

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Operating Times

Before School Care 7:00am to 9:00am
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Holiday Program Please check online for your nearest program

What happens?

Loads of fun activities for all ages including art/craft, games, sports, drama, board games and fun with friends.

What to bring

Make sure you wear or bring appropriate clothing including a hat.