Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

At this time of the year in our Church calendar there are some wonderful occasions for renewing our faith. We have just experienced the joy and hope of Easter and now as Easter people we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord next Sunday 5th June, followed by Pentecost on Sunday 12th June.

The Apostles must have felt the grief of their parting from Jesus as he went back to his Father. They trusted in his promise of sending the Holy Spirit and believed they would see him again.

Pentecost is about those ‘aha’ moments in our lives when we accept a challenge, respond confidently to change or are filled with great joy. These moments are when our faith is fully alive. These are times when we too experience the powerful coming of the Holy Spirit. We are gifted by the Spirit, not just for ourselves, but for others, for the common good. ‘That’s the spirit’ we say to affirm others and build morale.

As people baptised into Christ we are to become Christ-like. The only way to become Christ-like is to act like Christ, to have Christ-like character traits and Christ-like ideals. We are called to be people of mercy and forgiveness, people of compassion and generosity, people concerned about others and not just about ourselves where we are always the centre of attention.

Jesus, come into our hearts this Pentecost Day, give us the gift of your Spirit. Help us to be Your people in our world. May Your Spirit “transform” us this day and help us to become more like You. Amen.

God Bless

Mrs Anne Marrins
Principal
Our Mission

FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR CHILDREN

Our families have now finished their 3-week course on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to the marvellous Team Leaders for opening up your homes, giving your time and organising your families to help our children begin to understand this truly healing Sacrament.

Our families have been talking about their baptisms, about our choices and about how we can improve our relationships. We have been reading about God's unconditional love for us, we've been praying together and the children have been thinking about what they would like to talk to the priests about. Thank you to all our parents and children for your participation and we hope you enjoyed the programme. The children will be celebrating their First Reconciliation on either 6, 7 or 8 June. Please continue to keep these families in your prayers.

From the Sacramental Team

THE CHANGES IN THE MASS

The Penitential Rite gives us two choices, in each we acknowledge our sins and ask for forgiveness.

FORM A
I confess to almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask Blessed Mary Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

FORM B
Priest: Have mercy on us O Lord
People: For we have sinned against you
Priest: Show us O Lord your mercy
People: And grant us your salvation.

Teaching and Learning

SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Saint Vincent De Paul needs your help! They are running out of supplies and struggling to get new ones. They need items like blankets, socks, warm clothing and baby clothing. They are struggling so much that they ended up having to cut all the blankets in half, just so everybody could have one!

Please do not bring in anything that is ripped, dirty or has a hole in it. Every item counts and yours could keep another person warm. You can start bringing things in from Monday 6th June 2011. Give your support this cold winter and remember DONATE DON'T DUMP!

By Zainah Reshty and Stefanie Delligeit 3K

CONGRATULATIONS

The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 75 Star Cards

Community Service Award:
Olivia Achmar-2V, Joseph Sakr-1W, Adriana Sahyoun-1W, Bronte Carter-Robinson-1A, Johnny Khoury-1S, George Kual-3S, Kinnari Shah-1S, Jala Bakri-1W, Christopher Georges-1W,

The following children have worked really hard towards receiving 90 Star Cards

Gold Awards:
Well Done to all of these children!
Eliana Saba-2V, Pragash Sathyarajah-1S, Ashleigh Stanton-1W, Julia Trueman-1W, Chandelle Culas-2V

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEER PARENTS

A very big thank you to all our Parents who are able to come and assist students with their reading and language development through Sight Words, Multilit and Language through Literature.

We appreciate your valuable time and assistance and the encouragement you give to our students.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

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Teaching and Learning

CLASS NEWS 2B/2V

2VB Learning Journal

In Religion we have been learning about the Risen Jesus. We can be like the Risen Jesus by:
We can give clothes to the needy.
We can put money into the poor box.
We can live like Jesus and make good choices.
We can be there for others, support others.
We can be a good friend to everyone.
We can stand together and say “no” to bullying.

In English we have learnt new spelling strategies to help us spell difficult words. We have learnt different text types. We plan our writing before we write. We have been using adjectives to describe things.

In Mathematics we have been learning many addition and subtraction strategies. We like the jump strategy. We have been concentrating on division, sharing, arrays, groups of and how to use a thinkboard to work out our answers. We have been trying to round to the nearest 10; it is very tricky.

In Science and Technology we have been setting up our experiments. We are being like real scientists and testing variables about what plants need to grow.

In HSIE we have been learning about National Parks. We have learnt what we can do and what we can’t do in a National Park.

In Art we are excited because this week we are going to paint autumn leaves with water colours.

