



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 9
8 September 2021

COVID Update

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

As noted in the Compass letter forwarded to you earlier in the week, a staff member and a child in our school have been identified as close contacts of people confirmed as positive with COVID-19.

The two close contacts have not tested positive at this stage.

If your child was present at school on Friday 3rd September and/or Monday 6th September and displays any symptoms, please get them tested, and self-isolate until they receive a negative test result.

Our greatest concern is that a child, staff member or parent in our school community contracts COVID-19. Whatever we can do to minimise the risk of this occurring is important. Together, families and staff can play their parts in reducing such risk.

If any new, relevant information comes to light, we'll let you know.

Upcoming Events

Our school has been planning for particular upcoming events. Our Kinder 2022 Transition program will proceed but will be put back a few weeks. Commencing on Wednesday 10th November, our Transition program will involve 4 sessions (10th Nov., 17th Nov., 24th Nov. and 1st Dec.) for the children. To date, the advice we have from CSBB is that, in all likelihood, we will be permitted to have our new Kinders on site by this date.

Our parent sessions (2) will be zoomed and will be on Tuesday 9th November and 16th November.

Details will follow in a letter to all parents of our 2022 Kinder.

Preparations have begun for our Year 6 Graduation, End-of-Year Thanksgiving Mass and annual Awards Ceremony. All will proceed with the format to be determined by the health regulations at the time.

Some of the things the kids have missed while being away from school will become a priority upon their return. Obviously, learning is critical. We also will provide a variety of activities to engage the kids in a bit of fun, e.g. Teachers vs Year 6 Netball Match, Book Week Parade etc.

Virtual Trivia Night

Last Saturday evening, we had a great time at our Virtual Trivia Night. We thank our PIP Team, particularly Tenille Callaghan (Willow 2 Gold), whose organisation of the night enabled us to all have so much fun.

Our host did a tremendous job, it looks like the kids enjoyed the Clinkers and the Teachers Team came in 2nd behind the "Daughters Team" (McFadden, Anderson, Thackray and the Blades Families). However, some of the dancing moves were a bit dubious.

Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the Pazaridis family in your thoughts and prayers. Christian, (K Green), Penelope (5 Gold) and Vasiliki's (6 Green) great grandmother passed away recently. May your treasured memories and Our Lord's comfort be great strengths to you during your time of loss.

Return to School Dates

The dates for the children to return to face-to-face learning are as follows:

Year	Date	Week
Kinder + Year 1	Monday 25 October	4
Years 2 + 6	Monday 1 November	5
Years 3, 4, 5	Monday 8 November	6

Kind regards,

Kevin Williams Co Principal Liz Hartge Co Principal



Parish Details

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Merit Awards

- Taj C
- Isla M
- Emma L
- Christian P
- Jace B
- Charlotte A
- Neve R
- Millie J
- Billy L
- Poppy G
- Amena D
- Zac B
- Lawson O
- Jonas C
- Zane B
- Caspian W
- Jase B
- Mia N
- Cochella O C
- Matthew G
- Addison W
- Rhani L
- Harlow R
- Havana G
- Euan Bo
- Louis G
- Lucas C
- Eddie A
- Lexie L
- Emma C
- Yumi S
- Malaya M
- Sinead H
- Lily T
- Claire W

From Our REC

Care Packs

Thank you to everyone who collected their care packages. We hope you are all using the chalk and playing cards. Our students know so many different maths games thanks to Mrs Jones, Mr Whiteford, Miss Dawson and Mrs Sellars. We would love to see your sidewalk chalk art. Please send through to Mrs Walker (kellie.walker@dbb.catholic.edu.au) or Mrs Kyle (catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au).



From Our Librarian

Hi Everyone!

I hope all of our dads were spoilt with lots of surprises on Father's Day!

