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Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."
(Luke 15: 31-32)

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent and in Sunday's Gospel (Luke 15: 1-3, 11- 32) we are reminded of the story of the Prodigal Son. When we reflect on the Gospel many of us think that the son who spent his inheritance was greedy and wasteful and the son who remained with the Father was well within his right to be put out by the Father's great welcoming home of this 'waster'. It certainly stirs up many feelings of inequality for the 'good son', however, while we are side tracked and wrapped up in these feelings we are missing the real focus of the Gospel which is that of a loving, forgiving, merciful father. It could be seen that neither of the sons are worthy of their father's love. One turned his back on that love and the other expected it as a rightful due. How often in life are we guilty of coveting that of others instead of being grateful for our own blessings?

When we reflect on this Gospel let us be reminded of our own loving, forgiving, merciful father; God. Let us all take time to reflect on our merciful Father who loves us not because we have earned His love, but instead, loves us despite our failings and inadequacies. Our Father loves us because our Father loves us! Nothing we do can win that love and nothing we can possibly do will lose it. Our Father forgives despite what we have done and what we have failed to do. Our merciful Father forgives us because He loves us and always will. And for this we should rejoice!

This year, St Francis School will join Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW) from 6 -10 March. The theme for CSW 2016 is 'I Belong, You Belong, We Belong'.

Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community. It is for this reason that I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us to celebrate with our school and parish community Catholic Schools Week 2016.

This is an ideal opportunity to support our community and learn more about the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day. Our school has a supportive community of teachers, parents, grandparents, carers, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to focus on giving students the best education possible, encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week.

Good Shepherd Mass Times

Saturday: 8am, 6pm Sunday: 7am, 9am, 6pm

Weekday: Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 6am, 9am

Spanish: Sat 7.30pm

Vietnamese: Sunday 10.45am





SCHOOL PHOTOS

**Wednesday 16th
March**

Photo envelopes were sent home today. The completed photo envelopes need to be returned to school **before** the actual photo day with the correct money enclosed. You can also order and pay for the photos online.

ALL children must wear their **FULL** sports uniform for the photos.

FAMILY PHOTOS (OPTIONAL)

Brother/sister photos will be taken on photo day. Pre-pay envelopes are available on request from the office. Use this envelope (or order online before the actual photo day) if you wish to place an order for a family photo of your children.
(Only those attending the school - no pre-schoolers)

HAIR POLICY

A reminder to parents that boy's haircuts **MUST** be sensible, normal cuts short back and sides. Heads must not be shaved. Girls must have their hair tied back if it is long with green or white hair ties or ribbon. Please note children's hair is **NOT** to be shaved or have shapes and designs in it. Children are not to have colour in their hair. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

WORLD YOUTH DAY RAFFLE

The WYD Raffle is now closed. The office is no longer accepting any payments or tickets. Please do not send in any money.

RESPONSIBLE USE OF ICT & SOCIAL MEDIA FOR STUDENTS

Just a reminder to families to return the Responsible use of ICT & Social Media note. All children should have received a copy of this. If you require a copy please see the office. It is important that you read this form with your children before signing and returning. Please make sure you fill in all details including the students name.

DATES COMING UP 2015

Fri	4th Mar	WYD Raffle Closed.
Sun	6th Mar	Catholic Schools Week commences
Mon	7th Mar	Liturgy in hall at 11.30am Open classrooms from 12pm Followed by picnic lunch
Wed	9th Mar	P & F Group meets. 7pm
Fri	11th Mar	* School Cross Country Yrs 3 to 6 * Captivate Band Practice at Sacred Heart Mt Druitt 9.30am - 1.30pm
Wed	16th Mar	School Photos - ALL students must wear their sports uniform.
Thur	17th Mar	Year 5 Mass

SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that Flexible Payment Plans forms were due back to CEO last week, so if you haven't sent this in and are wanting to take part please return immediately.

Term 1 school fees are due on **Monday 7th March**. We do not have a lot of change available so please ensure if paying at the office you have the correct amount.

During the year if you need to discuss your school fee account, can you please do this via phone or email as this helps to keep your situation private and also allows access to have your notes at hand.

NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR

All school newsletters, school events via the parent calendar and notes sent home are accessible on our website:

<http://www.stfrancisglendenning.catholic.edu.au>
the school communication app SKOOLBAG is also worth downloading. This app can be downloaded on any smartphone.

