

Let us Pray...

Loving God,
help us to be more,
to give more.

As these last days of Lent progress
guide us in your loving compassionate ways
so we may see the vulnerable
and marginalised within our midst.

Open our eyes and ears Lord,
so we may see and hear the goodness that
surrounds us.

Most importantly, open our hearts,
so we live more like you
not only in these Lenten days
but each day. Amen



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very busy, yet successful term.

Over the course of the term we have welcomed ** children and ** new families to the school seeing our enrolment grow to 634 children. The reputation of our school within the broader community is strong and we continue to attract families seeking a caring and high quality learning environment for their children.

Next term we commence the enrolment process for 2024, so if you have a child ready for Prep next year please contact the office to get an enrolment form.

The term hasn't been without its challenges, particularly that caused by nation-wide chronic shortage of teachers which has made it difficult to find replacement staff when required. It is only through the hard work of school staff that we have been able to minimise the disruption to the children's learning.

End of Term 1

A reminder that this term ends next week - it is a short week for the children.

The children finish the term next Tuesday, 4 April at 3.30pm.

There is no school for children on either next Wednesday, 5 April or next Thursday, 6 April.

We Welcome New School Staff

This month we have welcomed the following new staff members to our school:

Lynn Saba - Co-educator (Emmaus Village). Lynn brings to this role much previous experience working with children as an educator in a range of school settings.

Maryam Mikael - Co-educator (Jordan Village). Maryam is currently studying a Masters of Teaching degree at university and brings to the role previous experience working as an educator.

Layla Poulis - Administration Officer. Layla is an experienced administrative assistant in the business environment bringing a range of skills and knowledge to the role.

Please join me in making everyone feel welcomed and part of this wonderful community.

The Best Educators are Learners Too

The work of educators in schools is becoming increasingly complex, placing greater emphasis on the need for staff to engage in ongoing professional learning and development. The best educators are learners. Engagement in evidence informed and workplace based learning is how we ensure that we have the specialised knowledge and capabilities to ensure that each child in our care can flourish.

Next Wednesday and Thursday the school staff will be engaged in two days of reflection and planning as we engage in work to renew what we call the 'learning architecture' of the school. This refers to the structures we have in place that enable educators to engage in learning so that they can plan for and implement effective teaching and learning.

These two days will contribute to ongoing work over the next four years to realise two of our school improvement goals:

School Goal 4.2: School structures and ways of working generate and support shared leadership, team learning and collaboration among all school staff.

School Goal 4.1: School structures and ways of working generate and support continuous professional inquiry for all school staff.

You are blessed with a very hardworking and dedicated school staff at Good Samaritan who deeply care about the learning and wellbeing of your children. We are very grateful for your ongoing support and partnership as this energises us and enlivens our spirit.

School Advisory Council

In the second half of last year, we reformed the School Advisory Council (SAC). The role of the School Advisory Council is to give consideration to, and advice on, important school matters in order to support the principal and the strategic interest of the school.

In 2023 the School Advisory Council will contribute to bringing our school priorities to life:

- Proclaim the Gospel
- Strong Relationships
- Optimise Learning and Wellbeing

The School Advisory Council is comprised of senior staff and the following parent members who give generously of their time and energy to support this important work:

- Atyhor Ashoni
- Dunea Hanna
- Jazmin Pursell
- Dianna Apap

I am so very grateful for their wisdom and commitment to the realisation of our school goals for the benefit of every child and family.

Staying Safe and Healthy

As we move into the cooler weather coughs, colds and other illness become more frequent. Please ensure that if your child is unwell, for any reason, then he/she is not to attend school. This is how we minimise the risk of cross-infection between children.

In relation to COVID 19, children who report a positive COVID test result should isolate at home for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms are no longer present.

God bless,



PAUL SEDUNARY

Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Look What's Coming Up in Term 2

Monday, 24 April	Start of Term 2 - Children return to school
Tuesday, 25 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL TODAY
Wednesday, 26 April	Years 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons
Thursday, 27 April	Years 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons
Monday, 1 May	Learning Conversations 2.00 - 7.00pm <i>(children finish school at 1.15pm)</i>
Tuesday, 2 May	Years 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons
	6:30pm Foundation 2024 Information Session
Wednesday, 3 May	Years 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons
Thursday, 4 May	Years 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons
	9.30am Foundation 2024 Information Session
Friday, 5 May	District Cross Country Competition
Monday, 8 May	6.30pm School Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, 10 May	Learning Conversations 2.00 - 7.00pm <i>(children finish school at 1.15pm)</i>

Friday, 12 May	Mother's Day Celebration
Monday, 15 May	Jordan & Nazareth Village Staff Seminar. CHILDREN IN FOUNDATION AND YEARS 1&2 DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY
Friday, 12 May	Year 3 & 4 Billycart Incursion
Thursday, 18 May	School Photos
Friday, 19 May	School Photos
Saturday, 20 May	First Eucharist Sign Up and Presentation Weekend
Sunday, 21 May	First Eucharist Sign Up and Presentation Weekend
Tuesday, 23 May	Nazareth Learning Walk
Thursday, 25 May	Nazareth Learning Walk
Friday, 26 May	Year 6 Gala Sports Day
Monday, 29 May	Bethany & Emmaus Village Staff Seminar. CHILDREN IN YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY
Friday, 2 June	Learning Showcase - Family Day
Monday, 5 June	Year 3 Learning Walk
Tuesday, 6 June	Year 4 Learning Walk
Thursday, 8 June	Year 5 Learning Walk
Monday, 12 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL TODAY
Saturday, 17 June	12.00pm Celebration of First Eucharist
Monday, 19 June	6.30pm School Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, 22 June	Last day of term for children
Friday, 23 June	Pupil Free Day - Staff Seminar: curriculum planning

Walk, Talk and Learn!

This year we invite all parents/carers to take part in our exciting **Walk, Talk & Learn!** initiative. Visiting classrooms through a *learning walk* is a great way to showcase and share a child's learning in school with families. It allows you to see classroom learning as it happens, and where it can happen, assisting you to understand how your child engages in day-to-day learning at school.

Learning walks are another way we welcome families into the learning spaces of the school, and hear from them; what they see, hear, do and wonder. It's **Learning by the Power of Three** in action!

Here's the calendar of learning walks that will be held in term 2.

Walk, Talk & Learn!	
DATE	HOME GROUP
TERM 2	
Tuesday, May 23	Nazareth Rose, Red & Purple
Thursday, May 25	Nazareth Gold, Green & White
Monday, June 5	Year 3 Classes
Tuesday, June 6	Year 4 Classes
Thursday, June 8	Year 5 Classes

Each learning walk occurs during the morning session of classes and is followed by a morning tea. If you want to learn more about **Walk, Talk & Learn!** please contact **Nayana Bhandari** by telephoning the school office.