Dear Parents
Welcome to week 4 of Term 1.

As a school we continue our journey through Lent.
Prep /One lead us in prayer to reflect on making good choices and showing compassion to others.

Compassion

*I expect to pass through life but once.
Therefore if there be any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do for another,
let me know for I shall not pass this way again*

This week we will be having our Meet and Greet conversations with your classroom teacher. This is an opportunity to express your hopes and goals for your children for this year. These conversations are for a short amount of time. Please feel free to arrange another time for an extended conversation.

All meet and greets will take place in the classroom. This is not a closure day children will continue normal curriculum with myself and Mrs McGuane.

Plans are also on the way for our Heritage day in April. Boards have been set up in the hall arranged in decades. If you have any photos or memorabilia to help with displays, the hall will be open each Friday afternoon for you to set these up.

Congratulations this week for students that received the awards for Honesty

P/1 Davina Campbell  
2/3/4 Soraya Lenehan  
5/6 Will Parkhouse

*For you I have Destiny and a Hope"*

Taken from the scripture of Jeremiah.

Have a great week.

Yours Sincerely
Anne Ruddell  
PRINCIPAL

**BIKE RIDERS**

It is great to see so many children riding their bikes to school. Could you please send a note notifying us where you child is to go after school.

**OFF THIS PLANET**
Off this Planet an Earth and Space Education Program will be visiting our school tomorrow Thursday 25th February. This program fits in with our curriculum for this year. The school will cover the cost involved in this show.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**
Friday 26th February will be a School Closure Day for all pupils.

**FAMILY FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME**
The Ballarat Diocese has introduced the Family Fee Assistance Scheme. This scheme offers a Tuition Fee concession to families who are eligible. To be eligible you must hold a current Health Care Card that was valid on 27th January 2016. To receive this you must complete a form which is available at the office. Families who hold a valid Health Care Card are also entitled to apply for a Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund.

To apply for either of the above schemes you must complete the forms you received last week and if you have not already done so you must also present your Health Care Card at the office no later than 29th February 2016.

**PARENT MEET/GREET**
A reminder this will be held tomorrow Thursday 25th February. These meetings are offered to enable parent and teacher to share and clarify any important information that will support the development of shared educational goals and expectations for each child throughout the year.

**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**
Our School Photo Day is Monday 7th March. All children are to be in their correct Summer Uniform.

**PREP/ONE NEWS**
This week in the P/1 room we expect chickens to hatch! We are expecting them to arrive this Thursday after 21 days of care. We are very excited and have chicken crumble and a box/light ready! A huge thank you to Alice Armistead for assisting us in this journey and for caring for the eggs on the weekend.

In numeracy over the next fortnight we will be focusing on informal measurement and addition.

Grade 1 THRASS Spelling words: ladder, fish, coffee, dolphin and gate.

As a part of our Religion studies on 'Creation' we will be photographing things in our natural environment that we think are beautiful or that we are grateful for. We will also be photographing people caring for creation and the environment. These photos will be displayed on the wall outside our classroom for the school community to enjoy.

Thanks
Kate

**YEAR 2/3/4**
This week in Maths we’ve wrapped up our place value and whole number learning and are moving onto Line & Angles and Properties of 2D Shapes. Ask your child to identify some parallel and perpendicular lines around the home.

In Language we’ve been continuing our novel study, Rowan of Rin. Despite being a fantasy novel, it contains fantastic links to cause and effect scenarios of environmental disasters along with the importance of bravery and courage in the face of adversity.

At the front of our classroom I’ve placed a ‘Homework Heroes’ chart on the wall to keep track of everyone’s homework achievements……unfortunately there are a few gaps. If students could please bring homework books in each Friday (or earlier), that would be appreciated. Contract 3 is due this week.
Spelling words and any associated activities don’t need to come back; these are simply there for practice……..the proof will be in the pudding when they complete their spelling tests each Friday!

