The past few weeks have been extremely busy ones for staff and students. As we focus on Holy Week, I hope you can take some time out with your families to reflect on the passion story as Jesus suffered and died for us. This morning I will travel over to Sacred Heart Cootamundra for the Passion Play with the Year 5 and 6 students. This afternoon our students will present their version of the events leading up to Jesus death and at 10:30am this Tuesday the resurrection of Jesus. I do hope you are able to join us and take an opportunity to pray and reflect with the students and staff.

As Pope Francis has written: The Joy of the Gospel, “Christ’s Resurrection contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force...Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history. Values always tend to reappear under new guises, and human beings have arisen time after time from situations that seemed doomed. Such is the power of the Resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power” (n. 276).

God Bless,
Marylou Gorham

Happy Easter to all our families! We hope that this weekend you spend quality time with your families and take in the reason for the season.

Congratulations Mrs Glover!

Anna graduated on Friday 18th March at Old Parliament House. She has worked hard over the past 6 years completing her degree and we wish her every success in her career.

Holy Communion

On Sunday a number of our Year 4 students completed their First Holy Communion. It was a beautiful service and one I’m sure the students and their families will remember for years to come. As many of you would understand an event like this does not come together by itself. Many hours of work and behind the scenes action goes into making any event a success. Thank you to Father Joshy, the Parish Sacramental Team, Trinity staff and the parishioners and family members of our candidates. We truly appreciate all the hard work that goes into making this such a special occasion for our students.
Year 3 and 4 had an awesome time at Holy Trinity during Catholic Schools Week.

Year 6 Camp 2016

Last week (Tuesday 15th - Friday 18th March) students in Year 6, Miss Carroll and Mrs Gorham traveled to Borambola Sports Camp for the annual Year 6 camp. They all had a lovely time and were very keen to participate in the abundance of activities provided. The students were involved in activities like:
- Rock climbing
- Archery
- BMX riding
- Mud Muster
- And lots more.

Year 6 will have their reports ready for next week's newsletter!

Thank you to our Parent helpers - Sam Lenehan, Paddy Davis and Robert Scott!

Happy Easter, Beck Cooper
Blessed are the merciful...

Last Sunday was a very reverent and joyous day in our parish with the celebration of First Eucharist and the beginning of Holy Week. We continue to pray for the children and their families, that they will enrich the Church as active members of the parish, through their regular attendance at Mass.

Students in all year levels have been busily preparing for Holy Week and through their learning, making the connection between Jesus death and resurrection over two thousand years ago, and what that means for us today. We have been focusing on some significant words – **Hosanna** the words the crowds greeted Jesus with as they cheered him on his journey to Jerusalem. **Crucify Him** – the jeering of those same crowds as they turned against Jesus. **‘Jesus Remember Me’**, the words of the criminal crucified beside Jesus; and finally **Alleluia**! The joyful cry of Easter- because Jesus has conquered death and returns in glory.

We hope you can join us in St Mary’s church on Tuesday morning at 10.30 for K-2’s prayer and celebration of Easter.

**Easter Mass Details:**
- Holy Thursday 5:30pm St Anthony’s Church
- Good Friday Walk: 9:30am Beginning at Anglican Church
- Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 7pm

**The Symbols of Holy Week**
The liturgies of **Holy Week** are filled with some of the richest and most ancient symbols of the Catholic faith. The waving of palms on Passion (Palm) Sunday reminds us that we are called to be followers of Jesus, not just fans who cheer from a distance. The **washing of feet** on Holy Thursday speaks to us of the selfless love that we are called to practice in imitation of Jesus. The veneration of the cross on Good Friday reminds us that, as Christians, we believe that Jesus can overcome anything, even death. The lighting of the Easter fire in a darkened church and the celebration of baptisms on Holy Saturday speak to us of the new life that is ours because of Jesus’ triumph over the darkness of sin and death through his resurrection.

**Make Space to Renew Your Faith**
In her book **The Holy Way**, Paula Huston explains that “a cluttered and overburdened mental space can be one of the biggest obstacles to simple living.” This Holy Week allow yourself time apart, holy time, to spend with Jesus. May it be a time set apart to unclutter your mind, lay down your burdens, and renew your faith in Jesus. Source: [http://www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)

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Risen Christ, lead me to my own Easter moments.
Clear my mind and open my heart so I can see the surprising little joys that are waiting to greet me today.
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Joyce Rupp

Easter Blessings

Helene Boller
WR Cross Country notes have been sent home and are due back next week. Please make sure you complete the note and send back to school so that Mrs Cooper does not have to chase notes! WR Carnival is on **Tuesday 5th April, 2016 at Adelong Golf Course**.

**Goodluck to our 32 representing students!**

**12/13yrs:** Patrick, Ben, Corey, Tully, Maddie DC, Hunter, Emily, Eliza and Katie.

**11yrs:** Hamish, Hugh, Jesse, Tykieta, Angel and Maddie J.

**10yrs:** Angus, Oliver, Ty, Brody, Hunter, Josie, Georgia, Heidi, Zarlie and Amelia.

**8/9yrs:** Christian, Boston, Sara, Amber, Lotte, Sophie and Samantha.

### Harden Junior Netball

**Preschool to Year 9 (Boys and Girls)**

Term 2 2016 Competition due to commence on **Friday 29th April 2016 (Term 2 Week 1)**

**Every Friday 4.00-5.15pm (6 week competition)**

$20 to be paid on 1st day of competition.

Please put down the players name before the 1st game so your child can be put in a team.

Call Penny Lucas- 0413 603 747 or Treen Brooker- 0411 045 630, email penny.k.lucas@gmail.com or message on Facebook page Harden Junior Netball.
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**School Community Council**
- Chair Person: Sam Lenehan
- Deputy: Brendan McKay
- Secretary: Fiona Collins
- Treasurer: Brendan McKay
- Principal: Marylou Gorham
- Bursar: Leanne Davis
- Parent Representative: Kate Squire-Wilson
- Parish Representative: Ev Shea
- Staff Representative: Helene Boller
- Canteen Manager: Jennifer McKay
- Grounds & Maintenance: Charlie Lucas

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