Dear Parents,

Holy (Easter) Week

If you are reading this regular front page, it is most probably during or even after Easter. Our Campus friends at The School of Nativity, call this Holy Week. This week, we will again focus on the meaning of Easter, especially at our Worship time on Thursday morning.

This is a time of holidays, special events, the start of the football season in Australia, as well as changing of the seasons, an enjoyable time in Australia. However, beneath these enjoyable moments is a confronting message, a story of a person put on trial, found guilty, who paid a brutal price for his actions.

I once went on a guided tour of the ‘old’ Fremantle Gaol, which sits overlooking the football ground used by the Fremantle Dockers. I wasn’t expecting or prepared for the last part of the tour, given by an ex-prison guard, of the feeling of being in a room where many people paid the ultimate price for their crimes. It was a very chilling and confronting experience.

Some will know that this month I have been on Jury Duty in the Criminal Court of SA. This has meant that I have been part of a randomly chosen group of people who have had to give a guilty or not guilty verdict over a person’s actions. The impact on their lives has also made it a very confronting experience, as there has been no middle ground. A judgement stands on the person’s record for the rest of their life.

This has meant that the Easter Story of forgiveness has meant even more to me this year. As I have sat listening to very sad events over the past few weeks, I have wished that I could rewind the clock and change the decisions that have led to a place of judgement. However, I have been grateful to know that the forgiveness offered from the Cross of Sacrifice, is still available to everyone, every day. I am grateful for those who share the Easter Story in so many unlikely places across Australia at Easter time.

The Year 7 class have written their thoughts on Easter. This week they are sharing their reflections at Worship on Thursday. We have included some of the reflections in this newsletter. It is interesting how the same Bible story of Easter can evoke different facets of meaning and understanding for individuals.

Finally, I trust you have, or had, a safe Easter break and I would like to thank the staff who have filled in so well for me, while I have been away. Thanks to the Board, Staff and Campus Leaders for their support this month.

John 3:16

Yours in His service

Nigel Bennett,
Principal
Worship & Assembly Roster

Worship and Assemblies are held each Tuesday and Thursday at 8.55am in the Performing Arts Centre. Parents and friends are warmly invited to share in these special times.

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Campus Sports Day

**FRIDAY 1st APRIL**
**JUNIOR PRIMARY**
RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2
Program will run 8.45am to 1.00pm
8.55am Official opening
9.00am Whole Campus Health Hustle
4 events before recess – every 15 minutes rotated with fruit time break
Recess 10.40-11.00am
4 events between recess & lunch rotated every 15 minutes.
12.15 pm Whole Campus Event Chicken run.
12.30pm Lunch
Junior Primary Events are: Chicken Discus, Fireman’s Race, Hurdles, Shot-put, Sprints, Obstacle Relay, Parachute Play and Accuracy Kick.

**MIDDLE & UPPER PRIMARY**
Program will run from 8.45am to 2.45pm
8.55am Official opening
9.00am Whole Campus Health Hustle
9.15am 4 events before recess – rotated every 20 minutes
11.05am 4 events between recess & lunch rotated every 20 minutes.
Events include: High Jump, Foam Javelins, Bocce Throw, Long Jump, Shot Put, Ball Relays, 80m Sprint/Relay, Water Relay.
After lunch
1.35pm 200m finals Years 3/4/5/6/7
2.00pm 100m finals Years 3/4/5/6/7
2.25pm Relay Race
2.30pm Presentations
2.45pm Close

Children can come dressed in their team colours, or wear their usual sports uniform adorned with their team colour.

- **Eyre – Yellow**
- **Flinders – Red**
- **Yorke – Green**
- **Murray Blue**

A Barbeque lunch is available for those students and parents who pre-order.
Parents will also be able to purchase drinks, tea, muffins, chips and ice-cream from the gym canteen.
Volunteers are welcome to help on the BBQ on sports day. Please respond to notes send home last week.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will be conducted after school over two evenings in Week 11 for all year levels, except Year 6.

