4th Week of Lent
Project Compassion, Week 4, brings you the story of Bach. Bach lives in Vietnam with his wife and four children. He lost his fingers in a mining accident and his daughter also has a disability and requires constant care. Caritas Australia is supporting the health, livelihoods and social integration of 750 people with disabilities, including Bach, encouraging them to form support groups to gain social and employment skills.

Your Project Compassion donation mobilises awareness and solidarity so that people with a disability are able to participate in their community.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Project Compassion – Free Dress Day: As our fundraiser for Project Compassion, we will be having a free dress day with a gold coin donation on Monday, 18th April. Please also start sending in your Project Compassion boxes which were sent home on Ash Wednesday. They need to be back at school by the end of term. Thank you for your generous donations to this Project.

Garden Week: Our Year 2 CHEKS (Challenges in Education for Kids) group has been creating a scarecrow for a competition in Garden Week. Their ‘Sunny the Sunflower’ scarecrow has been taken to Perry Lakes where it will be on display during Garden Week, which runs from 7 – 11 April. Do visit the show and vote for our scarecrow. After that it will be returned to school and be on display in our vege garden area. Congratulations, CHEKS kids for your work on this project.

Mother’s Day Raffle: We have a wonderful basket of goodies valued at over $500.00 for a Mother’s Day raffle, donated by the Spencer family. Thank you very much. As there are only two days of school next term before Mother’s Day occurs on May 8th, the tickets are now on sale at a cost of $5.00 each. The basket is on display in the school office, and you can purchase tickets from there, or send in the money with your child if you wish to be in the draw. Tickets will also be on sale before school next week, as is the Easter raffle.

Three Way Conferences: These have been taking place this week and will continue next week. Thank you to those families that have taken an active interest in their child’s learning by meeting with the teacher and their child to discuss their progress this year. If you have not met with your child’s teacher yet this year and have not booked a conference, please do so this week.

Staffing: A number of staffing changes will be occurring during this year due to a higher than usual number of pregnancies of staff members! The first two staff members who will be taking parental leave are Mrs Kym Milner and Mrs Joanne Rapinese. Our congratulations go to them as they prepare for the births of their first children. Ms Carly Liddle, Mrs Jo-Ann Dennis and Mrs Erin McLoughlin (herself returning from parental leave) will be taking over the Year 1 classes from 16th May.

God bless you
Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS
Interschool Swimming Team
Note to Year 2B
The Complete Advantage Kindy
Year 2 Swimming
OSHClub Vacation Care

DATES TO REMEMBER
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| Friday 8 April | Uniform Shop Open 8.15am – 9.00am  
Swimming |
| Monday 11 April | Week 2 of Swimming Lessons Yr 1 & 2 |
| Tuesday 12 April | Swimming |
| Wednesday 13 April | Swimming  
Year 5B Mass |
| Thursday 14 April | Swimming  
Merit Assembly  
Interschool Swimming Carnival Years 3-6 (Challenge Stadium, Claremont) |
| Friday 15 April | Swimming |
| Tuesday 19 April | Easter Service and END OF TERM 1  
Holidays Staff & Students |
| Wednesday 20 April | FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 – STAFF & STUDENTS  
Holidays Staff & Students |
| Thursday May 5 | Pupil Free Day (not 28th as previously advised) |

### SCHOOL MATTERS

**Congratulations to those children who have celebrated their birthdays recently.**

Kaitlyn Bresser, Lucas Villa, Kaelena Smith,  
Jorja Asplin, Nicholas Phelps, Caiden Wilson, Keegan Morrison,  
Savannah Wilburn, Anthony Donovan,  
Christian Dinardo, Aleisha Anderson, Zoey Jaschinsky, Lia Barmuta,  
Jimmy Murray

**MERIT AWARDS FOR 10 MARCH, 2011.**

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**KINDERGARTEN 2012**
There are more applications for places in Kindergarten in 2012, than there are places available. Interviews for 2012 are being held in June and offers made to new families.

