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Dear Parents,

In Sunday's Gospel the account of the Transfiguration is featured. The account of the Transfiguration appears in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). The word, synoptic, means 'seen together' and these three gospels can be seen together because they have so much material in common. It is now accepted that the gospel of Mark was the first written as so much of it appears in the other two, while the gospels of Matthew and Luke both seem to have also drawn on another source of Jesus material. Despite the parallels, each writer uses the same story to convey the particular message of that gospel. God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation. Of course this is a focus of Lent – that we strive to be more like the followers that Jesus has in mind for us.

#### SCHOOL HATS

A reminder that children are required to have their school hats for recess, lunchtimes and PE. Please, please ensure hats are clearly named.

#### EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Please note that eligible families must submit their forms to the school office no later than Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. Application forms can be obtained from the office.

#### PARENT HELPERS PROGRAM

There are two separate sessions for parents wishing to assist in the classroom. The first for new parent helpers is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm until 3:30pm. The second – for parents wishing to help out in grades 1 – 6 will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 2:30pm until 3:30pm. Any parent wishing to assist with the children is asked to obtain a Working with Children's Check.

#### YEAR OF GRACE

A Mass for both parishes to celebrate the Year of Grace in thanksgiving for the many blessings received through the Parish Life will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.00pm at Christ Our Holy Redeemer followed by supper. Keep this date free and join us as we recognise our grace-filled lives. Please bring a plate to share for supper.

#### RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Yr 3 children who are intending on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year are asked to attend a Commitment Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February at the 11am Parish Mass. During the Mass the children will be invited to come forward and receive an Act of Contrition.

#### ENROLMENTS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Applications for enrolment at Catholic Secondary schools close on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. If you are intending to enrol your child into a catholic secondary school for next year, it is essential that you meet this date. Enrolments for Government Secondary colleges open later in the year.

#### PARENT INFORMATION

Parents are invited to attend an Information evening on tonight in the Hall at 7:30pm.

#### SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

At COHR our second hand uniform sales are obtained from donated items. These items are then sold for between \$2 - \$6. If you have any items that you no longer require, your donation would be gratefully accepted. We will be holding a uniform sale before the end of term 1.

#### EARN AND LEARN

Our Earn & Learn rewards equipment has arrived. We were able to order a large variety of Maths and Science equipment due to all the Woolworths stickers collected last year.

#### SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us on ...  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013

#### PHOTO DAY TIPS:

- Dress:** Clean and tidy summer uniform
- Hair:** Neat and swept off face
- Orders:** Complete your order form and return to school on photo day.
- Pre-orders:** To pre-order online, take your personal ID Number found on your order form and go to [www.schoolpix.com.au](http://www.schoolpix.com.au)

To order family photos please pick up the order forms from the school office.

## CHILDRENS CHOIR

The Children's Church Choir practice will begin on Thursday 28th Feb straight after school. Lucy Rogers will pick up the children in the school foyer and bring them to the church. All children are welcome to participate. Parents are very welcome to stay during practice or must pick up their children by 4.15pm from the church. The children will be taught to sing by Dawn D'Monte a singing and music teacher and Lucy Rogers her assistant.

## DATES

### February

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Parent Information evening  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Yr3 Reconciliation commitment Mass  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Parent Information evening  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Yr3 Reconciliation commitment Mass  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Parent Association AGM

### March

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Catholic Secondary enrolment due  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> School Photos  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Parent Information night 7pm Sacred Heart  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> School closure day  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Labour Day public holiday  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Education Board  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Reconciliation (Yr 3)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Harmony day  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Reconciliation (Yr 3)  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> School Sports day – Duncan MacKinnon  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Parents Association  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday; Easter holidays – school finishes 2:30pm

With Best Wishes

Tom Coghlan  
PRINCIPAL

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013  
7:30pm

in the Parish Hall

ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.  
COME ALONG AND VOTE FOR THE 2013 COMMITTEE.  
A GREAT WAY TO MEET OTHER PARENTS AND BE A  
PART OF YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

