Dear Parents and Guardians

Pope Francis recently offered a few hints to help us get in touch with our spiritual side. Stop being negative, he urged. "Need to talk badly about others indicates low self-esteem. That means, 'I feel so low that instead of picking myself up I have to cut others down,'" the Pope said. "Letting go of negative things quickly is healthy." Instead of talking about others who frustrate us, Pope Francis advises that it's healthy to let negative things pass quickly and quietly. It's good advice, isn't it! We can spend our lives thinking of if onlys, the why nots, and maybe whens. We look around for someone or some event to blame for a whole host of things. We can, at times, try to justify our own beliefs by putting down those of others, by criticising, judging in a negative way. Being negative about others helps us avoid the truth about ourselves. It's tough being around negative people all the time — they can sap energy, enthusiasm, creativity - their own as well as others.

Spirituality ought to foster in us qualities such as love, generosity and compassion, honesty with ourselves as well as to others, patience, tolerance, and hope. Finally, the Pope urges us to a “healthy sense of leisure” so we need to make time for art, literature, and spending time with families — even if work schedules make it difficult. Despite the pressures of consumerism which bring so much anxiety we ought to "proceed calmly" in life, he advises. That engenders "the ability to move with kindness and humility."

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**SCHOOL EASTER ASSEMBLY**
**FRIDAY 27th March - 12.30pm**

At this assembly the children will remember the Easter Story, beginning with Palm Sunday and finishing with Jesus rising from the dead. Each grade will be taking part in presenting the Easter Story and parents are very welcome to attend. Easter reminds us that Jesus came on earth to offer us eternal life. Easter is an invitation to grow, to accept God's love and faithfully respond to it. After the presentation, the raffle will be drawn then parents are welcome to take their children home; otherwise school will officially finish at 2.30pm.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

On Tuesday 24th March eight of our grade 3 students will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Reconciliation is a Sacrament of **healing**, where we learn to say sorry for the mistakes we make in life.

Please pray for our candidates:—
Bridie Balfour, Jasmine Landmeter,
Xanthe Paul, Brodie Korab, Tina Cathomen,
Riley Hammond, Noah Tunks and Riley Tolley
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
TERM ONE

MARCH 2015
12th Reconciliation Family Workshop 7.30pm
School Athletics Carnival
16th School photos 9.00am (no assembly)
17th P & F AGM 9.00am
20th Footy Clinic (grade 3 and 4)
24th Sacrament of Reconciliation
27th Easter Assembly & End of term one

TERM TWO
APRIL 2015
12th Beginning of term 2
15th District Athletics

P&F News

AGM

Tuesday 17th March 9.00am
Positions vacant:-
President Treasurer Secretary
General committee members
Please come along and support our
school. After the AGM we will continue with
a general meeting, hopefully with new
committee members.

Hot Cross Bun Drive
Thank you to Lauren Francis for organising
a Hot Cross Bun Drive. Forms went out
yesterday. Please support this fundraiser
by ordering Hot Cross Buns.
Orders due back by the 19th, ready for pick
up on the 27th March.

P&F Easter Raffle
Tickets: $1.00 each
Drawn on 27th March
It would be appreciated if all families could
return their sold/unsold raffle tickets,
together with payment by the due date.
The raffle will be drawn on Friday 27th
March after our Easter Liturgy which starts
at 12.30pm.
Thank you to Yvette Templeton for
organising the raffle tickets.

School Uniforms
Screen printing of our school logo on polo
shirts costs $3.50 per shirt. Please drop off
shirts to the uniform shop, once we have a
batch they will be sent off to the screen
printer.
Winter uniform – Girls winter tunics and
other winter items of clothing need to be
ordered Monday 16th March.

