

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 2
21 July 2021

Our Zoom Times

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

We hope that you are getting to spend some quality time together as a family during these difficult times. We are also extremely grateful to our families for the effort they are making with their Home Base Learning (HBL). If you have any questions regarding HBL, please email your child's teacher or contact the school office.

We are aware of the pressures that many families may be experiencing, through these uncertain times. Children too miss the school environment, their friends and their classroom teachers. Late last week a Compass notification went home to each grade offering two zoom sessions a week for children to catch up with their teacher and class. Please check the timetable below for the dates and

times for each classes zoom. A Compass notification went home last week with individual class log in details. Thank you parents in supporting us transitioning to HBL. It is a very unique situation! We have seen lots of smiling faces on zoom this week and look forward to seeing many students on zoom throughout the remainder of this week and next.

Kind regards,

Kevin Williams
Co Principal

Liz Hartge
Co Principal

CLASS	DAY	TIME	CLASS	DAY	TIME
K Gold	Monday	9.30am	3 Green	Wednesday	10.00am
	Thursday	11.00am		Friday	10.00am
K Green	Monday	10.15am	3 Blue	Wednesday	12.45pm
	Wednesday	2.15pm		Friday	12.45pm
K Blue	Monday	10.00am	4 Gold	Monday	12.30pm
	Wednesday	10.00am		Friday	12.30pm
1 Gold	Wednesday	10.00am	4 Green	Tuesday	9.30am
	Thursday	10.00am		Friday	9.30am
1 Green	Tuesday	10.00am	4 Blue	Monday	10.00am
	Thursday	10.00am		Thursday	10.00am
1 Blue	Monday	11.30am	5 Gold	Monday	9.30am
	Thursday	11.30am		Friday	9.30am
2 Gold	Monday	10.30am	5 Green	Monday	10.00am
	Thursday	10.30am		Wednesday	10.00am
2 Green	Monday	2.00pm	6 Gold	Monday	10.00am
	Wednesday	2.00pm		Thursday	10.00am
2 Blue	Tuesday	9.00am	6 Green	Monday	10.30am
	Thursday	9.00am		Wednesday	10.30am
3 Gold	Monday	10.00am	6 Blue	Tuesday	10.00am
	Wednesday	12.45pm		Thursday	10.00am

Parish Details

Ph. 4396 4455
Email. toukleyparish@
bbcatholic.org.au
Office Hours. Monday-Friday
9.00am-2.00pm

From Our REC

Grandparent Celebration

Next Friday we had planned to have a wonderful celebration to acknowledge the fabulous role our grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren. We would still like to acknowledge them next Friday. To do this we need your help. Please send a photo of your children with their grandparents. We will put together an iMovie to celebrate the grandparents of our St Mary's children. The iMovie will be posted on our facebook page next Friday. Please email the picture to catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au by Wednesday 28th July.



CSBB Parent Retreat - zoom

Due to Covid our retreat day has been postponed and replaced with a zoom. Join us on zoom as we listen to each other, exploring how we journey within our school community. Inspired by our common mission of supporting our children in their education. Friday 30th July, 10.30 - 12.00 via zoom. To book please click the link: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=762454> For more information email Jo Spek jo.spek@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Confirmation

Later in the term Year 3 and any other students in Year 4-6 who are baptised will have the opportunity to enrol and prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. This sacramental program is Parish based and Bishop Anthony usually leads the service. The actual sacrament has been planned for Saturday 18th September. We will continue to update you on this.

Cath Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

From Our Family Liaison Officer

HBL—While there are some kids who are really motivated and very keen to do lots of extra work, we don't want parents getting stressed by feeling that you need to be "teaching" or supervising for hours every day. HBL is not meant to replace the school learning environment. Fit it around your household. Take breaks and do something fun with the kids and if it's getting on top of you take the day off and get back to it tomorrow. The teachers are just an email or phone call away to help when you need it.

Getting on top of the current Covid situation is proving to be a much bigger challenge and taking much longer than first thought. You may be feeling the stress and strain or noticed those close to you having a hard time managing. It is important to look out for each other and practice positive strategies for taking care of our social, emotional and mental wellbeing.