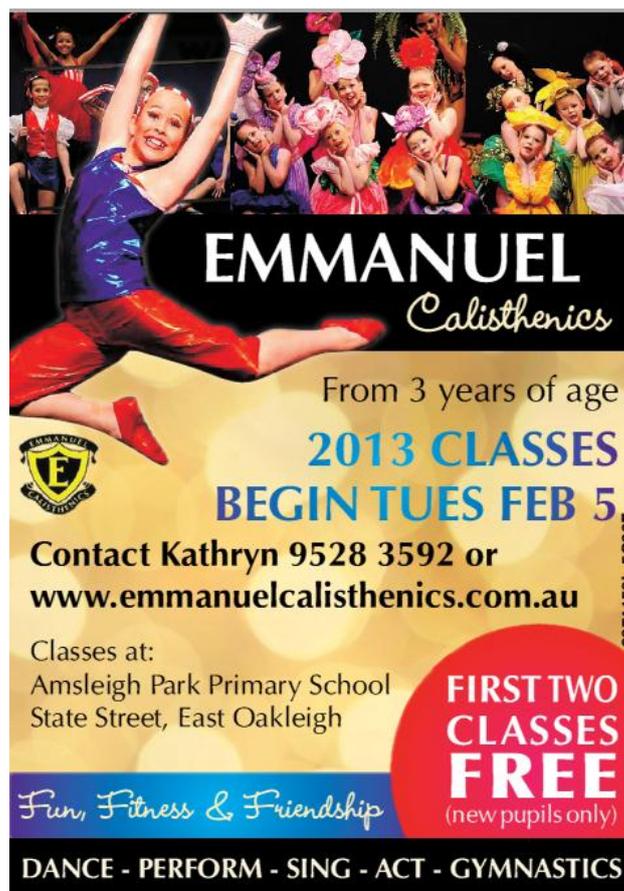
## DE LA SALLE KEY ENROLMENT DATES YEAR 7 2014

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2013 – College Tour – 9.15am  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013 – Yr 7 2014 Parent Information Evening 7.30pm Bookings essential  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013 – Applications for Year 7 2014 close  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013 – offers of places to prospective year 7 2014 students are posted.  
Robyn Millar  
College Registrar  
9508 2104

## ARMY CORP ALL STARS CHEERLEADING SCHOOL

New Cheer and Dance school has just opened in Oakleigh and are offering a FREE OPEN CLASS. Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 5 – 6pm, at Jack Edwards Reserve, Cnr Edwards St and Parkside Ave Oakleigh. To attend and make sure you don't miss out please reserve your place by contacting us via phone or email.  
Email: [armycorpallstars@gmail.com](mailto:armycorpallstars@gmail.com)  
Phone: 0423 520 296

*It's not too late, 2013 classes have just begun – Come join in*



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After School Hours Care

Before School Care Expressions of Interest

Dear Families,

Currently the Outside School Hours Care service provides an After School Care program, however we are looking at expanding this service to include a Before School program. We feel that a Before School Care program is an important service that would benefit you and the school community.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest for a Before School Care program. If you are interested please contact Cherie on 0412 958 603 or the school office on 9569 – 8966 to register your details.

<b>Parent / Guardian Name:</b>	
<b>Contact number:</b>	

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Permanent Please tick</b>					
<b>Casual Please tick</b>					

Please note if you tick Permanent you will be charged for any absences on that day/s.

<b>Child's Name</b>	
<b>Age</b>	

Lent is about giving up as well as having a new beginning. We can give up something for 40 days because Jesus fasted for 40 days. Lent made me think more of following Jesus. Lenten practices helped me a lot with Lent.  
Francis

Lent is important to me because it is a time to forgive others and to be forgiven. Lent also means to me that Jesus is a courageous man by fasting when in the desert. He is asking us to have more courage when we are troubled.  
Matthew

During the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent I have really focused on trying to make myself a better person. I have used the Lenten practices to help me by picking out a word each day and focusing on that word. Another thing that has helped me was reading scriptures about Jesus and realizing that Lent isn't always about giving up something but it's a time to pray and reflect. Macy

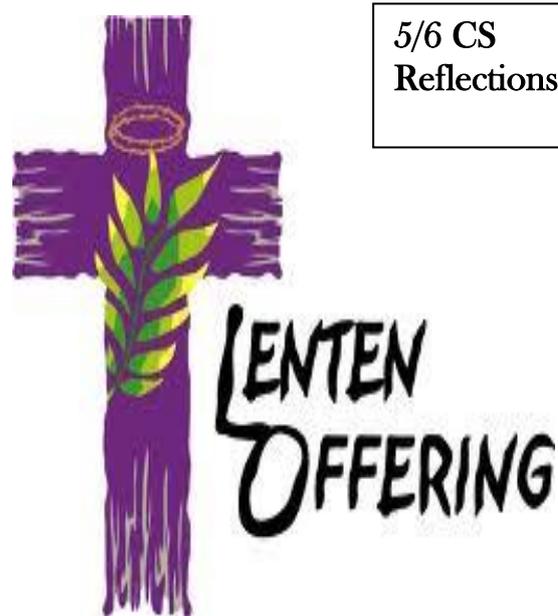
Lent has made me think more about that it is not all about giving up food. It's about challenging me to be a better person. Jesus helps me by inspiring me to do better and to be nice to family, teachers, friends and others. Lent is important because it helps me to focus on one certain thing. Luca

