



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 3  
28 July 2021

# Thank You

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

With Term 3 not beginning as we all would have hoped, there are still many things for which we are grateful.

When a person decides to join the teaching profession, a strong motivation for doing so is the joy and deep satisfaction they get from working with children and helping them learn and grow. Lately we've noticed that things are not quite the same as usual. We're missing the life, fun and energy that having 470 children in our school grounds bring.

The kids continue to be the great kids we know they are, a smile on their faces, trying their best, loving their pets, missing their friends, thirsty for learning, enjoying life and wanting to be connected.

Listening to teachers discuss their phone calls to your homes and together with their Class Zoom meetings it is obvious there is still much to be thankful for. Teachers have commented on how well you, our parents are doing with leading the learning in your home. You're more experienced at it now (except families new in Kinder), you know your kids, you know when to challenge them and when to step back, you know when they need a break and some outdoor time, you know when they're being reluctant and when to push them, you know that it's all about being balanced and enjoying the journey. Our teachers genuinely appreciate and value the extraordinary efforts you've been making. Thank you!

Likewise, our teachers are also doing an extraordinary job. Besides missing their class, they're planning, calling, discussing, videoing, sharing, checking, creating, innovating, inviting, reflecting, thinking, acting, implementing and collaborating. We thank our teachers. I know them well and they only want what is best for your kids.

### Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep all Year 12 students in your thoughts and prayers. In a very uncertain time, unable to be face-to-face with their teachers and having experienced the pandemic in both Year 11 and Year 12, we pray that our Lord's strength gives them a sense of confidence that helps them realise that there's many adventures, fun, learning and incredible possibilities laying ahead, waiting for them to come and get them.

### TLTR

If the opening paragraphs were TLTR, here's the short version:

"Parents, Kids and Teachers, you're all doing a tremendous job with HBL. "THANK YOU!"

### Home Based Learning

With the Premiers announcement today in regards to what the next four weeks will look like, we will be continuing with Home Based Learning until Friday 27th August. Please remember to check Compass for important information and updates. If you have any questions please contact the school office or email your child's teacher.

Kind regards,

Kevin Williams  
Co Principal

Liz Hartge  
Co Principal



## From Our REC

### Grandparent iMovie

Just a reminder, 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](mailto:catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au) by Wednesday 28th July.

### Confirmation

Confirmation in our Parish is scheduled for 18th September at 3pm. Even though things are so uncertain at the moment with COVID restrictions, the Parish has been advised by the Diocese to go ahead with preparing for the Sacrament. Decisions will be made closer to the time as to whether the ceremonies will go ahead on that date, or be re-scheduled.

The Parish have decided to do **ONLINE** bookings and preparation classes via Zoom this year so that we can proceed regardless of COVID restrictions. This way, even if the ceremony date does get postponed, the preparation will be complete, and they will be ready for any possible rescheduled date.

## From Our Librarian

Dear mums and dads and kids

I hope you are all doing well during this tricky time. Our library is very lonely without the hustle and bustle of kids busy borrowing books and tackling our library tasks.

Starting from this week I am dropping a story into your Home Based Learning Folder. You don't have to do anything but sit, relax and enjoy the story. I've already had one response from a Kindy who said I tell the best stories!!! Thanks for that lovely compliment! It makes me feel very special. I hope I keep telling good stories in the time ahead.

There is just one WARNING though about my stories!...There may be a fun activity for you to try when you find yourself getting a little bored. It is NOT a 'must do' activity but an 'only if you want to do' activity!!

So look out for Ellie's Dragon by Bob Graham. I have also included a couple of other Bob Graham stories for you to view.

Last week a Compass email was sent out with the links to online registration. Bookings are now open, and remain open until 11th August which will allow parents 3 weeks to get registrations in. You can click this link to enrol for Confirmation at St Mary's, 3pm Saturday 18th September: <https://www.trybooking.com/BSXPS>

### Let's Support Our Aussie Athletes

Over the next two weeks we would love to see you all supporting our Australian athletes competing in Tokyo. We are very excited to watch the hockey as Miss Dawson's brother, Matt is part of the team. This is his second Olympics.

