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Term 3 Week 3

7th August, 2020

Dates to Remember

August

Saturday, 15th The Assumption

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Ref:Liturgyhelp.com

Mary Mackillop- 8th August

Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!

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Visit the website dedicated to Mary MacKillop – www.marymackillop.org.au – to find out more about Mary MacKillop's story.

Lord God,
You called Saint Mary MacKillop to serve you.
She spent her life caring for and teaching kids
and inspired others to join with her.
Through your love
she lived a life which gave people hope.
Today we share that hope.
Bless all who continue her work
And may they and Mary MacKillop continue to be
a source of hope for us all.
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

School News

Tell Them From Me

In the coming weeks, Monday, 10th August to Friday, 28th August, we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate Tell Them From Me your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our



commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Our Lady of Lourdes School. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. The link will be sent home to parents next week for you to complete. Only students from Years 4-6 will complete the survey. This will be done at school.

Kindergarten 2021 Interviews

Earlier this year we were unable to conduct our Kindergarten 2021 Interviews. We have now met all our new families but would still like to meet the siblings enrolled for Kindergarten next year. If you have a sibling starting next year could you please contact the office to set up a time to meet.

Parking

Could parents please be patient and take care when parking of a morning or afternoon. There have been a few incidents lately where drivers have bumped other cars while parking.

COVID-19



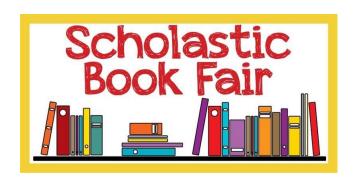
At this time of the year many people begin to show cold and flu like symptoms. As a precaution doctors are sending people for a Covid test. If one of your children or a family member is required to have this test, it is important that all siblings are kept home until a negative result is returned to you. This is to keep everyone safe and avoid the spread if the test is positive.

Book Fair Update - Last Orders Tuesday 11th August

Thank you to everyone who has placed orders for the Book Fair this week! The children have begun to receive their orders and a big thank you to the parents for following the instructions that were emailed last week, it has really made the job of distributing orders a quick and easy process. A couple of things to be aware of...

- 1. Some children will have only received part of their order or unfortunately none of their order just yet. This is due to the limited number of titles we initially received. I have completed a restock for some of the more popular titles and this should arrive on Monday. The children will be given their books as soon as they arrive.
- 2. The restock may not include enough of, or all of, the titles needed. Towards the end of the Book Fair I will then order the remaining books that are still outstanding. These books will be delivered shortly after this process is complete.
- 3. The book Drama by Raina Telgemeier is no longer available at the Book Fair.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at rneylan@parra.catholic.edu.au



Lost Property

Please ensure names are clearly marked on all property. We have a size 6 school jacket, size 10 sports jacket with no names. Please update names on all clothing items if a family who has left the school gives you a jacket for your child.



If you are given a jacket from someone who has left the school, please update with your child's name on the item.

Lost property is easily returned when a name if clearly marked.

Staff Development Day

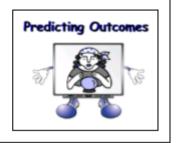
Monday, 12th October, 2020 (Term 4, Day 1) is a Professional Learning Day for the staff. The focus of the day for teachers will be on Religious Education. Please make alternate arrangements for your children on that day.



Social Skills

Respect, Integrity and Conflict Resolution

 Predicting consequences



P&F News

Online Fathers' Day Stall Coming Soon!

Let the kids shop with ease from the comfort of your home, keeping you all safe. Due to Covid-19 Fathers' Day stall will be held online as we did earlier in the year for Mothers' Day.

The stall will be designed to allow children to shop virtually in replacement of our usual Fathers' Day stall at school.

We will be selling gift packs priced from \$10-\$15.Gift packs will be delivered to your children's classrooms on Friday 4th September.

We have Designed fantastic gift packs for Dad and Grandfathers so hold off on the trip to the shops. Launch details to be emailed in the coming weeks.



RE in Stage 3

This term Stage 3 are trialling a Learning Cycle from the new Draft Curriculum Religious Education. Our Learning Cycle is "Why is it important to learn from History?"

We started the term with an entry event focussing on our own personal history. The students were engaged and found the connection of faith and community throughout the journey into their teacher's lives.

We have been involved in a variety of activities focussing on significant people from the Early Church highlighting the Importance of and intentional Faith Community.



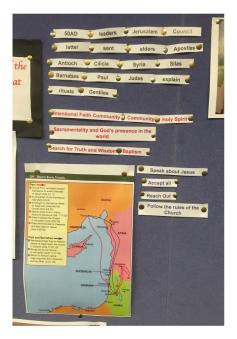
Entry event

A few quotes from Year 6 students:

- "I find it more engaging"
- "Learning about the history of the church is helping me understand my faith today"
- "I am enjoying the inquiry approach to RE"
- "I am liking the new approach especially the group work"



Combined wall - Year 5 and Year 6



Word Wall and Paul's early Travels

KINDY PBL IGNITION DAY 2020

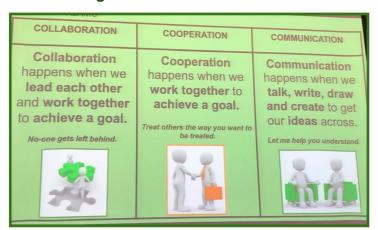
Learning to work cooperatively and give and receive feedback confidently.