Of concern is the fact that we have only 18 applications from current families (we usually have about 30). If you are a current family who has not submitted an application, please do so this term to guarantee a place for your child.

Mrs Climo does not usually interview current families for places, but if your child has an issue that will impact on his or her schooling, please make an appointment to meet with her to discuss measures the school may need to put in place to provide the best educational conditions for your child.

We are reviewing the current procedures for Kindy in regard to the allocation of days offered (11 hours over 2 days in 2012) and the numbers of children in each Kindy group. You will be advised of any changes by the end of Term 2, 2011.

Hats: A number of students have broken the cords that hold their hats on their head, so the hat blows off during PE, recess and lunchtime activities. The problem occurs mainly with students in upper primary, who don't like wearing the broad brimmed hat. They use the hats as Frisbees, spin them in the air by the cords, chew on the cords and end up with the cord breaking either where it attaches to the hat or elsewhere (in the case of chewing). After complaints from parents, we have investigated the integrity of the cord where it attaches to the hat, talked with the manufacturer, some parents and some staff members. Very few of the hats have poor stitching at the point where the cord meets the hat, but the cord will fray and wear away if the hat is used as a Frisbee, spun around by the cord, or chewed. We have looked at an alternative supplier, but believe that the same problem will occur as long as students use the hat as a toy. Please talk to your child about the damage they are causing to their hat and the need to wear it properly. We have a duty of care in regard to exposure to the sun, and changed from the legionnaire type hat to the broad brimmed hat to improve sun protection for students. The broad brimmed hat will remain as the required hat for St Andrew’s.

COLES VOUCHERS/SPORTS EQUIPMENT
A very big thank you to all those parents who sent in their Coles vouchers at the end of last year. We had over 25,000 points which has provided us with some great sports equipment for our school. The following items have been sent already: agility ladder, egg and spoon sets, ball pump, soft playballs and a catchball set. We are awaiting these items: balance beam, cannon catch set, fitness training kit and 2 vortex howlers. Many thanks to Rebecca Kerridge for organising the collection and processing of the vouchers. Hopefully we will be able to repeat the activity this year and benefit our students with new and interesting sports equipment. Dawne Peacham [Physical Education Teacher]

POP TENNIS – BEFORE SCHOOL TENNIS LESSONS AT SCHOOL!
NEW!! Pop Tennis – before school tennis lessons at school! Learn to play tennis classes Wednesday mornings starting in Term 2. Classes start Week 2 of school term, 11th May. Cost is $110/child for 8 weeks. Go to www.gptennispro.com.au to enrol and for more info or call Glen Popovsky on 0433 340 646.

P&F EASTER RAFFLE
The P&F would like to invite you to participate in our annual school Easter raffle. Although the initial ticket is free you are welcome to purchase additional tickets at 50c each. Additional tickets are for a 6KG EGG that has been kindly donated by the Browning family. Tickets are available from the undercover area of the office from Monday 11th to Friday 15th before school, at recess and at lunchtime. This amazing egg will also be on display. Although it is not compulsory to donate Easter eggs / prizes this year, we are happy to accept any donations. Please bring in any donations before Friday 15th April. Two prizes per classroom will be drawn on Tuesday, 19th April. (We will be making up the prizes on Monday 18th after lunch. This is also an opportunity to work off some P&F levy hours. Please contact Judith Birchall - 0432 441 662 if you would like to help).

DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
(GUIDE AND ASSISTANT DOGS EXEMPT)
Pre-primary White

We have been enjoying our first term in Pre-primary. We have settled in well to the routines of school and love playing in our new learning environment!

We love going to the library to visit Mrs Graffin and the Book Worm!

We enjoy playing on the IWB. We are always making something new with the Construction toys.

The Home Corner is a great place to dress up and play.

We have read lots of different books this term.

Activity time is always fun in the PP classroom. We love doing craft activities, as well as literacy and maths activities!