

St Joseph's Parish School Newsletter



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From the Principal

A thought as we approach Easter 2020

As we journey through Holy Week, we commemorate the events of Jesus' last week on earth. His Last Supper, suffering and crucifixion foreshadow the triumph of the cross, when Jesus rose from the dead, to enable all humankind to experience unconditional love and the promise of life everlasting.

Holy Week 2020 is happening in unusual times. Globally we are experiencing uncertainty, anxiety and fear. Easter 2020 therefore holds a special hope for those who look through the lens of faith.

Pope Francis today tweeted, "The tragedy we are experiencing summons us to take seriously the things that are serious, and not to be caught up in those that matter less; to rediscover that life is of no use if not used to serve others for life is measured by love, and Jesus gives us the perfect example. May our hearts be filled with thankfulness; we especially thank God for sending Jesus who lived, died and rose for us. We are never beyond the grace of God."

We wish every member of our school community and parish a blessed Easter.

Looking forward to Term 2

Term One has almost come to an end in the most unique of circumstances. Over the past 9 school days, schools have been asked to change their mode of delivery and face challenges that they would never have envisaged. As a school community we have dug deep and trusted in the professionalism of our staff, the resilience of our students and the goodwill of parents, to see multi modal learning successfully delivered to all our students.

We have been advised by our Director, Mr Anthony Gordon, to plan for this delivery of learning into Term 2. In order to build on our successes and address any shortcomings, we have sent a survey, via Compass, to every parent whose child/children was/were involved in learning from home. We ask that this be completed asap, so we can move forward with our planning for Week 1 Term 2. As well, here is a link to the survey;

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1E9wOaS8AfVOQEcFoOTmFDdveeHa4WBwOGGe9-0i9l-Y/edit>

If you require paper copies of student work or Learning Grids they will be available from Friday 24 April from the tubs outside the school admin building. To reiterate what will be happening in Term 2, our school will remain open for students who require supervision and care because families are not able to make alternative arrangements or parents are involved in providing essential services to the community. All students, whether at school or at home are expected to be completing work set by their class teacher.

Celebrating Term 1

Our term has been ambushed by recent events and I would like to take an opportunity to celebrate all that has been achieved this term. Before our current restriction on social gathering, as a school community we celebrated our Opening Mass with Bishop Columba on February 14, Lunch on the Lawn with our Grandparents and families for Senior's Week and the Feast of St Joseph, the patron of our school on March 19.



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Principal's Message

Let's not let Covid 19 eclipse all that has been achieved this term;

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Our SRC
Harmony Day
Friendship Tree and
wristband making
event.

The
launch
and
implementation of
our new R.E.
Curriculum.

Our
successful
online book club
initiative with
St Ignatius,
Bourke.



Lunch
on the Lawn
for Grandparent's
Day



Our
successful
swimming
carnival as well as
Cluster and
Diocesan
Meets

Our
fortnightly
assemblies
where we have
celebrated student
successes

Our
Visual
Arts Innovation
led by Mrs Ford ...
wow we have had so
much fun!

Our
well
attended and
informative
I Learn/ We
Learn



Maintenance
and renovations
to the canteen,
student toilets
and in

Our
financially
successful
Easter Raffle raising
\$490 organised by
our P&F

Taking
part in the
CPR Challenge

Our
Visual
Arts
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much
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The
election
of a new P&F
Executive who will
continue the great
work of past P&F
committees



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School Fees

We have been asked to send out school fee accounts as per usual. Our Director has also asked that families be reminded of the financial support to families that was outlined in his recent letter sent via Compass on April 1. In particular, Mr Gordon stated that he cares deeply about the personal situation many of our families find themselves in as a result of Covid -19. and that no student should ever leave any of our schools because of financial reasons. I will provide this letter for your information.

Celebrating Term One Visual Arts

To celebrate the student's work this term with Mrs Ford in our Creative Arts project on visual art, we will share samples of work to each parent through Compass. We still wish to have an Art Exhibition which we will hold when social gathering return to normal. In Term Two, Mrs Ford will continue to teach Creative Arts with a focus on dance.

Happy Easter and please have some down time from school work and spend some valuable time with your immediate family.