*During the first week of Lent I have thought more about praying and the gospel readings. Now I understand that Lent is not about giving something up but about forgiving and reflecting. Lent means a lot to me and I now pray in my room every chance I get. Lent is so important because you need to reflect and pray more often and forgive all sins. Lent can be a great time to think and improve yourself, and act in the way Jesus would want us to. Reading gospel passages helps me do that.  
Meg*

Lent has made me think more about being like Jesus. I have thought more about prayer and reflecting. I have found out more about Jesus in his time of being in the wilderness. I am going to try to make myself a better person during the time of Lent. Maddie

During week 1 of Lent, I have tried to become a better person. So far the Lenten practices have helped me because I have been choosing a word to focus on for the day. In our learning groups we have been reading scriptures about Jesus and really focusing on what he did during Lent. I have learnt that Lent is not about giving up something but it is about forgiving people and reflecting. Olivia

By Olivia



*In the first week of lent I have been reflecting on words and I think that it has brought me closer to God already. I have been really trying hard to reflect on my words and show them in my actions as well. After all, actions speak louder than words.*

*Lent can be a positive time because if I try harder we will live in peace and harmony. Lent is also a time to reflect.  
Thomas*



What Lent means to me is that the time of Lent is the time of making me a better person and to get closer to God. Lent is the time for me to focus on Jesus for what he gave and did for us. Tiffany

So far in Lent I've learnt that it is about becoming a better person like Jesus, and doing all the good things that he has done and I can follow him to become a better person, so I can be more Christ Like. I will try to pray to God like Jesus did, I will try to forgive people like Jesus did, I will try to help the poor and sick people like Jesus did, and that will make me a better person. Alex



Lent is a good thing because we mostly concentrate on making ourselves a little better. Lent is a time where we pray more than usual because it is not a celebrating time, but a focusing time, to focus on Jesus. Lent has made me think me more about how I should be like Jesus and try to treat others the way he would, and live my life the way Jesus wanted me to. Angela

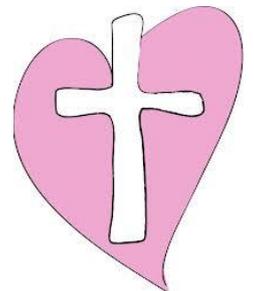
This first week of Lent was important to me because we did things like Lenten practices and they've helped make me a better person. Lent is a good thing because it can teach you how to challenge yourself by giving up or not falling to temptations. We've done meditation and it's helped me reflect on what's happened during the week. Celeste

To challenge me to make me a better person and the words make me like Jesus so when I grow up I am a better person like Jesus -to make me a good person. Eric

The first week of lent has made me think more about forgiveness and prayer. Also I have thought more about Jesus, how he died on the cross to save us. It has made me concentrate more about what I have given up. Our Lenten practices have helped me become more like Christ too. Fletcher

## Lenten Reflections 5/6 CS

Lent can be a good thing because it can really help mould a person into a better person. Lent has helped me to deepen my thoughts on how I can really act towards others and how I can improve in my ways. Jesus really inspires me because when I look back on all the things he's done it makes me want to strive for a better me. Giving up something helps us get rid of the little thrills to make space for reflecting. If we really love Jesus we shouldn't fall into temptation from all the little things that we have given up. Isabelle



Week 1 of Lent has made me think more about myself and how I act. Using the Lenten practices has helped me to focus on the word I have picked out for the day. Reading and listening to scripture passages and books about Jesus has made me think how challenging it was for Jesus in the desert. I have learnt that Lent is not about giving up something but can be a time to reflect on yourself and a time to pray. Jessica



During Lent, you can make yourself a better person. You can challenge yourself to give up things. Learning more about Catholic organisations, like Caritas, has made me think me more about how we need to help others. Josh

Lent is important to me because you get to reflect on things you have done in the past. I also think Lent is a time to become closer to God. Jesus gave up food and water and was alone, I believe that we should do the same because giving up a little bit more will make us better and that is a good thing. Jesus was a kind, forgiving, caring, loving and supportive person. I believe that during Lent we should do the same as Jesus. Lauren

During the first week of Lent I have been thinking why we have Lent and what it's all about. I have been learning more interesting things about Lent like the scripture passage which tells you what qualities Jesus has. Each day I will try and think of some words I can focus on for a day. It helps me to think about what I can do to be a better person. Lawson