Student of the Week
W/ending 27/02/2014
P  Beau Tipping
1  Joshua Upston
2/3 Thomas Griffiths
3/4/5 Lachlan Allatt
5/6 Matthew Treadwell

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Hardy Kenny
For being responsible and caring

W/ending 6/03/2014
P  Amelia Tunks
1  Lucy Cathomen
2/3 Rheanna Dunston
3/4/5 Lilly Tunks
5/6 Blake Buckland

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Millie Francis & Ciele Towb
For looking after our environment

MEDICATION/CREAM
A reminder that staff cannot give children
medication or apply creams unless we
have a signed permission form from
parents/carers. Forms are available from
the office.
SCHOOL PHOTOS - MONDAY 16th MARCH 9.00 am SHARP

Dress requirements: Full Summer Uniform
No sports uniform-proper school shoes
School Logo on all polo tops
Green socks for Girls,
Grey socks for boys

Individual photo envelopes have been sent home. Please read the instructions on the back of the envelope – the school does not handle any photo money, it is all directly paid to the photographer, so the correct money is required on the day.

Do Not Send Envelopes To School Prior To Photo Day. Family photos, pick up photo envelope from the office.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

At our recent staff meeting we revised our emergency evacuation and lock down plans and procedures. Next week we will be practicing with the children what to do when we have to evacuate the buildings. Please talk to your children about staying calm and listening to the teacher as the most important thing to do when there is an emergency. Also, any parents who are in the school when there is an emergency need to follow the directions of the teacher. The emergency evacuation points are the oval, or the Church or the Bowling Club depending on where and the type of emergency.

Request for helpers

The garage shed needs a big clean out. If there are any parents who could spend some time cleaning out this shed we would be very grateful. Please contact the office if you can help.

SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder that Term 1 Fees and Grade Levy Fees are now overdue. Could these please be finalised.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Issue 2
Orders are due in tomorrow, 13th March.

FAMILY UPDATE/STUDENT ALERT FORM

Attached to this newsletter is a Family update form/student alert form. For existing families please use this form to update any information and or phone numbers that need changing. It is very important that we are kept update with changing details.

Subway

Don’t forget to pick up Subway order forms from the office.

NEXT SUBWAY LUNCH DAY
FRIDAY 20th MARCH
Forms & payment due back no later than 9.00 am Tuesday 17th March

Please ensure subway money is in a labelled envelope with correct money and put in the P&F box – Change is not available from the office or Subway.

How to hand forms / information into the office

Mail slots are located under the counter at the office for the return of forms etc.

OFFICE
- Accounts
- Letters
- Permission forms
- Personal Info
- Book Club
- Medical Information

P & F
- Subway
- BBQs
- Fundraising
**Visual Arts with Miss Grass**

This term the students in years Prep, One and Two have been exploring lines and shape. As part of their learning they have been introduced to Wassily Kandinsky’s artwork of concentric circles. The students each painted their own concentric circles and then we joined them together to make three concentric circle paintings. Please feel free to come into the art room and view the pictures with your children.

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**Willow Grove Auskick 2015**

*Registrations for Willow Grove Auskick 2015 are now open!*

The program will be held on Fridays from 5 – 6pm commencing **Friday 20th March 2015**. The program will run for 10 weeks (not including the 2 week Easter break) and conclude on Friday 5th June with a Presentation and BBQ.

To be confirmed: Grid game at half time during Yarragon v Hill End Senior Game.

Cost: $75*

*Thanks to Hill End Junior Football Club, $10 of this registration fee will be refunded on presentation of your payment receipt.

To register and pay go to [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au). All payments & registration must be completed online.

Auskick is open for boys and girls that are 5 or turning 5 during the program to the age of 12.

For more information contact Mark Wilms on 0419397995 or 56352156.

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**Trafalgar Junior Football Club**

Training for anyone interested in playing under 10s, 12s or 14s for 2015 training will begin on Wednesday, March 4th at Trafalgar Recreation Reserve at 5pm

Registration night - Monday March 23rd

For more information contact:
President - Glenn Dove 0432 615877
Secretary - Yvette Templeton 0407 863225

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**menAlive**

*What?* Men’s Weekend

*Where?* Marist-Sion Hall

*When?* 21-22nd March 2015

*Who?* Blokes – only blokes

*Why?* An enjoyable and very grounded experience of spirituality for men. Be the best husbands, fathers, men you can be!

*Info and registration flyers at the Churches or contacts.*

*www.menalive.org.au*

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