Project Compassion
At the moment the school is raising funds for Project Compassion. The theme for 2015 is “Food for Life”. The following extract, taken from Caritas’ website sheds more light on this topic:

Food is essential for all life, yet many of the world’s poorest people do not have food security. That means they live from day-to-day, uncertain of how to afford or how to access their next meal. Without food, the rest of life is impossible to contemplate: how can you plan for the future or educate your children when you fear you will be hungry?

As Pope Francis says: “It is a well-known fact that current levels of production are sufficient, yet millions of people are still suffering and dying of starvation. This is truly scandalous.”

Project Compassion 2015 explores how Caritas Australia is helping the world’s poorest people establish sustainable food, walking with them as they free themselves from the burden of food insecurity and develop new, improved income streams for a better future.

EDI
During the EDI lessons, teachers use eight ‘Engagement Norms’. Below is a list of these and why they are used. The information is sourced from DataWorks (the company who created the program)

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<th>Engagement Norm</th>
<th>Benefits for Students</th>
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<td>Track With Me &amp; Read With Me</td>
<td>Helps students read new words</td>
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<td>Repeat With Me</td>
<td>Supports students with pronunciation</td>
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<td>Gesture With Me</td>
<td>Helps students to store information in multiple ways</td>
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<td>Pair-Share</td>
<td>Assists in processing new information to understand</td>
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<td>Attention Signal</td>
<td>Refocuses students during the lesson</td>
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<td>Whiteboards (Chin-it)</td>
<td>Used to check that all students are learning</td>
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<td>Complete Sentences</td>
<td>Helps promote rehearsal of the new language</td>
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P&F Committee
It was great to see that the P&F has continued in 2015. To all who attended the meeting and agreed to go on the committee, a huge thank you. The office bearers are as follows:

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Pre-Primary Information Session will be held on Friday 6th March at 2.30pm
Water Cooler
As a result of the fantastic fundraising last year by the P&F, I am pleased to announce that the water cooler has finally arrived. We are now in the process of installing it. Thank you to all involved for making this happen.

Out of the Mouth of Children
In Sunday school, one of the students became ill with chicken pox, the teacher asked if anyone else had ever had chicken pox. One child raised his hand and said, "No, but I've had Cocoa Pops."

Enjoy the coming weekend

Rob Palladino
Principal

Contact Details
Please notify the office if your contact details have changed. Please ensure the office knows if your child has any allergies or illnesses that we need to be aware of.

EDI
EDI Literacy classes are taught each morning in every class from PP to Year Six. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time so he/she will not miss out on the beginning of the EDI lesson.

Cleaning Vacancy
There is a vacancy for a school cleaner for two hours a day Monday to Friday. If you wish to apply for this position please forward an expression of interest to the Principal, Mr Robert Palladino, by Friday, 6th March.

Class Masses and Liturgies
All classes from Years 3 to 6 celebrate Class Masses and Pre-Primary to Year 2 will celebrate Class Liturgies once a term. All parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to join the children for these religious celebrations. Below is the roster for Term One.

Term 1
Week 7 Wednesday 18th March Year 1 Class Liturgy
Week 9 Thursday 2nd April Year 2 Class Liturgy

Dates to Remember
Fri 6th March Assembly Year 6
Fri 6th March Pre-Primary information session at 2.30pm

Merit Awards
The following children will receive Merit Awards at Friday’s assembly at 1.45 pm. Parents are welcome to attend our assemblies.

PP Daisy McKay, Michaela Flora, Ben Richardson, Leon D’Costa
Year 1 Riley Ferguson, Emily Hickling
Year 2 Lucy Morling, Avani Santhosh
Year 3 Gabriel Rose, Nevaiah Malay
Year 4 Josiah McDonald, Harrison Bradley, Zimmarley Williams-Wilson
Year 5 Mirranda Daisy Brooking, Adrianna Albert, Cailiam Carpio
Year 6 Jamahl Shovellor, Jasmine Van Vugt, Sydne Campbell

P&F News
Parents & Friends Association welcomes everyone (particularly any new families) to an afternoon at the Derby Town Pool.
Sunday, 8th March
3pm to 5pm
Please bring a plate of light food to share for afternoon tea.
Hope to see you there!
Music Notes

I’m really excited to be teaching classroom music at Holy Rosary School this year!

This term the Pre-primarys, Year 1s and Year 2s have been listening to and exploring music: they have been listening to different forms and styles of music, playing percussion instruments on the beat, singing songs, using body percussion, moving to music and learning about different tuned instruments.

Next week years 3 to 6 will start music lessons. As there hasn’t been a music programme at Holy Rosary for a number of years we will start with similar learning experiences in term 1, and then in term 2 Years 3 to 6 will be learning recorder. Students will be asked to bring in money to purchase a recorder for term 2. We will also be starting a choir!

At the start of the year I was fortunate enough to attend the ASME summer school for music teachers. Dr Anita Collins presented the keynote address about the importance of music education on brain development. Her excellent 5min TED Ed animated movie on How playing an instrument benefits your brain has been watched by almost 3 million people. I really recommend that you take the time to watch it to be inspired about the benefits of learning music!
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0JKCYZ8hng)

Please feel free to come in and see me on Wednesdays if you have any questions regarding music.

Thank you.

Miss Caroline

Newsletter Incentive
Please ask your child to return the Newsletter Incentive acknowledgement slip as it gives them an opportunity to win a prize.

I have received and read my child ____________________________ newsletter.

Parent / Caregiver signature: ________________________________