B. Hayes

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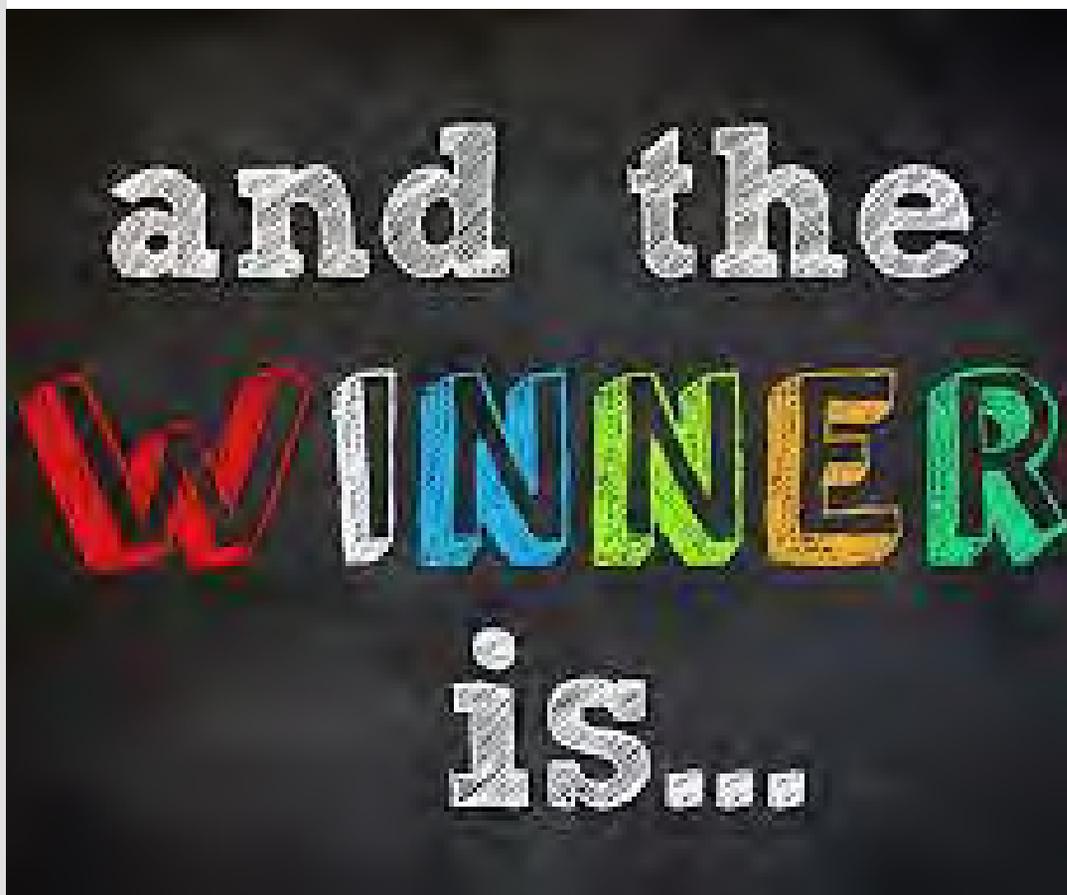
Sacramental Programme for 2020

We wish to assure parents of students who are scheduled to receive Sacraments this year, Sacrament of Penance in Year 2 and First Holy Communion in Year 3, that these will still proceed but later in the year than originally planned. We will make alternative dates next term when we have more of an idea of how things will unfold but possibly during Term Three. Educating in Christ prepares the students with the concepts and knowledge they require to receive the Sacraments with additional instructional sessions prior to the Sacramental services.



Competition at St Joseph's

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Write4Fun Term One Home Enrichment Task.



Year 6

1st Alyssa Peters

2nd Sophie Laird

3rd Evie Mugavin

HC Lucy Irvine

Year 5

1st Hugh Cleton

2nd Charlotte Mulcahy

3rd Kathryn Neal

H.C. Kiah Auld

Year 4

1st Amira Gergi

Year 3

1st Xavier Auld

Year 2

1st Tamryn Meyer

Mrs Hutchison will email a certificate to each of the students who entered a piece of writing.

Thank you to all of the students who entered a story or poem into our school's competition. There was a great display of imagination and literary skills. All completed works, that is students who have updated their work in Google after receiving the feedback/corrections provided by Mrs Hutchison, will be entered into the actual Write4fun competition by Mrs Hutchison.

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