If you would like the newsletter automatically emailed to you each week all you need to do is subscribe through our website. Click the **'Subscribe to Our Newsletter'** at the bottom of the home page on the above website and enter your details.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**TUESDAY 29TH MARCH 2016****THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN
AT SCHOOL ON THIS DAY****CROSS COUNTRY - FRIDAY 11TH MARCH**

Friday the 11th March is the Years 3 to 6 Cross Country which will be held at Joe McAleer Reserve Glendenning. This will start at approximately 9.30am Please ensure your children are wearing sunscreen, a hat, and have plenty of water to drink during the cross country as well as after.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EVENTS

SUNDAY – Catholic School Week commences with Mass at 10.30am Holy Family Church Emerton.

MONDAY 11:30am - School Liturgy in the hall followed by Open Classrooms at 12:00. After the Open Classrooms visitors can join the children for a Picnic Lunch at 12:50pm.

WEDNESDAY 7PM - Parent & Friends Meeting - Come along and meet Annabelle our new school Counsellor. Annabelle will discuss her role in the school and how she can support parents with parenting tips.

Refreshments will be available from 6:30pm

FRIDAY – School Cross Country

RESPECT AWARDS

KA Noah Daglis

KS Caleb Bailey

1B Simrat Siani

1O Yabsera Tekeste

2C Ethan Mateo

2R Mia Hampton

3A Pretorius Wilson

3B Declan Keating

4B Deng Koul

4C Rayden Rodriguez

5B Brodie Kasprzycki

5W Sadie O'Neill

6D Hazel Russell

6S Iris Sinsay

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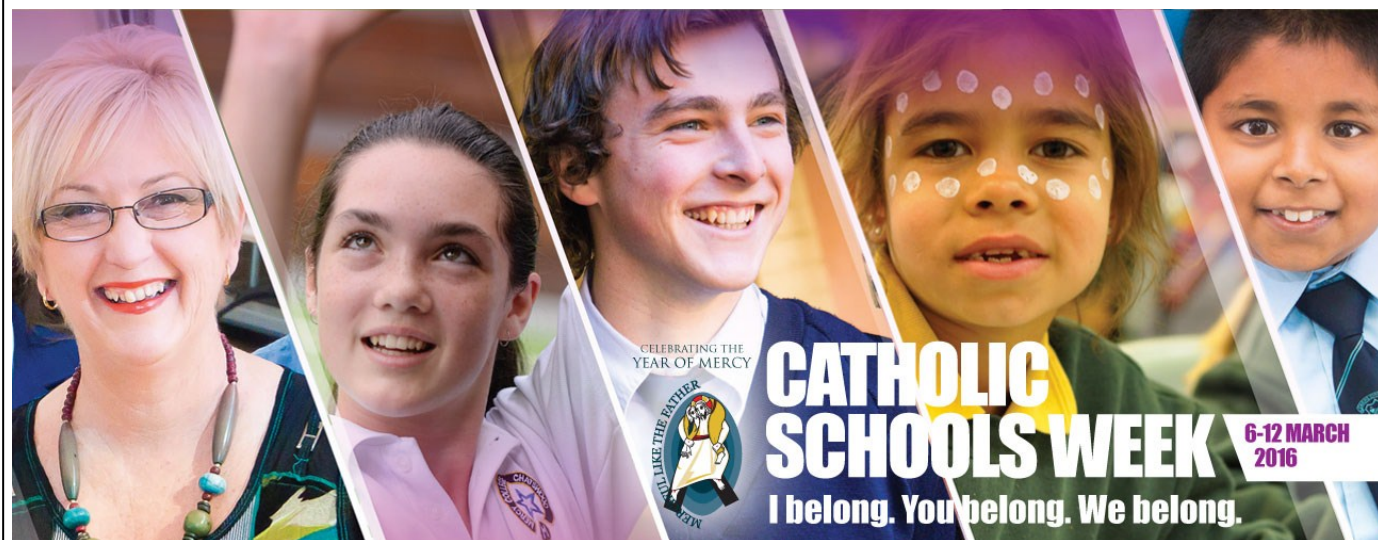
Throughout Lent we encourage families to support Caritas' Project Compassion through donations.

Dominic - PNG

Dominic's village has achieved greater peace and increased respect, as well as reduced violence and alcohol abuse. Now, Dominic's community has a chance to thrive.

Please support Project Compassion through this term to help families like these.

Watch his story here: <https://goo.gl/DeYm3v>



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