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK
1. Stage 2 Head Lice
2. Canteen Fun Day Note

Community News

BOOK CLUB
Book Club was handed out this week and is due back to school by next Wednesday 8th June at the latest. Parents should fill out the order forms stating their child’s name and class at the top of the form.
Credit card, cheque or money order made out to Scholastic is preferable. If cash is being paid please enclose the correct amount.
Thank you
Mrs D. Cesarini—office

ADJUSTMENT TO BUS TIMETABLE FOR HOPKINSONS MORNING BUS

The change which will commence on Tuesday 14 June is summarised below:
- Morning Bus 7018 from Greystanes will depart 10 minutes earlier and will operate to the following timetable:
  - 8.18am from Our Lady Queen of Peace School Greystanes via Old Prospect, Chelmsford, Boronia, Old Prospect, Centenary, Station, Fullagar, Garfield, Smith to school.

An updated list of buses serving our school will shortly be available on the website at www.hopkinsons.com.au.

P&F DISCO—DATE CHANGE TO 1ST JULY 2011

The decision has been made to postpone the disco planned for Friday 10th June until the last day of Term 2, Friday 1st July to avoid clashing with the Canteen Fun Day. We apologise for any inconvenience and hope you can join us for this end of term celebration.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books are available for $60.00 through the school office. There are lots of entertainment discounts for these cold and wet days. There is a display book in the office, so come and check it out. For further information call Danielle Gardner on 0414 607 180.

‘LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE’ AT PENTECOST: SUNDAY 12 JUNE

Let Your Light Shine’ is the theme for the Pentecost celebration at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Worship, Praise, Teachings, Eucharist, Prayer Ministry, Benediction, BBQ lunch, fellowship. Speakers: Fr Elias Vella from Malta and Diana Mascarenhas from India. Starts at noon. OLQP Parish, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Details p: 9631 4917.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: MONDAY 13 JUNE

Playing times for Round 9 on Saturday 4th June are as follows -

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There will be no games on Saturday 11 June. The PANA Juniors Newsletter is published weekly and contains lots of interesting facts and information about netball, as well as the “Skill of the Week” column. You can find the Junior News on the PANA website [http://panansw.netball.asn.au/](http://panansw.netball.asn.au/) under coaching, or if you would like the newsletter emailed to you, send an email to: pana.netball@optusnet.com.au subject: Junior News. For inquiries please phone Margaret Nolan on 0405 509 253.

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**DIARY DATES 2011**

**Term 2**

**June**

- **Week 7**
  - Sunday 5: Ascension of the Lord
  - Monday 6: First Reconciliation
  - Tuesday 7: First Reconciliation
  - Wednesday 8: ICAS Science Competition
  - Friday 10: 9.00am ES1 Mass

- **Week 8**
  - Sunday 12: Pentecost—Parish Picnic
  - Monday 13: QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
  - Friday 17: 9.00am Stage 1 Mass

- **Week 9**
  - Sunday 19: Holy Trinity
  - Monday 20: 3.30-5.00pm Parent/Teacher Interviews
  - Tuesday 21: 3.30-5.00pm Parent/Teacher Interviews
  - Friday 24: 2.30pm Mercy Day Liturgy

- **Week 10**
  - Sunday 26: Body & Blood of Christ
  - Wednesday 29: Athletics Carnival

  **July**

- Friday 1: 6.00 pm P&P Disco
  - SCHOOL CLOSES TERM 2

**Term 3**

- **Week 1**
  - Monday 18: SCHOOL RESUMES
  - Friday 22: All Schools Cross Country

- **Week 2**
  - Monday 25: STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
  - Tuesday 26: Feasts of Saints Joachim & Anne
  - 1st Eucharist Parent Information Meeting

- **Week 3**
  - Tuesday 2: ICAS English Comp.
  - Thursday 4: Zone Athletics Carnival
  - Friday 5: 2.30pm Mary MacKillop Liturgy

- **Week 4**
  - Wednesday 10: 7.00pm P&P Meeting

- **Week 5**
  - Monday 15: Assumption Liturgy
  - Tuesday 16: ICAS Mathematics Competition
  - Wednesday 17: 7.00pm Yr 5 Personal Development Night
  - Thursday 19: 1.30pm Blessing & Opening Ceremony

- **Week 6**
  - Friday 26: Diocesan Athletics Carnival Blacktown

- **Week 7**
  - Wednesday 31: Fathers’ Day Stall
  - 7.00pm Parent Education

  **September**

- **Week 8**
  - Thursday 1: 9.00am Parent Education
  - Friday 2: 8.00am Breakfast & 9.00am Fathers’ Day Liturgy
  - Sunday 4: Fathers’ Day

- **Week 9**
  - Thursday 15: Our Lady’s Birthday
  - Sunday 18: First Eucharist

- **Week 10**
  - Friday 23: STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
  - SCHOOL CLOSES FOR TERM 3