



EASTER CROSSES - YEAR 3

Easter Assembly Message - Mrs Carmichael

It's a sinking feeling in your stomach when you're caught out.

It's shame. It's your flushed face, your heart beating fast.

It's the world watching your every move.

There's no hiding away. Everyone is talking about you.

You can't pretend it didn't happen. You can't pretend you didn't know it was wrong.

Shame overwhelms

Shame is a million fingers pointed at you. And there's nowhere you can hide.

This Sunday, Australia's sporting world exploded. Our beloved test cricket team, the wearers of the sacred baggy green. Caught out cheating – yellow tape hastily stuffed down the pants. Breaking one of the most important rules in our sporting community. We teach it to our kids on the soccer field, on the basketball court. With every sip of milk Milo or spoon of Nutrigrain, there's the mantra. Play fair. Be honest. Don't cheat.

Malcolm Turnbull calls the captain of the Australian cricket team "the second highest office in the country". It's an esteemed position. Your country watches and waits for you to deliver glory and success. To be immortalised with the legends – Donald Bradman, Allan Border, David Boon, Ricky Ponting. It's an incredibly high pedestal from which to fall.

Like many Australians who have grown up watching cricket, I was absolutely gobsmacked by the events that unfolded on Sunday. It was profoundly uncomfortable to literally watch the events unfold and watch the guilty parties own up.

But shame isn't that far from all of us.

We might not have been caught with yellow sticky tape in our pocket – but we all know that there have been times that we've stuffed up. We've been caught out and had to explain ourselves.

In Romans, Paul states it clearly: All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Dear Parents,

We are not having a full newsletter this week due to the Easter Break. As our Easter Assembly this week was a very moving one, I wanted to share with you the items given by Hamish Powell (Year 11) and Mrs Carmichael, which your children would have heard. I hope you have a safe and blessed Easter.

Iain Belot
Principal



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In his song *Walk on Water*, rapper Eminem shares his perspective
Why, are expectations so high?
Is it the bar I set?
My arms, I stretch, but I can't reach
A far cry from it, or it's in my grasp, but as
Soon as I grab, squeeze
I lose my grip like the flying trapeze

I walk on water
But I ain't no Jesus
I walk on water
But only when it freezes
It's the curse of the standard
'Cause I'm only human, just like you
Making my mistakes, oh if you only knew
I don't think you should believe in me the way you do
'Cause I'm terrified to let you down, oh
If I walked on water, I would drown

It's a terrifying world to live in when you stand alone, afraid to fail and afraid of the shame.

And as the world stands poised – waiting to see what will be done to deal with the shame of the Australian cricket team – on a cross, over two thousand years ago, the answer for all of us has already been provided.

Jesus' death on the cross saves us from our shame

Jesus' death on the cross spans throughout eternity. It is a single act of sacrifice, completed by God – in all of his perfection and holiness.

Jesus death on the cross takes all our shame.

We might be a nation with our eyes fixed on one example of shame – one example of a fall from grace. But Steve Smith and the Australian cricket team aren't any different to the rest of us. Perhaps it's not fair for us to expect our heroes to never let us down. As Eminem say he – and them – and us. We're only human.

We are humans who fail. Who cheat. Who get it wrong. Who feel ashamed.

We are humans who are known by a God – who knows our needs. Who knows we can't do it on our own. And we are met by a God who offers his perfect Son Jesus, to die on the cross for all our shame and all our brokenness.

So, if I were somehow to find myself in conversation with Steve Smith this week, what would I say? I'd say the same thing to him that I'd say to all of you. We all stuff up. We all carry shame and regret. But because of Jesus – because of the cross – we aren't defined by our shame. We are forgiven and we are free.

And if you'd love to know more about this Jesus – this offer of grace and forgiveness – come and find me. I'd love to talk to you more.

PRIMARY EASTER ACTIVITY DAY



Miss Byslma read *The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross* and sang Easter songs



Students enjoyed making the Jellybean prayer with Mrs McMinn.

LOVE

Hamish Powell

Today I want to talk about the singular most important principle of life. That is; Love. I want to make the claim that Love is the foundational Truth in which all of us are called to build our lives upon, and that when we act we must always act out of love.

Unfortunately in our western world we possess many misunderstandings on the nature of Love. Love is an action, contrary to the common belief that it is an emotion. Let me say that again; Love is an action, *not* an emotion. Many people make the misconception that love is when we are selfless and kind due to the "warm fuzzy feeling" within us. This is incorrect. Love is when we are selfless and kind even when we *do not* feel the "warm fuzzy feeling". That, is true love.

From a Christian worldview, love can only originate from the reason behind the universe's existence itself: God. We must understand that when Christians say that God is love it is not simply a metaphor. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are bound in an eternal relationship of loving one another within the Holy Trinity. When we say God is love, we truly mean it. This is my point: God is love, God created man in His image, therefore the primary purpose of our existence is to love God, and part of loving God is loving one another. As we are coming into this Easter time we remember this truth. You see the greatest demonstration in history that proves that firstly our God a God of love, and secondly shows us *how* we are to love, is Jesus Christ on that cross, suffering and dying a humble man, for us the ones at wrong. The crucifixion of Jesus Christ is the most powerful demonstration of perfect, Godly love in the history of the universe! Love is not an emotion, love is an action. A self sacrificing action.

Let us take a look at scripture to further highlight this point. We read from Corinthians chapter 13.

13 *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned a martyr, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

4 *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.*

And now I'll just skip to the end of the chapter for time's sake: **13** *And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

There is a lot Paul has written in this chapter, but what is the main message? Love is everything. Love is the reason for our existence. If we do not act out of love, our actions are meaningless. Love is the centre of everything. It is very important as we move through this new year of school to remember this. It is so easy to forget to just love one another. Whether you are a follower of God or not, it does not take away the fact that if we want not just a positive school community, but a life of Joy (note not happiness, but deep unshakeable Joy) we must love. We must make the *decision* to love not for ourselves but for the sake of others, as Christ did for us.

So the question I would like to leave you with is this: If our Creator could love us so deeply that he would sacrifice Jesus Christ his son for *us*, why can we not simply love one another? And yes it is hard, I know it is. We are not perfect and we will make mistakes. Everyone does. Yet I also know that choosing to love is the key to building our life on a solid foundation.

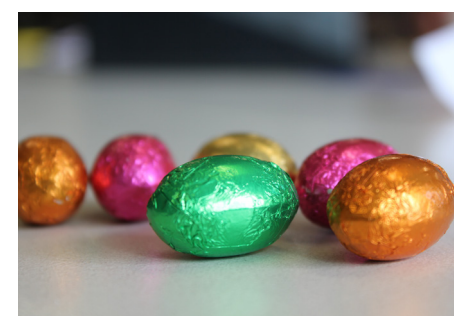
PRIMARY EASTER ACTIVITY DAY



Easter bracelet activity with Mrs McCallum.



Easter egg hunt and basket making with Mr Pascal.



The upcoming events we have in the **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

- **Year 4 Camp:** Monday April 9 – Wednesday April 11 – Camp Woodfield
- **Year 5/6 Canberra Trip:** Monday April 9 – Friday April 13



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