- **Tuesday 12th April**
- **Thursday 14th April**

Parents are able to book their interview times online. A letter with instructions has been sent home this week.

**Year 6 Parent Teacher Interviews with Joel Overweel** will be conducted on:

- **Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st March**

as a “just in case” measure with the anticipated event of Mr Overweel’s first baby arrival. Information about booking school interviews online was sent home last week.

School Tours

Invite a friend or neighbour to our next tour.

Pilgrim School Tours
Saturday 2nd April 10.00am

For parents interested in finding out more about what is on offer at Pilgrim School.

Please encourage families to phone the school to book a tour, or simply come on the day.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Welcome to the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2016. Last week, all classes were supplied with a class set of Student Record Sheets to begin the Challenge. We have until Friday August 26th, Term 3, Week 5 to read 8 books that are labelled on the spine as Reading Challenge books and 4 books that are free choice. Each year the enthusiasm mounts to see who will set the new Pilgrim School individual reading record (11 sheets last year) so please remember to bring your finished sheet to Mr Harris in Year 3 so that he can note your record attempt and give you a new sheet.

This Year we want to set a new whole school record and aim to get at least 150 students to finish the Challenge. If every student takes part, we go in the running for a very special school prize from the Premier! We’re off to a great start already, with two students who have already completed the Challenge online!!!

Parents, please remember the ongoing research that continues to demonstrate that reading 3-6 times a week with your child enhances their literacy and numeracy skills significantly, as well as being a great bonding experience and some down time in a busy schedule.

Check out the website: [www.prc.sa.edu.au](http://www.prc.sa.edu.au) for booklists, top 10 recommended reads and other useful information.

Andrew Harris
Premier’s Reading Challenge Coordinator
Student Leadership Team

Campus Student Leaders from Year 7 attended a Halogen Student Leaders Day at the Adelaide Convention Centre with Sharon Willoughby (Thiele Deputy) on Tuesday 22nd March. We hope it was an interesting and inspiring day.

Parents & Friends

Kytons Easter Fundraiser
Thank you to all the families who supported this fundraiser. We have raised $190.50. Thank you to Erin Moore, Katrina Shedd and the wonderful Reception parents for organising it.

Finding Dory
Look out next term for the flyers about Finding Dory. This movie fundraiser will be an event you won't want to miss. Sunday afternoon June 19th. Tell your family and friends to save the date!

Campus Fair
Have you booked in to help for an hour or so at the campus fair? Booking Online Process
To help families coordinate their availability to help on a number of stalls we have tried to make the process easier.

Cafe - Reception, Year 3, 5 & 7
Doughnuts - Year 2 & 6
Lego Competition - Year 2 & 6
Crockery Smash - Year 1 & 4
Many hands make light work! Please help us out by coming along and supporting the Campus Fair.

Lego Competition
For the first time ever the Campus Fair will be holding a Lego competition. There are four categories- Kindy, R-2, 3-5, 6-7. The theme is "your best creation". It will cost $2 to enter and your creation will need to be delivered to the Pilgrim Oasis building on Thursday 7th April between 8:30am and 9am. You may enter as many times as you like! 1st place in each category will receive a Lego prize with runners up being acknowledged as well. Help us make this first ever event huge by entering!

Next Meeting Date Tuesday 29th March.
Meetings are Tuesday nights at 7:30pm in the Pilgrim Staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend - we would love to see you there!

Tonya Bishop
President P & F (0438 868 249)

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Term 2 Wednesday 4th May – Friday 8th July
Term 3 Tuesday 26th July – Friday 30th September
Term 4 Monday 17th October – Thursday 15th December

Student Free Days & Public Holidays

Term 2 2 & 3 May: Staff Professional Development
13th June Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Rec- Year 2: Auskick
3rd Scholastic Catalogue
Sports Day 400m & 800m Monday 21/3
Sports Day Sausage Sizzle Order Form
Student Free Days beginning Term 2, May 2 & 3
Year 4: Morning tea after Worship 22/3
Year 5: Excursion 7/4/16
Year 6 & 7: Aberfoyle Park High School
Year 6 & 7: Impact Flyer
Year 7: Class Worship and Easter Assembly
Year 7: Excursion to SA Museum
Year 7: Morning Tea after worship

Information Sent Home in the Last Two Weeks

- Campus Fair Letter & Booking Online Info
- Canteen Special
- Car Parking around Campus
- Parent Teacher Interviews Booking on line.
- Parents & Friends Meeting Agenda 29th March
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Farewell from Pastoral Care Worker

Hi all, as most of you are aware; I will be finishing up as the Pastoral Care Worker on the 24th of March, prior to having my baby.