We would love you to dress up in your green and gold and take a picture or a video and send it to Miss Dawson, [emma.dawson@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:emma.dawson@dbb.catholic.edu.au). We will put together an iMovie of our St Mary's students supporting our athletes. Matt Dawson will be able to show it to his team mates in the Kookaburras. We are hoping this will be some more inspiration to win a gold medal in Tokyo.

Cath Kyle  
Acting Religious Education Coordinator



Remember to have fun, stay safe and keep reading!

Missing you all heaps!

Miss Gray  
Librarian

Ellie's Dragon



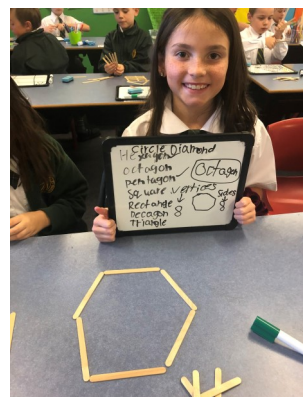
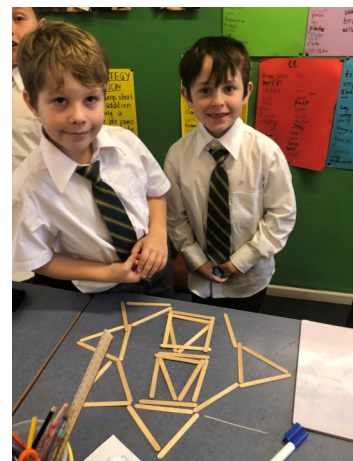
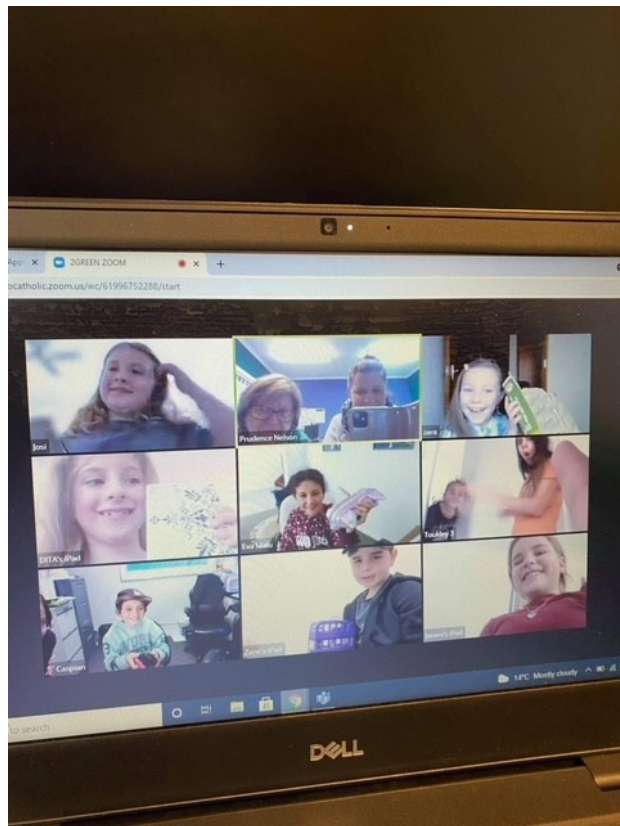
BOB GRAHAM



Spotlight on Year 2



**Canteen News**  
Due to the current NSW Covid19 health guidelines, the canteen will be closed until further notice.  
  
Donna & Janet



Term 2

# Protection Prayer

May the light of God surround you..  
May the love of God enfold you..  
May the power of God protect you..  
May God place His Healing Hands upon you and heal you quickly..  
May the presence of God watch over you..  
Wherever you are God is.

Amen.

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