Important Dates

February

**Thurs 11th:** Beginning Whole School Mass 9.30am, followed by morning tea in the hall.

**Mon 15th:** Parent Information Evenings from 5.30pm

**Fri 19th:** Richmond Zone Swimming Carnival; Friday swimming for sport starts

**Fri 19th March:** Swimming for sport concludes

**Tuesday 29th March**
PUPIL FREE DAY

**Wednesday 25th May**
School Photos

**NEWS FROM 1/2CI**

Our class has begun the year with confidence and enthusiasm. We are establishing rules, routines and expectations so that all students in the class become familiar with what it is to be part of our learning environment. By having systems and procedures in place, and a strong emphasis on teaching and learning, every child has every opportunity to succeed. Our focus will be learning and we look forward to positive partnerships in the learning process.

Our class has been engaging in learning as we have been looking at counting and patterns in number, participating in class buddy reading, predicting during literacy tasks and using our senses to help us write a poem on Pancake Day. We have also been creative in Religious Education and Visual Arts. We are enjoying our learning experiences in all Key Learning Areas and we are looking forward to the year ahead in Class 1/2CI.
Dear parents,

Today is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of a 40 day period of Lent which ends with Easter. In the early Christian communities, people would display sorrow for wrongdoings by wearing sackcloths and sprinkling ashes on their heads. It was the responsibility of the community to assist the person to make a personal turnaround and recommitment to the values taught and modelled by Jesus.

The practice of wearing sackclothes and ashes began to die out in the 9th century, and later it became customary for Christians to be marked with a cross of ash on their foreheads to remind everyone of the need for sorrow and repentance. Traditionally, the palms used on Palm Sunday last year are burnt to provide the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Today, we, as a school, attended a liturgy at 12 o’clock and a cross of ash was placed on each forehead.

“If it is peace you want, seek to change yourself, not other people. It is easier to protect your feet with slippers than to carpet the whole of the earth.” The author of this quote is unknown: however the advice it offers is quite timely as we enter the season of Lent. Lent is a time when we are encouraged to take a candid look at life to see how at peace we are within ourselves.

Lent is a time for getting back to the essentials as we focus on our relationship with God. It is a time for letting go of what prevents us from becoming the person we want to be. During his public life, Jesus faced temptation: he suffered hunger and thirst, betrayal and the agony of humiliation by crucifixion. He did not face these things so that we could be exempt from them but that we could approach our difficulties in life with dignity. The season of Lent gives us the opportunity to take a look at our lives, change for the better and to walk in the light of Jesus.

Traditionally, the “showy” thing to do is to give up something (lollies, movies, wine, chocolate ……) so people can demonstrate their self-sacrifice to others. However, these external gestures are not so important as the internal matters which will have a lasting effect on the type of person we are. This effect will surpass the 40 days of Lent. Adults are asked to follow the three pillars of Lent: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. What will you do during the season of Lent? Will you be visible in your actions to others and will the sacrifice you choose provide a lasting impression, beyond the season of Lent?

OPENING SCHOOL MASS All are most welcome to join with us tomorrow (9.30am on Thursday 11th) as we hold our Opening School Mass for this year. Our Year 6 Leaders will be presented with their badges along with the Student Representative Council (SRC) for 2016. It would be wonderful to see as many people join with us as we celebrate together our learning journey for this year. All parents and friends are then invited to a morning tea in the hall following our liturgy.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS Our parent information nights will be held next week. I’m sure those who come will go home with a vision of what is happening in their child’s classroom this year, and will know what the teacher’s expectations are, the work the children will be covering, and how they can assist during the year. It is when teachers and parents walk hand in hand in the same direction that real success can be attained. Times are as follows:-

5:30pm Kinder & Stage 3 (5B & 6T)  6:15pm—Stage 1 (1/2Cl & 1/2H)  7pm—Stage 2 (3/4M & 3/4P)
MATHEMATICS—This year our school is developing a whole school approach to mathematics.

How does a person’s mindset affect his or her ability to excel in maths?
Research shows us that people with a “growth mindset” tend to be those who do well in maths, and other subjects, and who keep increasing their achievement as they engage in learning, more than those with a “fixed mindset.” The likely cause for this is that if you believe you are smart or not, and you struggle on a task, you are likely to conclude you are not smart and give up. If you believe that you can learn anything, and that struggle is part of the process of learning and you struggle, you keep going and keep learning.
(From an article by Theresa Harrington based on research by Jo Boaler)

LENT

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Community

1 2 3 MAGIC

There has been interest for learning about implementing the “123 Magic” program in the home. This program helps your child to self regulate his/her behaviour, decreasing the negative behaviours whilst increasing positive behaviour.
With consistency the program can be very successful and thereby helping a family to run more smoothly.
Wendy Saini (School Counsellor) will run a workshop for interested parents on Wednesday 2nd March at 9.15am in the school library. Please contact the school office by next Wednesday if you wish to participate.

HELEN & HARRY FLOWERS MEMORIAL WRITING COMPETITION

2 Divisions for children aged 8-11 yrs & 12-15 yrs.
Write no more than 2,000 words. Topics are ‘MY HOME TOWN’ or ‘MY FAVOURITE PLACE’
ENTRIES MUST BE AT THE KYOGLE TOWN LIBRARY BY SATURDAY 5TH MARCH.
WRITE YOUR NAME, AGE, SCHOOL ON YOUR ENTRY.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to -

Eva Barsby
Ben Sudiro
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Charlotte Brooks
Jeff Tsoi
Darrell Sudders

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Catholic Identity

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ASSEMBLY

WEEK 3

YEAR 5 will be leading ASSEMBLY this Friday, 12th February, 10.30am.
Please join us!
SCHOOL CANTENE
HELPERS ARE
URGENTLY NEEDED
Please sign in at the office before going to Canteen.
If for any reason you cannot attend on your rostered day, please swap days with someone on the roster.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KYOGLE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
KJRL sign-on day 13/02/2016 from 10am-12noon at the club house. Pay in cash only, no eftpos available.
Fees—Minis $90 & Mods $110.
All paid members receive 1 pair of club shorts & 1 pair of club socks.
Please retain voucher & present closer to first game to collect these. You must bring your birth certificate at sign-on as proof of identity.
Mandy Boocock 0422 696 001

Kyogle Soccer 2016
Calling all soccer players young and old our season is about to start.
Senior training has commenced on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6pm
Junior training will start on Wednesday 16th March at 4 pm for 6s, 8s and both 12s teams.
Our 7s and 10s teams will start training on Thursday, 17th March at 4pm.
All training is at High School fields.
Players should register online using the “My Football Club” Website.
Any questions can be directed to kyoglefc@ffnc.net.au or to Glenn Rose on 0418 264 968.

BAREFOOT BOWLS FUN DAY
Sunday 3rd April at Kyogle Bowling Club.
Registration from 9.30am, bowlings starts at 10am.
$15 entry includes bowling fee & sausage sizzle.
For more information, visit Facebook.com/PRDnationwide.Kyogle.
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