I would like to take time to acknowledge this past year, the connections I have made with staff, parents and most of all, the incredible students.

Man! What an exciting year we have had, from lunchtime games and more recently colouring in competitions, (just to mention a few) I will never forget all the great memories I have shared with you all, they are truly priceless.

There has not been a day that I haven't enjoyed being the Pastoral Care Worker at this great place, even on the tough days things were still achievable as the amazing support of staff really played a massive role and teamwork was defiantly present. Well done staff.

I will miss you all so much and from the bottom of my heart, thank you for making my year as amazing as possible.

For the last time, signing off,
Bree Johnston
Pastoral Care Worker.
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<td>Jesus was betrayed by a “friend” and his disciples couldn’t even stay awake while he prayed! Most people think about the chocolate, and I admit, I do too. Jesus broke bread as his body broken for us and gave out wine as his blood shed for us. Jesus didn’t take a drug that would help soothe the pain of being nailed to the cross. Once he had died, many miracles were performed and the main miracle was Jesus rise from the dead. If you believe in Christ, he will accept you into heaven to live for ever. Jesus loves us a lot and that’s why he also got tortured, whipped, crucified and nails in his body. Jesus is true and speaks the truth to everyone. He will help you throughout your life as a Christian. Always believe in Jesus. …So he knows how you feel but he suffered worse for us. Jesus even got betrayed and faced crucifixion. I don’t think any of us could have that much bravery.</td>
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<td>Daniel</td>
<td>Jesus put up with the hard horrific pain that comes with death, but he did it so that we can live! God had to put up with his one and only son dying for all of us. People don’t put this into account when thinking about Easter. So really this Easter people should take some time to thank Jesus for everything that he did for us. And thank God for this wonderful opportunity that he has given us.</td>
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<td>Viron</td>
<td>Some people think of Easter as chocolate and Easter eggs but there is a different story most Christians refer back to at Easter time. Jesus died on a cross for us and our sin. The priests, Jewish councils and crowd didn’t believe that Jesus was king so they nailed him to a cross spat on him put a thorn crown on him and wrapped a purple robe on him to tease him about being king because they didn’t believe him. Before he died they took it off. Jesus went through a very painful death for our sins. To me, Easter is about Jesus dying on the cross for us, to save our sins. Also, Easter is about having a fresh start and letting God handle our sins. In the Easter story, people would say bad things about Jesus but he wouldn’t respond because he knew that to save the world, he would have to die on the cross. This story is very special because it shows how much God loved us and what he was willing to do.</td>
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<td>Dearna</td>
<td>Easter is often only thought about because of the chocolate eggs, Easter hunts and presents that are shared throughout families and friends. Of course there is nothing wrong with the joys of chocolate eggs. Easter hunts and presents but have you been thinking about the realistic origin of Easter? Our God suffered a painful, tragic death only to see us sinners live our lives. God loves us and even though people screamed at him, spat on him and encouraged his horrific death, he still died on the cross for us without taking the myrrh and wine that was offered to numb his pain. He was the one who chose to die for the people who worshiped him but also for the people who terrorised him too. Jesus is mighty and deserves to be worshiped. We should all be thankful for Jesus and his mighty ways. Easter is a very special story because Jesus died for me, for you and for everyone. Many people think that Easter should be celebrated because of all the chocolate you get but the real reason is to remember that Jesus died on the cross for us to live our lives to the fullest. Jesus had pain, and suffered a horrible death for us. People beat him up, spat on him and killed him but Jesus didn’t fight back, he just took all of the pain, and he died. Jesus could have made them stop and he could have punished them but he didn’t. He had the option to drink wine and myrrh to numb the pain but he didn’t take it. Jesus loves all of us so much that he gave up his life for us. His heroic act is one that we could never repay. Always remember the true meaning of Easter, which is that Jesus, God’s only son, died for us and our sins.</td>
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<td>Abby</td>
<td>Jesus giving up his life for us. Jesus died for us. He died to wash away our sins. Before Jesus was put on the cross he was hit and beaten. When Jesus was about to be nailed to the cross the soldiers gave him some a drink, it was wine mixed with myrrh. This drink would help him feel no pain. But Jesus would not take the drink. Once Jesus was on the cross people walked passed and laughed at him. Jesus cried in a loud voice then he died. When Jesus died the curtain in the temple split into two pieces. Jesus gave up his life for us. He wants us to follow him and believe in God.</td>
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<td>Francesca</td>
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To me Easter is a time every year to be grateful for Jesus’ sacrifice; although at home we still have Easter egg hunts and lots of chocolate it is still great to know the true meaning of Easter and why we celebrate. Jesus suffered a very painful death on a cross, he put himself second and his followers first. Today most people celebrate Easter whether they are Christians or not, they only consider Easter as a time to have fun and eat chocolate. Easter should be a time to have gratitude towards Jesus for dying for our sins and giving us eternal life.

