



*God, our Father,  
We thank You for Your Son, Jesus, and for the direction His life gives to our  
lives.  
We ask for perseverance in faith, so that we, too, will join Jesus in His  
Resurrection.  
Amen.*

Dear Parents and Members of our School Community

Do you have “small people” in your household who are counting the sleeps till Easter, when rabbits and eggs undergo a remarkable change and assume the luscious texture and taste of chocolate? Do you have “grown-up-people” in your household who are ....?” Of course you do, for Easter is a time of celebration.

We all know that rabbits and eggs, as such, do not turn into chocolate especially for Easter. However, increasingly the real meaning of Easter namely, Christ's Resurrection, is being strongly questioned and presented as simply not true. The Resurrection of Jesus is central to Christian faith; indeed, to be a Christian it is essential to believe that God raised Jesus from the dead. About 25 years after the Resurrection, St Paul in his letter to the people of Corinth, stated, “If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.” 1 Cor. 15: 13,14.

It is clear from all the earliest accounts of the Resurrection that Christ was preached as having appeared to His followers not once only, but several times over many weeks. Could it have been that the first preachers of the Resurrection were deliberate liars? Did they hide the body of Christ and then spend the rest of their lives telling people that He had risen?

What, then, was the motive for such a lie, for the preaching of the Gospel brought with it no worldly advantage. The Apostles seized no land, piled up no gold, gained no political power or social status. Rather, they faced persecution from both the Jewish and Roman authorities in Palestine and throughout the empire. According to the Acts of the Apostles, in the years immediately following Christ's death, His disciples suffered imprisonment, flogging, stoning and execution. And according to the Roman historian, Tacitus, many people held them in contempt and Nero had them burnt to death. Why would even one person, yet alone large groups of people, face such things for a lie? The Apostles had no motive to preach the Resurrection unless they believed it, and no motive to believe it unless they had seen Christ risen again.

The people who plotted the death of Jesus, namely, the Jewish authorities in Jerusalem, were fearful of the spread of Jesus' influence and were hostile to Him and His followers. If they wished to crush the new religious sect, they would simply have to produce Christ's body. That they did not, sufficiently indicates that they could not. Adapted from writings of Thomas Crean O.P.



The Resurrection does not mean that Jesus resumed His previous life as an ordinary person, rather, it means that Jesus entered another kind and level of existence. This, Jesus alluded to when He said to the robber crucified next to Him, "Truly, this day you will be with Me in paradise." Luke 23:43.

Before we settle too comfortably into the celebrations on Easter Sunday, we might slip into Martha's shoes and see what answer we come up with when Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

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Thank you to everyone for another very busy and successful term together at SMG. Enjoy your holidays together and have a very safe, happy, and holy Easter.

Until next term  
God Bless



Darren McDonald  
Principal



Monday April 15 - **Pupil Free Day - Parent Teacher Interviews**

Tuesday April 16 – Students commence Term 2

Thursday 18 April – Gift recognition assembly

Thursday 18 April – Prospective Parents Information Session

Friday 19 April – Interschool Eagles Cup, round 1

Friday 19 April – **Kindy M ONLY – pupil free day – Parent Teacher Interviews**

Saturday 20 April – Commitment Mass 6pm

**Dates for the Calendar for next term – student free days and Public Holidays:**

**Monday April 15 - Pupil Free Day: Parent Teacher Interviews**

**Thursday April 25 - ANZAC Day**

**Friday May 24 - Pupil Free Day**

**Monday June 3 - WA Day**

**Monday June 4 - Pupil Free Day**





## **Kindergarten 2025 Enrolments are now OPEN.**

If your child was born between 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 or 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021, they are eligible to commence our 4-year-old Kindergarten program in 2025.

If you have not submitted your Application for Enrolment yet – especially for our sibling families, please contact the office via email – [admin@smg.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@smg.wa.edu.au) to ask for an Enrolment Pack to be sent to you. Places are filling rapidly.

## **News from our Assistant Principal**

### **Stations of the Cross**

Our Stations of the Cross class presentations have been really special over the last two week. Thank you to all classes for your contributions.

### **NAPLAN**

NAPLAN has now concluded. I would like to congratulate our Year 3 and 5 students on completing these to the best of their ability.

### **Evacuation**

We held an Evacuation Practice on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Easter Raffle**

Thank you to our wonderfully talented P & F for organising the 2024 Easter Raffle.