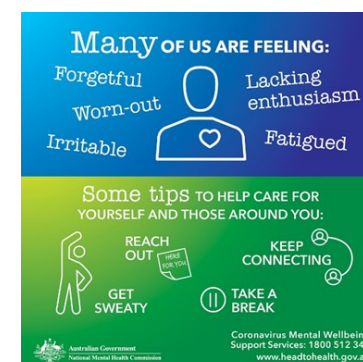
Many organisations such as Beyond Blue have very helpful and practical ideas and

supports to help us through. You can access them online "[here](#)" or by phoning the Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service on 1800 512 348.

For many families in our community, employment and financial stress is having a very real impact on their daily lives as well as their stress and anxiety levels. For some it may be the very first time they have had to deal with the uncertainty of not knowing how they will pay the bills or buy groceries to feed the family or when they can return to work. Please know that we are very mindful of the difficult circumstances many families now find themselves in. On the back page of today's newsletter is a list of local agencies and services which are available to assist families at this time.

You are also always welcome to contact the school to discuss any concerns you may have whether that be financial, wellbeing or your child's learning. We are here to help.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer



Suggested times for HBL

Early Stage 1
Kindergarten

Stage 1
Year 1 and Year 2

Total 2.5 hours + other

45–60 mins - English

30–45 mins - Mathematics

30–60 mins - Other KLAs: Creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, SciTech

Other activities: wellbeing, sport, physical activity*

KLA = Key Learning Area
*where social distancing allows

Please keep in mind that all children are different. These suggested times can be broken up into smaller chunks E.g. 15-20 minute time slots with a break in between.

Stage 2
Year 3 and Year 4

Stage 3
Year 5 and Year 6

Total 3 hours + other

45–60 mins - English

30–45 mins - Mathematics

60–90 mins - Other KLAs: Creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, SciTech

Other activities: wellbeing, sport, physical activity*

KLA = Key Learning Area
*where social distancing allows

From Our PE Teacher

Polding Golf in Blackheath has been postponed until further notice.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator



Canteen News

Due to the current NSW Covid19 health guidelines, the canteen will be closed until further notice.

Donna & Janet

Local Community Support Services

Emergency Relief, Food Hampers, Low Cost Groceries

Toukley Neighbourhood Centre
Emergency Relief, Food Hampers
Ph 4396 1555 (phone appointments only)
<https://www.tnc.org.au/>

Lakes Food Care, Toukley
Low cost groceries, online ordering available
Ph. 4307 1234
<https://lakesfoodcare.com/>

San Remo Neighbourhood Centre
Emergency Relief, Food hampers
Ph 4390 7888 (phone appointments only)
<http://sanremo.org.au/>

Samaritans, Gorokan
Emergency Relief Vouchers
Ph. 4393 2450 or 0437 595 001 (phone appointments only)
<https://www.samaritans.org.au/uploads/files/Emergency-Relief-Flyer.pdf>

Northern Lakes Neighbourhood Centre
Low cost groceries, food hampers
Ph. 4358 3148
https://www.uniting.org/services/family-services/facility/uniting-burnside-northern-lakes-neighbourhood-centre?utm_campaign=organic_gmb

Catholic Care Central Coast Family Centre
Emergency relief
Ph. 4356 2600

Free Financial Counselling Services

Wyong Neighbourhood Centre
Ph. 4353 1750
<https://www.wnci.org.au/financial-counselling>

Life Line Central Coast Financial Counselling
(02) 9498 8805
<https://lifelinedirect.org.au/centralcoast/services/financial-counselling>

Financial Rights Legal Centre
Ph. 1800 007 007 (National Debt Hotline)
<https://financialrights.org.au/about-us/contact-us/>

Wesley Mission
Ph. 1300 827 638
<https://www.wesleymission.org.au/find-a-service/mental-health-and-hospitals/counselling/financial-counselling/>

Salvation Army
Ph. 1800 722 363
MoneyCare Wyong 4353 9799
[Financial Counselling | The Salvation Army Australia](#)

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