

## SCHOOL BULLETIN NOTICES

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### ASH WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY (Insert in school bulletin week ending 16 February)



Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent and the Project Compassion appeal. This Lent we are invited to reflect upon Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Populorum Progressio – On the Development of Peoples*. The encyclical reminds us that we all have a role to play in empowering people to help themselves break free from poverty and be “architects of their own progress.” However, this can only happen if we act justly and “play fairly”. This is why the theme for Project Compassion in 2007 is *Fair Play Today*.

Please support the Project Compassion Appeal in whatever way you can this Lent.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK OF LENT (School week ending 23 February)



PHOTO: SEAN SPRAGUE

Project Compassion is all about dignity and hope. Caritas Australia's story this week is from Bangladesh where Farid and his community are “striving for fuller growth”. Your donation to Project Compassion helps communities around the world to break free from poverty through income-generating activities.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK OF LENT (Insert in school bulletin week ending 2 March)



PHOTO: CARITAS EAST TIMOR

This week's Project Compassion story focuses on Luisa from Timor-Leste. Luisa is working to challenge domestic and sexual violence and to support the survivors of such violence. Through your support of Caritas Australia's Project Compassion you are helping to build peace in Timor-Leste.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK OF LENT (Insert in school bulletin week ending 9 March)



PHOTO: CARITAS SOUTH AFRICA

Building a just world involves reducing poverty and challenging discrimination. This week's Project Compassion story explores the impact of HIV and AIDS on communities in South Africa through the eyes of a grandmother, Selinah, who is the primary caregiver of her three grandchildren. Through your support of Project Compassion you are working towards achieving MDG 6: Fighting HIV/AIDS and other disease.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF LENT (Insert in school bulletin week ending 16 March)

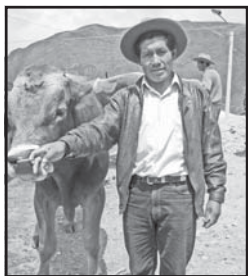


PHOTO: CAMMARGARET EYRE

This week's Project Compassion story focuses on Adolpho from Peru. The story explores the meaning of *Fair Play Today* in terms of men and women working together to promote gender equality (MDG 3) and overcome poverty (MDG 1). This is happening through the community's development of their crop, cattle and sheep production. Through your donation to Project Compassion you are supporting *Fair Play Today*.

## 5<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF LENT (Insert in school bulletin week ending 23 March)



PHOTO: CASARAH CONDON

Pope Paul VI in *Populorum Progressio – On the Development of Peoples* said "Lack of education is as serious as lack of food." Y Re is from Vietnam. She dreams of a future where she can send her children to school. Y Re also values her own education. Through your support of Project Compassion you are helping the people of Vietnam through income generation and other educational programs such as a savings group and health education.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF LENT (Insert in school bulletin week ending 30 March)



PHOTO: DANIELLE LYONNE

This week's Project Compassion story focuses on Ellen, a Wiradjuri woman, who participates in the *Manage Your Income, Manage Your Life* program run by Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes and supported by Caritas Australia. This program seeks to empower Indigenous people by training communities in financial management. Your donation to Project Compassion will ensure this positive work continues.

## HOLY WEEK (Insert in school bulletin week ending 6 April)



PHOTO: SEAN SPRAGUE

In Holy Week we remember the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. The work of Caritas Australia is reflective of the life of Jesus Christ. Caritas Australia works for the freedom of those who are oppressed, challenging unjust structures and empowering people to help themselves work towards a sustainable way of life. Easter is a time to celebrate a better life for all – today and always. Happy Easter!

## WEEKS FOLLOWING EASTER



Caritas Australia would like to thank you for accepting the challenge to *Play Fair Today* during Project Compassion. Your generosity really does make a difference.