Lastly don’t forget to hand up your reading log (or diaries for Yr 4) for checking. There are plenty of books available in the classroom and library or you might like to pick something at home.

Cheers
Mr C

5/6 NEWS
Homework went out yesterday with different tasks to complete.
We have been working on Sizzling Starts in class and part of our homework is to create some at home.
Most of the class have made a concentrated effort with their homework so far. Keep up the fantastic effort everyone!
Homework is due back on Friday 4th March.

As part of our Sustainability focus the children have devised posters encouraging others to care for our environment. The posters will be on display in the passage for you to look at.

In maths we are still investigating place value of numbers.
The students will focus on reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 100,000’s. We are also looking at the value of millions.

We are still spending some time on setting up our classroom expectations. We have an OSCAR display that focuses on what we can do as a class to operate as responsible and productive role models for our school.
O stands for Openness, S stands for Support, C stands for Co-Operation, A stands for Acceptance and R stands for Respect.

I look forward to seeing parents this Thursday at our ‘Meet and Greet’ sessions.

If you have any queries regarding your child please contact me at school or by email on msutherland@sbcoragulac.catholic.edu.au

Star of the Day awards go to:
Jessy Moore, Charles Hanlon, Tamzyn Newcombe, Gillian Gurrie and Boe Sutherland.

Congratulations on your excellent work.

Cheers
Mandy

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS
St Brendan's Heritage Day (past to present)-Sunday 10th April 2016. ------We are asking all families for your help and support for this special day. This is to be our major fundraiser for the year hopefully until the Warrion Flower Show (in October). Depending on the profits made from this event we are hoping to eliminate a lot of extra fundraisers throughout the year. More details to come but please keep in mind this date as time does fly!!

Social Evening for all Families. ------Thursday 3rd March at 6:30pm on school oval. A sausage sizzle will available for a gold coin donation or you can BYO your own dinner. We will be having a cricket match on the school oval and encourage everyone to come along and have some fun. It will be a great chance to welcome our new families to our school

Second Hand Uniforms ------If you have any uniforms that you wish to sell or purchase could you please let Mary know and she will put it on the weekly school Newsletter. Remember to put your name, phone number and price so any enquires can be made directly you. Thank you.

Annual General Meeting---will be held on Monday 7th March at 7.30pm in the School hall. All are invited to attend.

Cheers
SCHOOL MAINTENENCE ROSTER
Attached to today’s Newsletter is our Annual Maintenance Roster. Gerrard Monaghan will be in touch with each family to organise the tasks.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Wednesday is a day of rest for the preps until after Labour Day week-end in March.

24th  Swimming Program commences continues until Wednesday 23rd March
25th  Conversation Day for parents
      Off This Planter (Science Show) at the school for all students
26th  School Closure Day

MARCH

4th    Scholastic Book Club order due to be returned to school
7th    School Photo Day
14th   Labour Day Public Holiday
16th   Prep children commence Wednesdays
23rd   Last day of Swimming Program
24th   Last day Term 1
25th   Good Friday

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

FEBRUARY

26th    Tyrese Lenehan

Make your abstinence a prayer-in-action.

As Catholics we are called to give up something for Lent. Chocolate, coffee, that extra helping of dinner, one less hour of video games or watching DVDs—whatever it is, you can make what you’re giving up for Lent a prayer as well: a prayer-in-action. Whenever you encounter the thing you are abstaining from or the time of day that you would normally enjoy it, take a moment to say a prayer in recognition of your wholeness in God even without the thing you have given up. Thank God for the freedom to be wholly yourself without this and, at the same time, acknowledge the gift of its existence in the world.
The Rotary Club of Colac is holding the annual Beechy Rail Trail Run and Walk on Sunday March 20 with added Relay and Bike riding options. The relay teams consist of three members at a cost of $5 per person. The run and Relay begin at 9am from Barongarook, the walk begins at 10am from Gellibrand and the Bikes at 8.45am from Barongarook. Registration can be completed here: www.oldbeechyrailtrailfunrun.org.au or pay on the day.