



# School of the Nativity

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Dear Parents

## **SHROVE TUESDAY (5 March) and ASH WEDNESDAY (6 March)**

Next week is a significant time in the Church Liturgical calendar when we celebrate Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday signifies the beginning of Lent which is the 40 day preparation time to celebrate Christ's death and resurrection. Traditionally during Lent we give up something or make a commitment to an action that acknowledges God's presence in our lives.

Shrove Tuesday comes from the word shrive which means confess. The practice of eating pancakes became a tradition to use the foods in the pantry before the Lenten season when these foods were forbidden.

Each year we have pancakes for the students to honour this tradition and in return we ask the students to please bring a gold coin donation for each pancake which will support Caritas Australia - Project Compassion. Caritas is a Catholic welfare agency that supports needy causes in our local and wider global community.

Many thanks to the parents who have kindly volunteered to co-ordinate the pancakes for the students next Tuesday. If you would like to be involved please see Bianca Cotton.

We are also looking for donations of lemons to be enjoyed with the pancakes if you have some to give away please deliver them to Nativity office, thank you.

Ash Wednesday is a Holy Day of Obligation and the students will be attending the Parish Mass at 9.15am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. We encourage all families to join us for this significant occasion.

Kind regards

Greg Haynes  
Principal