Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Last Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday with a wonderful Mass in St Mary’s Church followed by a ‘fish and chips’ tea on the school oval. Thank you to the many families who attended and from all the positive comments received this will become an annual celebration of blessing our school captains and introducing our Sacramental students to the community on the special occasion in the Catholic church of Ash Wednesday.

A key focus for us as a school during this season of Lent is Project Compassion. This is a time when we are all asked to look beyond our own needs to the needs of people in the world who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Caritas Australia is the Catholic agency of international aid and development. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice. We contribute by raising funds to support some of the many projects Caritas Australia has to assist people who are in desperate situation in various parts of the world. The gold coin donations on Pancake Tuesday raised $117.90 that will go to Caritas Australia. Each class has a Project Compassion box on their prayer tables. I encourage all families where possible, to please consider giving any loose change you have to your children because every little bit helps us to reach a goal that will make a difference to families in need around the world.

Helping students to achieve success

One way to help children achieve success at school is to work together with your child’s teacher. The parent-teacher partnership has been shown in numerous studies to be of vital importance to student success, but it takes work from both sides to become a reality. Parenting expert, ‘Michael Grose’ asserts that there is no doubt that the best outcome for children happens when teachers and parents work together. He suggests 10 ways that parents can work with their child’s teacher to maximise the chances of school success. Over the next few weeks, I’ll share these ideas with you and encourage you to make an appointment to meet with the class teachers.

Ros Oates

Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve

Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive

If your expectations are too high your teacher may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child’s school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Keeping teens and pre-teens safe online
Are you the parent or carer of a 10-15 year old?
Are you worried about their online safety?
Come and hear internet safety experts and a child and adolescent psychologist talk about:
How teens connect online
How to talk with them about safety
Making agreements and setting limits
Dealing with cyberbullying
Register for webcast:
Online: http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au
When you register you will receive login details

SEASON 2015 Saturday morning competition
(GIRLS FROM 5-13 YEARS OF AGE)
Registrations
Tuesday 3rd March, 4.00-5.00pm
Berri Netball Courts
Trainings Commence
Tuesday 10th March & each Tuesday following
4.00-5.00pm - Berri Netball Courts
Development Squad Registration’s
Tuesday 3rd March 4.00-5.00pm
Berri Netball Courts
U/13 Trials
Tuesday 10th, 17th & 24th March
5.00-6.00pm - Berri Netball Courts
(U/13 Trials (MUST attend at least 2 trials to be eligible and MUST be registered prior to first trial)
U/11 Trials
Tuesday 24th & 31st of March and 7th of April
5.00-6.00pm - Berri Netball Courts
(U/11 Trials (MUST attend at least 2 trials to be eligible and MUST be registered prior to first trial)
Age 2004, 2005, 2006
Berri Junior Netball Club is registered to accept the Sports Vouchers issued by the Government of SA.
www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au
Enquiries or for a copy of the registration form to Rebecca Stokes rstokes@riverdocs.org.au or mobile 0400 956 917

FFSA
Are conducting a FREE Junior coaching clinic held by Cristiano Dos Santos (Game Development officer) and previous Adelaide United player on Saturday 21st March 2015 at the Steve Poutakidis Soccer Grounds in Renmark.
Please refer to below session times for age groups.
Morning Afternoon
9.00 – 10am – U/6 1.00 – 2.15pm – U/12
10.00 – 11am – U/8 2.30 – 3.45pm – U/14
11.00 – 12pm – U/10 4.00 – 5.15pm – U/16
If you are interested could you please contact the RSA Secretary Tina Gadaleta on 0412 680 042
By Friday 13th March 2015

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MASSES TERM 1
Thursdays 9.00 am
St Mary’s Church
Reconciliation
Wednesday 1st April

Yrs 3/4 Mass: Thurs 5th March
Foundation Mass: Thurs 19th March – St Joseph’s Day
EASTER PLAYS – Thurs 2nd April