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

Our Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> April. For Kindy M, these will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> April. This is a great opportunity to learn about how your child is progressing both academically and socially here at SMG.

### **Happy Holidays**

I would like to wish everyone in our school community a safe Easter holiday period. We look forward to seeing the students back on the 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Regards,  
Mr Kim Hughes  
Assistant Principal



As we are near the end of an exciting term, it's time to reflect on the wonderful journey of learning and growth our class has had in 6M! Here's a snapshot of some of our activities and accomplishments:

**Religion:** Embracing the Spirit of Lent In our exploration of religious studies, we explored into the significance of the Lenten season. Through discussions, reflections, and activities, students gained a deeper understanding of the spiritual journey associated with Lent. They embraced the principles of self-reflection, sacrifice, and renewal, connecting these teachings to their own lives and experiences. We also learnt about the concept of vocations and the unique gifts and talents each of us have. Through discussion, students gained insight into their own strengths and how they can contribute positively to their communities and the world around them.

**Literacy:** Our literary adventure continued with our immersive study of Louis Sachar's novel "Holes." Students were engaged in the narrative, drawing connections to their own lives and the world around them. We even made Kate Barlow's famous spiced peaches! The discussions were lively as we explored themes of justice, friendship, and resilience embedded in the story. The anticipation of concluding the term by watching the movie has added an extra layer of excitement to our literacy journey.

**ERP Projects:** Unveiling Natural Disasters In our Extended Research Project (ERP) endeavors, students demonstrated their passion for inquiry and discovery as they explored various natural disasters. Through research and creative expression, they not only expanded their knowledge but also honed their critical thinking and presentation skills. The dioramas showcased during our gallery walk were a testament to their hard work and creativity.







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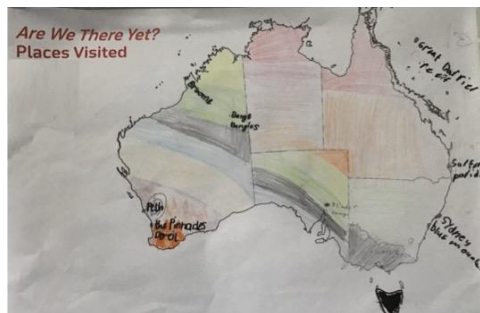
## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

As we celebrate the achievements and growth of our students, it's evident that this term has been filled with learning, exploration, and collaboration. The dedication and enthusiasm displayed by each student has been truly incredible and I am very proud of their progress.



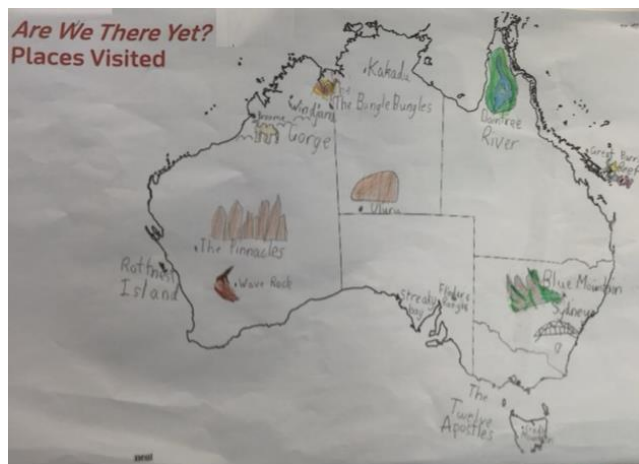
What a busy term it has been in 3M! We have been hard at work, learning!

In Religion, we learnt about Reconciliation and what it means to go to Reconciliation. This prepared many of us to complete our first Sacrament of Reconciliation at Notre Dame Parish last week. We then moved into learning about Lent, including how long it runs for and what people do during this important season before Easter.



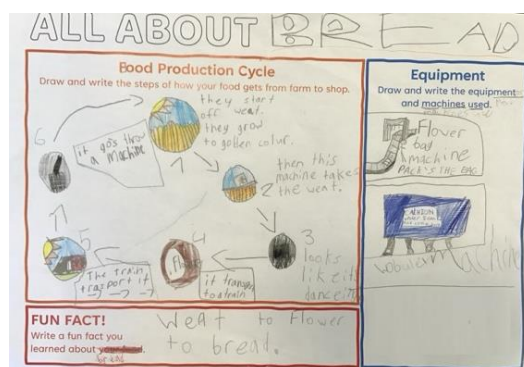
This linked in with our HASS topic for the term, which was exploring the key features of Australia. We explored the map of Australia and some of the most important places around the country.

