FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Photos next Friday 27th March
The school photographer will be here next Friday for the school photos. Every student is to wear full summer school uniform. Please ensure that girls wear white ankle socks and boys wear grey ankle socks. Hair must be neat and tidy and not covering the eyes and if collar length must be tied back. Ribbons, clips, bands and 'scrunchies' are to be of school colours.

'Odd Sock Day' - Vanuatu Appeal
The Outreach Team has organised an ‘odd sock day’ next Wednesday 25th March. Triona Vitagliano, who has recently lived in Vanuatu will be speaking to the children at the PBL assembly on Monday. Children will be given an envelope to return with a donation on Wednesday.

Breaking News – Polding Swimming Trials
Congratulations to Thomas Kerr Year 5/6E on winning the 50m freestyle and 50m butterfly and Josh Kerr Year 3 coming 2nd in the junior boys breaststroke at the Polding swimming trials held today.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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TERM 1
Wed 28th Jan
K-6 Assessment day
Thur 29th Jan
Yr 1-6 start
Mon 2nd Feb
Kindy start
Last day of term: Thurs 2nd Apr

TERM 2
First day of term: Tuesday 21st Apr
Last day of term: Friday 26th Jun

TERM 3
First day of term: Tuesday 14th Jul
Last day of term: Friday 18th Sept

TERM 4
First day of term: Tuesday 6th Oct
Last day of term: Wednesday 16th Dec
FROM THE ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
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All competitions are open to Years 3-6 except English, Mathematics and Science which are open to Years 2-6. Students in Years 2-6 have received information today. A copy of the note is included below.

PBL EXPECTATION OF THE WEEK:

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Please circle payment method:
- cash
- cheque
- credit card

Please return the permission slip and payment if you wish your child to participate by Friday 27 March 2023. Please note we are unable to accept late entries after this date.

Kind Regards

[Signature]

Mrs Jane Labone

THE BARRACKS BY JOSH EKIR

On Tuesday the 17th of March Year 3 and I went to the Hyde Park Barracks on the bus. I sat next to Luca facing Zai and James. When we got there it was 10:10am. The excursion started at 10:30 so we had recess and went to the toilet so we would be ready for the excursion.

Our guide’s name was Bernard he was fantastic. The first place we saw was museum. In the museum the first thing we saw was the humiliation suit that convicts wore when they were doing bad things. Then we saw the place where the convicts were flogged. Luckily/unluckily got a chance to be flogged! I was so lucky to be chosen. I learned two interesting facts that if the wounds were too bad they put salt on them and convicts were in charge of other convicts! Crazy right!

The hammocks were definitely my favourite because we got to sit in the hammocks. I sat next to Luca while we listened to other convicts stories. I even got Mr O’Meara to get in the hammocks which was soooooo funny!

After that, we went into a room where archaeologists found two real convict shirts. We learnt about criminal records and there was a door to a circus man who was very strong and stole. He went to the Barracks and becomes ‘the flogger’ because he was so strong. He was attacked by convicts and one of the convicts managed to make a scar from his head to neck and survived and went completely crazy! The youngest convict was 9!

Then we went to make a fire place out of fake bricks but they still looked the same as real ones. Bernard told us how to do the brick pattern and when we knew the brick pattern, Kyle Johnson was the leader and we made the fire place. Bernard said that we made the best fire place he had ever seen!

Next we went to a place where they kept shackles which we got to pass round. They only weighed 2 kg; the heaviest shackles were 27 kg but they were useless!

Finally we went on a treasure hunt down Macquarie Street then we went past Parliament House. There were heaps of police around. My group completed the treasure hunt!

We left at 1.30

I learned sooooo much at Hyde Park Barracks. Thank you Mrs Dunk and Mrs Pike for taking us on this great excursion!
FROM THE REC

Thank you
What a wonderful Mass we had last Sunday at the combined Maria Regina and Sacred Heart Soul Mass. We were very proud of how all of the children carried out their ministries. It’s not always easy to organise the family to come to Mass - your efforts to encourage and support your children’s faith life is really appreciated.

Upcoming Events

Week 9
Thursday 26th March – Year 4 will be attending Mass with the Parish at 9:15
Saturday 28th March – Year 1 and Year 2 are hosting Family Mass – 6pm at Maria Regina.

You are warmly invited to join us for these celebrations of our faith.

Confirmation Enrolment
Enrolment for the sacrament of Confirmation will take place at both the 6pm Saturday Mass (28th March) and 9am Sunday Mass (29th March) at Maria Regina Church, Avalon.

FROM THE OFFICE

HEAD LICE
On Tuesday a note was sent home letting parents in Year 5/6 Earth and 5/6 Ocean that head lice is on the move in their classes. For all parents please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary.
On Wednesday a note was sent home letting parents know in Year 4 that head lice is also on the move. It would be a good idea if all students were checked and treated if necessary.

YEAR 6 POLO SHIRTS
We have 3 polo shirts size 12 left in the office if anyone in Year 6 would like an extra graduation polo. The cost is $35.00.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
Reminders have been sent home from school and also The Finance Administrator from the Catholic Schools Office has also sent reminders. Please ensure that your account is up to date and if there is a problem please contact the school office to make an appointment.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
All students have an individual photograph on the day and it is used for school records plus they are also included with the class photograph on Friday March 27th. If you require a photograph you must complete the envelope and payment needs to be received either by the on line system, cash or cheque made out to the School Photographer NOT the school. The completed envelope needs to be at school by Tuesday March 24th as it is very busy on the day. If you require a sibling envelope please ask at the office for one.

MONEY AT THE CANTEEN
We are receiving quite a lot of foreign currency at the canteen. Please check before giving your child any coins that they are Australian coins. Thank you.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS
We still have a few positions vacant for Term 2. Unless we get the 3 volunteers for the scheduled Monday we can't open as it is hard with only 2 and definitely can't be done with only 1. If you can't help for the full time it would be of great assistance from 9am. – 11.05am.
Please let Mrs Sprakel know in the office if you can fill any of the vacancies.

BOOK CLUB
Book Club orders are now closed. Orders have been sent to and are being processed by Ashton Scholastic. The books will be sent home with the students when they are delivered to school.

Denise Sprakel
Senior Administration Officer
CANTERBURY

CANCELLATION OF PUPIL FREE DAYS IN TERM 2

The following are the dates for the cancellation of pupils free days in Term 2:

- Week 1: April 20
- Week 2: April 27
- Week 3: May 4
- Week 4: May 11
- Week 5: May 18
- Week 6: May 25
- Week 7: June 1
- Week 8: June 8
- Week 9: June 15
- Week 10: June 22

PUPIL FREE DAYS

For the dates of the pupil free days, please refer to the school noticeboard or the school newsletter.

SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

- Week 3: May 4
- Week 4: May 11
- Week 5: May 18
- Week 6: May 25
- Week 7: June 1
- Week 8: June 8
- Week 9: June 15
- Week 10: June 22

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- May 9: Queen's Birthday
- June 16: Catholic Good Friday
- June 17: Easter Saturday
- June 18: Easter Sunday
- June 23: Easter Monday

CAMPUS CANCELLATIONS

- Week 4: May 11
- Week 5: May 18
- Week 6: May 25
- Week 7: June 1
- Week 8: June 8
- Week 9: June 15
- Week 10: June 22

For further information or updates, please check the school website or contact the school directly.