Hannah

Easter is a time of celebration, sadness and remembrance. It is a time of celebration because we know that if we are a Christian and we believe in Christ then we will be saved and will be able to go to heaven because of Jesus. It is a time of sadness because every Easter we know the Son of God died on a cross for us. It was a painful death. He went through whipping, nails in his body, a thorny crown, betrayal and doubt in himself. His friends turned on him to be crowd pleasers. It is also a sign of remembrance because we realise how brave Jesus was and how he stayed true to God throughout his life even if it meant death. He risked his life for us and put us first.

Lottie

Easter is when Jesus died on the cross for all of our sins. The Easter story begins when there is the last supper. That is when Jesus breaks the bread and says this is my body, and then gets some wine and says this is my blood. Then Jesus said that one of the people in the room would betray him. After the last supper, Jesus goes and prays, and the disciples fall asleep. After that Jesus gets asked questions but he doesn’t talk. Then he carries the cross and there was darkness for three hours after Jesus was on the cross. When Jesus died the curtains of the Temple ripped. Before Jesus was put on the cross people gave him some stuff to drink so the pain would be numbed. He didn’t drink it which means to me that Jesus wanted to feel it.

Jenna

Easter is very important to me. It recognises the days that Jesus went through so much pain and suffering to save us from hell. The story is beautiful yet so horrible and if I think about it I would be one of those people in the crowd chanting “Free Barabbas! Free Barabbas!” instead of being faithful and yelling “Free Jesus”. Jesus knew he had to die even though he didn’t want to. In fact in the olive garden, he asked God if there was any other way but he still did it to save us because he loved us so much. It’s incomprehensible.

Stephanie

Easter to me is a more significant event than Christmas because Jesus died for us forgiving all our sins rather than just being born. I think that Jesus was amazingly resistant because he didn’t say a word while he was in court so he wouldn’t change his future and when he didn’t drink the myrrh so he would endure the full pain of being crucified. Easter also reminds me to be grateful for a forgiving God and friends who will stick by me during hard times. This is why Easter is so important to me.

Ryan

Easter is really special to me because I remember that Jesus suffered a lot for my sins to be forgiven. It makes me think about how amazing our God can be and it really proves how much God loves us and cares for us. The parts that really stand out to me is when he got beaten. He didn’t yell for help or fight back, he just let them do it because he knew that was God’s plan for him and that he had to do it so that our sins could be forgiven, to this day. The Easter story shows that God has an amazing plan for us, we just have to let him in our lives so we can follow it.