You are all doing such a great job with Home Based Learning. This week's book was chosen with the help of my pets. Do you have a pet at home? One of the good things during Home Based Learning is that we have been able to spend more time with our pets. I wonder how many dogs or cats are sitting near you as you work??? My cat doesn't sit near me. He just tries to help tap the keys on the computer!! But my dogs are quite happy to keep me company as I record each new story. Darcy has even tried to help by barking along when I am reading aloud!

This week's story is A Human For Kingsley by Gabriel Evans. Kingsley had decided to own a human. This was not a decision to be taken lightly. After all, owning a human is a big responsibility. But finding the right kind of human is much harder than Kingsley expected.

Confirmation

Our Year 3 students and some of our students from Years 4 - 6 are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for the sacrament.

R U OK Day

Tomorrow, 9th September is national R U OK Day. Please take time to check in with family and friends around you. Sometimes a call or text can make all the difference.

Catherine Kyle

Acting Religious Education Coordinator



Some are too bossy. Some are too busy. And some just don't seem to appreciate a dog the way they should. Will Kingsley ever find a human that is exactly right? Look for this week's story in your Google Classroom.

There is also a fun pom pom making activity to try but you might need a bit of help from mum or dad if they are not too busy. Making a pom pom is only the beginning. With your imagination you can turn pom poms into fluffy creatures or animals. It doesn't always work the first time but takes lots of practise. The important thing is to have fun!

Happy reading everyone. Enjoy!

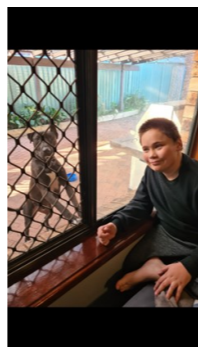
Miss Gray Librarian



A Spotlight on ASPECT



Home based learning fun....



With some furry and scaly friends to keep us company



And some book week dress up fun!



From the Office

As we are now posting our weekly merit awards, could you please ensure we have your correct residential address. You can call the office on 4396 5100.

Thank you



Student receiving their merit award at home



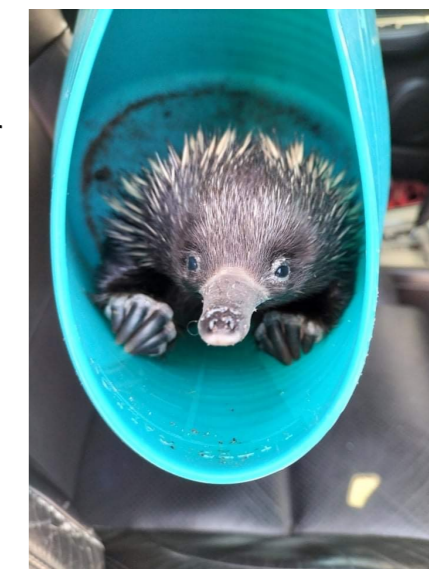
More sidewalk art

	Blue	Gold	Green
Kinder	Monday 10.00am Wednesday 10.00am	Monday 9.30am Friday 9.30am	Monday 10.00am Wednesday 10.00am
Year 1	Monday 11.30am Thursday 11.30am	Wednesday 10.00am Thursday 10.00am	Monday 10.00am Thursday 10.00am
Year 2	Tuesday 9.00am Thursday 9.00am	Monday 10.30am Thursday 10.00am	Monday 2.00pm Wednesday 2.00pm
Year 3	Wednesday 12.30pm Friday 12.30pm	Monday 10.00am Wednesday 12.45pm	Wednesday 10.00am Friday 10.00am
Year 4	Monday 10.00am Thursday 10.00am	Monday 12.30pm Friday 12.30pm	Monday 9.30am Friday 9.30am
Year 5		Monday 9.30am Friday 9.30am	Monday 10.00am Wednesday 10.00am
Year 6	Tuesday 12.30pm Thursday 12.30pm	Monday 10.00am Thursday 10.00am	Monday 10.30am Wednesday 10.30am

Zoom Meeting Timetable Weeks 7-10



We had a little visitor in our office this week



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