In Math, we brushed up on our place value before moving into addition and subtraction. We looked at the vertical method and learnt how and why we sometimes need to regroup (or 'carry the one').

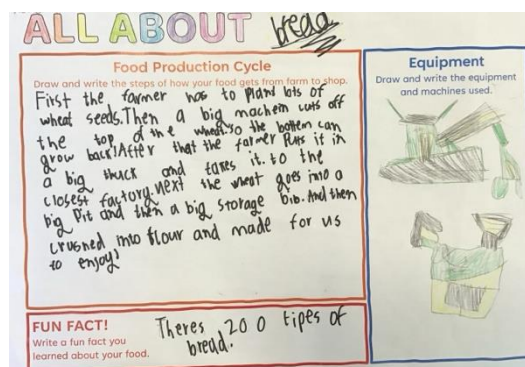


In Technologies, we looked at food production and how milk gets from the farm to the shop. We then had the opportunity to research our own food and find out how it gets from the farm to the shop. We also looked at online safety and why we should not share our personal information with people we do not know. We watched the Hector's World mini-series to help us understand how personal information can end up in the wrong hands if we're not careful.

In English, we looked at the book *Are We There Yet?* We predicted what was going to happen, read the book, and then checked back to see if our predictions were correct. We did lots of fun activities afterwards, including using Google Maps to locate all the places around Australia they visited in the book.



In Science, we looked at living and non-living things. We did lots of activities, including investigating different types of leaves and categorising different features of living things. We did a sorting activity last week where we had to decide how we were going to classify the different animals. It was interesting to see all the different ways each group classified their animals!



## Notre Dame Parish News

I would like to wish all students, staff, and parents/caregivers a happy and holy Easter.

A sincere thank you to all staff for your commitment, hard work, and support during this Term. Your efforts are appreciated and valued. Thank you to the parents/caregivers for your continued support of our school community. A great partnership.

Enjoy the holidays.

### Bible Studies

Each Tuesday evening commencing at 6.00 pm in the Parish Centre.

### RCIA

Each Tuesday evening commencing at 7.15 pm in the Parish Centre.

### Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course

All Church workers are invited to attend an *online safeguarding induction*. A Church worker is anyone in the Parish in any role – paid or voluntary.

The session will cover the Safeguarding policies and procedures, the importance of Safeguarding in the Parish, and the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer. To register, please phone Ingka on 9221 7762 or visit [www.safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au)

### Working with Children Card

A current WW Children Card is required by all volunteers in the Ministries at the Church. Please check the expiry date on the card. A renewal can be made online or forms are available at the Parish Office. For further information, please contact Leonie Blake at the Parish Office on 9277 4094.

### Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes

Boxes and envelopes can be returned and placed in a container at the Wright Street entrance of the Church. A tax receipt can be provided. The theme for this year is, *For all Future Generations*.

### St John of God Hospital Subiaco

Volunteers are required for Extraordinary Minister of Communion every 2 – 3 hours when required. For further information please see the Church Notice Board or contact the Parish Office on 9277 4094.

### Pilgrim Statues

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's' statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on 9277 2872 or 0405 117 138.

### New Members

If you are interested in joining the Notre Dame Parish Social Committee, please contact Leonie Blake at the Parish Office on 9277 4094.

### Easter Raffle

Ticket sales after each Mass – three (3) for \$5.00. Prizes include three Easter Hampers and Easter cake. All proceeds to the Parish Building Fund.

## Easter Rosters and Flyers

Blank rosters have been placed school side entrance of the Church. Please place your name where you are available for the Triduum Celebrations and Easter Sunday.

## Silent Auction – Framed Crucifix

Decorative white frame, blue velvet surround on a beveled edge mirror, blue diamantes with glow in the dark cross. Sheets available both sides of the Church for you to place name, bid and contact details.

## The Record Magazine – April Edition

In this edition of the Magazine:

- Archbishop's Easter Message



- The Power of Bequests
- Embleton Holy Trinity Church celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Greenwood All Saints Church celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 2023 Wanneroo Fires

Dr George Sekulla JP  
Chairman  
Notre Dame Parish Council

## Further information about St Maria Goretti's Catholic School

Information can also be found on the school website [www.smg.wa.edu.au](http://www.smg.wa.edu.au)

Or the school Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/smgcschool>

Or the school Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/smgcschool>