Dear Parents and Friends,

In earlier newsletters I have shared our school rules and explained how staff have been working towards developing positive schoolwide behaviours for learning.

Our rules:
- I am safe
- I am a learner
- I am respectful

Are followed up with questions to students like:
- “Are you being a learner?”
- “Are you being safe?”
- “Are you being respectful?”

These rules and statements are used daily by all staff and students. Verbal praise and positive actions reinforce the students when they are following the school rules. We are creating a school where teachers and students collaboratively establish clear, concise behavioural expectations.

We are developing a school of safe and respectful learners.

Non-compliance of the school rules is followed through with consequences, parents are contacted and sometimes the school counsellor may become involved.

Please see the attached flow chart, which outlines the consequences for non-compliance. Also there is a chart, which describes major and minor behaviours. Please make yourself familiar with these school rules and reinforce them with your children at home. I thank you for your support thus far in the school year.

I look forward to building community with our new Kindergarten families tonight. Arrive at 5.30 and we will finish the disco at 7pm.

Last Sunday’s Gospel was a reading from Mark:
The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

When are we tempted?
What is our reaction to temptation?

Let us constantly ask the Lord to support us and be with us in our times of temptation.

May the peace of Christ be with all our families.

Helen Boyer
Principal
School Rules Competition

Congratulations to the students who won the School Rules Poster Competition. These posters will be displayed in their learning spaces.

Fiona Nguyen  Gwyneth Climaco  Angelina Batistic

2015 School Fees

Term One fees have been sent to all families from the Catholic Education Office. If you want to pay in installment as described with the statement, please complete the form and send it in the enclosed envelope to the Catholic Education Office as soon as possible.

If you are experiencing difficulties paying fees please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Notes to be Returned

Thank you to all the families who have returned the permission / notes for:

- Consent to use Child’s Image, Video, Audio and Works
- 2015 ICT Policy
- Consent to Sell Raffle Tickets and
- Student Information for 2015 form.

If you have not already returned your notes, please do so by Friday 27th February.

School Uniform

All uniforms are now to be purchased from:

OZ Fashions  Phone: 9897 3121
115-127 Parramatta Road Granville  Web: www.ozfashions.com.au
Trading Hours:  Monday – Friday 9am – 5.30pm
Saturday 9am – 4pm

School Hats, Library/Excursion Bags and Hair Accessories can be purchased from the school office.

A very limited number of some second-hand uniforms are available at school.

Enquire through the school office.

Numeracy Hint

Look for opportunities to talk about numbers. For example, read speed signs as you are driving along the road, talk about patterns in house numbers, look at and read phone numbers and number plates on cars.
Literacy Hint

It all starts with reading aloud to your child. You cannot overestimate the importance of this. The more words your child hears from the beginning of their life, the bigger their vocabulary will be - which will pave the way when they learn to read for themselves. Listening comprehension comes before reading comprehension.

Sport/Gymnastics and Library Days:

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Birthday Celebrations

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday in March:


Students of the Week

Week ending 20.2.15

Kindergarten: Laasya Gaddi
Year One: Will Derbas
Year Two: Victoria Blandon
Year Three: Olivia Ge
Year Four: Joshua Rajadurai
Year Five: Kelly Vo
Year Six: Fiona Nguyen

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Social Skill Focus

**Apologising - Saying Sorry**

We sometimes do things for which we are later sorry. Apologising is something we can do to let other people know we are sorry. It also often makes us feel better.

* Think about your choice - whether you will
  - Say it out loud to the person or
  - Write the person a note
* Choose a good time and place
* Carry out your best choice in a sincere way.

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**Canteen Roster**

Volunteers must complete Child Protection Training before working with children in schools. Access this online using the following link:  [http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training](http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training)

If you are able to help on the roster between 10am and 2.15pm on a Tuesday or Friday please contact the school office.

- **Fri, 27th February**  - Sandra El Khoury, Almaza Faddoul, Amanda Georges
- **Tue, 3rd March**  - Joanne Batistic, Dianna Asmar
- **Fri, 6th March**  - Lisa El-Hajj, Volunteer Needed – please
- **Tue, 10th March**  - Joyce Irima, Camilla Liutai
- **Fri, 13th March**  - Sandra El Khoury, Almaza Faddoul
- **Tue, 17th March**  - Paulette Zaiter, Rosette Bou-Francis
- **Fri, 20th March**  - Sophie Depares, Amanda Georges

If you are unable to make your rostered day please contact the school office as soon as possible.

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**Calendar Dates**

- **Wednesday 25th February**  - Kindergarten Welcome BBQ and disco tonight 5.30-7.00pm
- **8th -16th March**  - Catholic Schools Week
- **Tuesday 17th March**  - School Cross Country
- **Wednesday 25th March**  - Feast of the Annunciation
- **Sunday 29th March**  - Palm Sunday
- **Thursday 2nd April**  - Holy Thursday – Last day of Term 1
- **Friday 3rd April**  - Good Friday
- **Sunday 5th April**  - Easter Sunday

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**CERDON COLLEGE MERRYLANDS**

Aspire to Great Heights

Enrolments for Year 7 2016

Packages from College Office and also available at Open Day 10 March.

All Applications to College Office by Friday 22 May

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**Taekwondo**

Children from 7+ years up – 5-6.00pm

Adults – 6.30-8.00pm

at Mary MacKillop Hall

every Tuesday during school term

Contact Master Nguyen – 0434 198 551

kntaekwondo@yahoo.com

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