Dear families,

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and it begins our Lenten journey. Lent is about getting things into perspective. It focuses our attention on what life is about and where we are heading. This year Pope Francis, in his Lenten address chose the words of Saint Paul as his theme ~ ‘Though rich, Jesus became poor so that by his poverty you might become rich.’ ~ We begin with the powerful symbolism of Ash Wednesday, putting the ashes on our forehead, under the sign of the cross with the words: ‘Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel’. In ancient times people put ashes on their heads when they were in mourning. We acknowledge the shortness of our lives and resolve to turn away from sin and endeavour to always live out the values and message of the Gospel. The ashes challenge us to set our hearts on things that really matter. Mass for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday 5th March at 9:15am. Everyone is most welcome to attend this liturgy with us.

Last week our Year 5/6 students attended camp at Candlebark farm, Healesville. The children had a great time and had the opportunity to participate in a range of activities such as the canoeing, flying fox, ropes course and super swooper. It was terrific to see the way in which they encouraged each other to try all of the activities and give each activity a go. They spent a day at Healesville Sanctuary and saw the Spirit of the Sky performance which showcases Australia’s birds of prey and parrots in a spectacular daily show. Many of the children had not experienced these activities before, so it was a wonderful time for them. Thank you to all of the staff who organised and attended camp enabling this to be such a success. Thank you also to all of the staff who stayed behind to make sure that the routines of school continued for the rest of the students.

A reminder to all families that this Friday is a school closure day. Staff will be involved in a professional development day facilitated by staff from the Catholic Education Office. Monday is a public holiday so school will recommence on Tuesday 11th March. I hope you all enjoy the long weekend.

Have a great week.

Carmel Marantelli
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Program Update

Hello families,
We hope you all had a wonderful weekend.
I, Jardie have enjoyed my first week as your new OSHClub coordinator. The children and families have been very welcoming and it has been a smooth transition. As you may be aware it is Leanne’s last week at OSHClub so we will be having a farewell party for her on Thursday. Please come and say good bye to Leanne as she will be missed.
We would also like to remind families that Friday the 7th of March is a school closure day. Unfortunately we did not get a sufficient amount of numbers to open on this day, therefore there will be no OSHClub on the 7th of March (curriculum day) or the 10th of March (Labour Day public holiday). We apologise for any inconvenience.
We are very pleased and excited about our growing enrolments, thank you and welcome to our new families.
We hope you all have a wonderful week ahead.
Thanks, Jardie.

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0402 669 652
Coordinator: Jardie-Ann
Assistants: Leanne and Emily
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

FAMILY SUMMARY REPORTS

Please return these forms as soon as possible. It is important that all your contact details are up to date. Please make sure email addresses are current as our newsletter will soon be emailed.

CDF STUDENT BANKING

Thursday is our banking day. Deposit books are to be handed in to class or the Office by 9.00am on banking day. Encourage your child to save by opening up a CDF Banking account.

Application forms are available from the Office

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

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**2015 Kindergarten Information Sessions**

**KINDERGARTEN OPEN DAY**

Come along and explore your local kindergarten.

Date Wednesday 12 March 2014 Time 6pm to 8pm

Location for participating kindergartens visit melton.vic.gov.au or call 9747 7200

**TOILETING INDEPENDENCE**

When is the right time to toilet train my child and how do I do it?

Date Wednesday 26 March 2014 Time 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Location Caroline Springs Library Bookings 9747 7200

**KINDERGARTEN READINESS**

When is the right time to enrol your child in Kindergarten? How do you know if they are ready? Come along to this informative

Date Tuesday 18 March 2014 Time 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Location Melton Library Auditorium Bookings 9747 7200