Jessica P

Every aspect of the Easter story is extremely moving and significant to me in my life, on so many different levels. Every Easter we are reminded about the courageous sacrifice Jesus made, but when I break the story down, I always end up coming to terms with myself that this really happened, that this is not fiction. Whenever I see the cross all I can think about is God’s undying love for us. Who would send their only son to die in the most brutal way known to man? Easter is often overlooked by so many people each year, and we are so fortunate at Pilgrim that we are constantly reminded, because I never want to forget this story. The way Jesus begged to the Lord for another way, even though He knew there wasn’t. The way he so willingly gave into death, just to free us from sin. The Easter story is one of my favourite examples of God’s love and I wish that one day, everybody will know the full Easter story, so we can say thank you to God.

Meagan.

Easter is a time for appreciating all that God and Jesus has done for us. For many people, Easter is about chocolate eggs and egg hunts when really we should be thinking about God. God sacrificed his one and only son so that we could be saved and have eternal life with Him in heaven. I believe that we should think about all of God’s sacrifices and what we mean to him as well as reading the bible at Easter.

Scarlet
Casual Day
Wednesday March 30
Cash or gold coin donations that the students bring will go towards the Lego Competition Prize and the SLT/Sideshow Alley prizes for the Campus Fair.

Campus Fair
Preparations are going well and we are on track to have everything in place on time. Wendy Looi-Penhall has done an excellent job of securing sponsorship from a number of local businesses. The raffle is organised and we have some great prizes lined up. The entertainment program is near completion thanks to Ally Cunningham’s work on this and “Campus Has Talent” has been organised by Carly Nash.

Requests for donations of items for our food stalls and donations of cakes and plants have either gone out to the school community, or will do so in the next few days.

We have had a great response so far from parents/caregivers from all 3 schools for volunteers and we have a full roster for overnight security on Saturday night.

Invite your friends and family to the Fair on the 10th April! It is going to be a fantastic Fair.
Juliet Craker
Chair, APPSC Events Committee

Position Vacant
Campus Administrator

Campus Leaders are pleased to announce that the Campus Administrator role is now on Seek.

This is a 17.5 hours per week role that would suit a person looking for a part time role.

Please go to seek.com.au to look at the description and direct all requests to info@nativity.catholic.edu.au.

Applications must be received no later than 4.00pm on Friday 25th March 2016.

Uniform

DZ Uniforms are open on Campus
Mondays 2.30-3.30pm
Wednesdays 8.30-9.30am
Fridays 8.30-9.30am
email info@dzaustralia.com.au, Phone 8276 8449.
Order forms are also available from our Front Office.
The Uniform Policy is on the school website.

Second Hand Uniform Pool at Pilgrim School
is run by our Parents & Friends.
Ask our friendly office staff about sales, or selling uniforms. Sales are cash only.

Winter Uniform
Complete winter uniform must be worn from 1st June until 31st August. From 1st March to 31st May and from 1st September to 30th November either summer or winter uniform may be worn however it must be the complete uniform of summer or winter – ‘no mixing’. Year 5-7 girls can wear the winter skirt, rather than the full pinafore.

Community News
Further Information on Notice Board in Foyer Entrance

Seeds Church Easter Services
42 Sunnymeade Road, Aberfoyle Park
Good Friday: 8.30am, 10.00am
Easter Sunday: 9.00am, 10.45am

Day light savings ends
Sunday 3rd April (3am).
Put your clocks back one hour.

Marion Cultural Centre – April School Holidays
- Athletical Antics – Monday 18th April 11am with Wobbles the Clown. Tickets $10.
- The Power of Me (to help widen understanding of the effects of bullying) Wednesday 20 April 11am Tickets $10.
- The Musical Adventures of Popeye & Olive Thursday 28 April 11am Tickets $10
Phone 83756855 or bookings at boxoffice@marion.sa.gov.au
287 Diagonal Road, Oaklands Park.
God created us to live and work together in His global community. We are entrusted to reach out to others, in His name, to understand them with compassion and grace. We are to be good stewards of the world He has created.

The Lord God has told us what is right and what He demands: “See that justice is done, let mercy be your first concern and humbly obey your God.” Micah 6:8

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Genesis 2:15