Last Friday in Kindy we learned LOTS about how to work well in a group.



It is important to be KIND when we work together

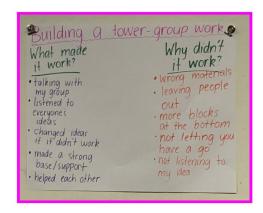
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....COOPERATION
and COMMUNICATION



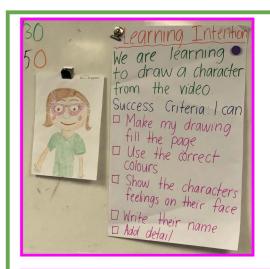


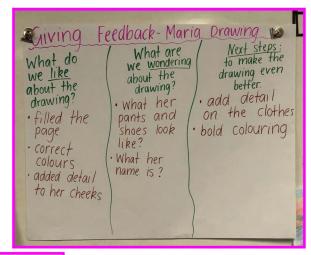


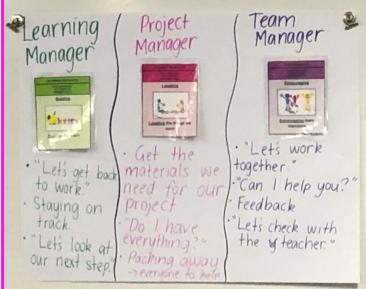
We collaborated to make TALL and STRONG towers from Lego











Glving and receiving
FEEDBACK help us to learn!
I LIKE.....
I WONDER....
NEXT STEPS.....



Working as a TEAM, we played games.....
.....and achieved what we set out to do.





We worked together in TEAMS. We COOPERATED with each other and COLLABORATED to make tall towers. We COMMUNICATED great ideas to one another. What a fantastic effort!



Reading is all around us One reason why we must help our children love reading.

No entertainment is so cheap as reading nor any pleasure as lasting.

Mary Wortley Montague.

Other ways to help your child include:

- When selecting books for your child consider their interest and what they would like to know more about.
- Help your children expand your child's understanding and empathy by helping them find books about people who are different.
- Look for characters who have incredible journeys, who are challenged, who are resilient.
- Realize that reading is messier than watching television or playing games on the computer.
- It is important for fathers to spend time reading to boys and helping them find books.

Australian authors / illustrators

Alexa Moses

Alexa Moses is an author and screenwriter, writing predominantly for children. Alexa now divides her time between writing books and writing for television. Her most recent book, Bat vs Poss (Hachette Australia) is a CBCA shortlisted book for 2020.

Margaret Wild

Margaret Wild is one of Australia's most highly respected picture-book creators whose award-winning children's books are loved by children all over the world. Margaret has published over seventy picture books for young children and she has been the recipient of the Nan Chauncy Award and the Lady Cutler Award for her contributions to Australian children's literature. Her books are published around the world and have won numerous awards.

Reference: Leonhardt, M. 99 ways to get kids to love reading Park, Louise. 7 steps to get your child reading

Parish News

Registrations for the Sacrament of Confirmation have now closed and the program is about to commence.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacrament of 1st Communion

Parents will be invited to register their children for Reconciliation and Communion in the week

17th - 23rd August via GOOGLE FORMS.

There will be no Parents' information evening at Our Lady of Lourdes.

- · A presentation available via YOUTUBE which deals with the matters which would normally have been covered at the parents' meeting.
- The Workbooks for Reconciliation will be available from the Parish Office or through the schools following Registration and you will have four weeks to complete the workbook with your child(ren).
- Please do not attempt to complete the whole book at once! Each of these four weeks will have a short tutorial available via YOUTUBE which you are asked to watch before you start to work with your child.
- Towards the end of the fourth week, there will be some ZOOM conferences for which you can register in order to ask some questions or seek clarification.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on **14th and 15th October** First week of Fourth Term.
- This is dependent on COVID restrictions and the number of candidates for the sacrament.

Key dates:

Registration 17th – 23rd August
Week 1 31 August
Week 2 7 September
Week 3 14 September
Week 4 21 September

Celebration of the Sacrament afternoon Wed 14 and 15 October

As soon as the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated, parents and children will immediately move into the Communion program. The Workbooks books will be provided at the Reconciliation Celebration.

- First Communion will be celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes on the weekends of 15th and 22nd November.
- **Communion Key Dates:**

Week 1 19 October
Week 2 26 October
Week 3 2 November
Week 4 9 November

Celebration of First Communion - Weekends of 15th and 22nd November

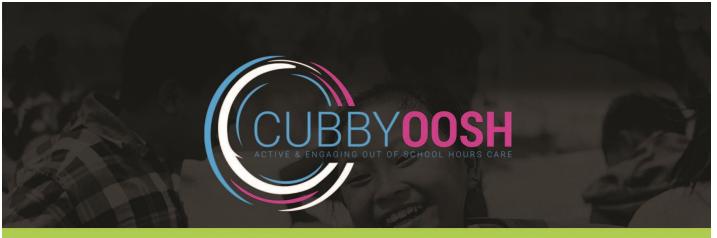
First Communion at St Michael's

· Parents will be invited to register their children for Communion in the week

17th – 23rd August via GOOGLE FORMS.

There will be no Parents' information evening at St Michael's. Children must have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

First Communion will be celebrated at St Michael's Church on the weekends of 18th and 25th October.



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