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Gospel Summary

This Gospel is the well-known story of the prodigal son who begged for his share of the family inheritance. He took his fortune to a far away place and quickly spent all he had on his personal pleasures. He was completely broke when a serious famine struck the area and he was forced to tend pigs, an occupation prohibited to Jewish people. As he tended the pigs, he hungered for their scraps and realized that his father's slaves lived better than he did. It was then that he decided to return home, not as a son, but as a hired hand. So happy was the man's father when he saw his son return that he celebrated with all sorts of signs of honor. The father's older son, however, was very displeased with the way his father treated his brother, claiming that he had always been there working like a slave for his father. Never once had the father celebrated with this son. The father explained that the older son had always been with him and obedient. It was cause to rejoice, however, that his other son had been lost but now was found.

Reflection for Families

Parents try to divide the world into equal pieces for each of their children, but they know how very different each child can be. There are really no "one-size-fits-all" sets of expectations for families with more than one child. This Gospel helps us remember that we need to recognise the virtues of obedience and faithfulness, while we still love unconditionally and forgive the child who challenges us. Both brothers in this story considered themselves slaves—a feeling we work hard to prevent in our children.

Weekend Mass Times:

Chiltern Saturday 6pm

Rutherglen Sunday 9am

Wahgunyah Sunday 10.30am

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 27 March

Sacrament of Reconciliation - 6pm

1st round Hot Cross Bun orders delivered

Friday 29 March

9.30am - Junior Mass

Tuesday 2 April

Aboriginal Studies - Excursion

(Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6)

2nd round Hot Cross Bun orders due

Wednesday 3 April

2nd round Hot Cross Bun orders delivered

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Lent.



Congratulations to the McFarlane family, with the Baptism of Elijah, Sienna and Harry on Saturday afternoon.

Pictured back row:- Andrew McFarlane, Fr. Carey & Jenna McFarlane

Pictured front row:- Elijah, Sienna & Harry McFarlane




Last Week of Term:

Remember next **Friday, 5th of April**, is the last day of term. School finishes at 2.30pm. All buses will pick up bus children at 2.30pm.

PBIS Awards (Positive Behaviour in Schools):

This week's Focus: Expectations at Assembly

Toilets	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be quiet and ready to listen to the speakers • Face the speakers • Clap appropriately • Sit appropriately on the floor • Enter and exit rooms calmly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk into assembly quietly and quickly • Hands and feet to myself • Be a good listener • Make a good choice to sit with my peers • Be aware of other students personal space • Listen to the teachers when they have given an instruction • Let parents through the door first • Line up at the end of assembly in emergency evacuation line. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show school pride by singing the National Anthem • Help pack up chairs after the assembly • Pick up all my belongings, eg. drink bottle, jumper. • Take props, school work and items back to classroom in a respectful way.

Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners *(pictured below):*

Jed Goudie (F/1 HK), Kasey Rhodes (1/2 LD) & Flynn Verhulst (3/4 MF/JS)



Have a great week,
Matt
Principal



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Activity for this Week

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

FINAL SOUND AWARENESS:

I Spy: Identify an object in the room and say I spy with my little eye something that ends with the sound /m/ room, bum, plum, ram, etc. (Make sure to use the sound not the letter name).

This activity can be replicated with other sounds.



Kids Early Action Program in Schools

Limit Setting

Household rules let everyone know the behavioural expectations and also help children and teenagers to feel safe and secure. Young children (often until mid-to late primary school) need supervision and support to follow rules as they may forget or become easily distracted.

- Give one request at a time
- Make requests positive and polite
- Whenever possible, give children options
- Give helpful reminders. Eg, "In 2 minutes we'll have to pack all this away and go brush our teeth."
- Use "when... then..." commands. Eg, "When you put away your clothes, then we can go to the park". This makes the behaviour wanted, and its consequence clear. First you get the behaviour you want, then you give a positive consequence.
- Rules should tell children what to do rather than what not to do Eg: "Hands and feet to self" rather than "no hitting", or 'speak respectfully' rather than "no swearing".
- Praise children when they follow limits.

Adapted from the Raising Children Network and Carolyn Webster-Stratton



We send our best wishes to:

Sienna McFarlane (27/3) &

Lucas Zani (31/3)

who will be celebrating their birthdays this week.



McDonald's® AUSTRALIAN BILLY CART CHAMPIONSHIPS
EASTER SATURDAY 20 April 2019
Sanger Street, Corowa

www.australianbillycartchampions.com.au

8am-9am Billy Cart Registrations Open 9am-10am Billy Cart Scrutineering at top of Sanger Street 9:45am Billy Cart Registrations Close 10:30am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9 Years & Under - 10-15 Years - Open Class (16 Years & Over) - 60+ - All Schools Team and Community Challenge - Finals for All Classes - Presentation of Trophies & Prizes to the Australian Billy Cart Champions 	ALL AGES EVENT RACE REGISTRATIONS \$15 EARLY BIRD \$20 ON THE DAY BILLY CART HIRE AVAILABLE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT JUMPING CASTLES, & MARKET STALLS
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FLYING FRUIT FLY CIRCUS

HOLIDAY CIRCUS WORKSHOP

Join us these school holidays for a fun filled four days of circus! Kids will work on a range of skills including tumbling, trampoline, hula hoops, juggle, human balances, diabolo and aerial skills!

Monday 15 - Thursday 18 April
9am - 12pm
For kids aged 7yrs & up
\$180 per child
Call 02 6043 0777 to enrol or check out our website!

Use your Creative Kids or Active Kids voucher!

This year, the Parents and Friends Team are running the **Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser** again. Rutherglen Bakery have kindly jumped on board to supply us with these yummy treats.

Second round orders need to be placed with the school by Tuesday 2nd April for pick up on Wednesday 3rd April.

Cost:-

- \$6.50 per 1/2 dozen - Plain
- \$7.00 per 1/2 dozen - Fruit
- \$7.50 per 1/2 dozen - Choc Chip

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Thursday 4 April	Easter Raffle draw



Our Easter Raffle tickets have now been handed out to your child/ren. We would love you to sell these to have a chance at winning an Easter Egg Hamper.

Please bring your Easter Egg donations into the office. The more donations we receive, the more hampers available to win.

Friday 5 April	Last Day Term 1 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) Glenview Visit Sporting Schools Gymnastics Program (during school hours)
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Term 2

Tuesday 23 April	First Day Term 2
Thursday 25 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Friday 26 April	9.30am - Senior Mass
Tuesday 30 April	3.00pm - Assembly
Wednesday 8 May	Catholic Education Week - School Breakfast
Tuesday 14 May	3.00pm - Assembly

Term 3

Wed 30 October	Canberra Camp (Grades 5 & 6)
Thur 31 October	Canberra Camp (Grades 5 & 6) Borambola Camp (Grades 3 & 4)
Fri 1 November	Canberra Camp (Grades 5 & 6)

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