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IMPORTANT DATES:

THIS WEEK (4):

NEXT WEEK (5):

26/5 - Bishop Columba
MacBeth-Green visiting

26/5 - Sorry Day/
Reconciliation Liturgy and
activities

27/5 - Simultaneous
Storytime

28/5 - Primary Mass @
school

TERM 2:

4/6 Infants Mass @ school

8/6 Public Holiday

11/6 - Primary Mass @
school

18/6 - Infants Mass @
school

25/6 - Primary Mass @
school

26/6 - Cross Country

1/7 - Semester 1 Reports
sent out

Dear families and friends,

I must commend the students on the way they have settled back into routine over the last two weeks. The classrooms have been calm, with children applying themselves in all subject areas. We have been focusing on our school norm; "We are on task and ready to do our best." I have had several visitors to my office to share outstanding work or a story of success with me.

It is also very noticeable how much the children are enjoying playing with each other and interacting so positively.

With the cooler weather please ensure your child has warm clothing on when they come to school in the mornings or warmer options packed in bags. If you are purchasing new jumpers or fleecy jumpers please purchase from Byrne's Clothing Company with the school crest to maintain uniformity. I have also noticed some girls wearing skirts on sports days which is not an option in our uniform policy. All children are to wear sports shorts or tracksuit pants to allow them to participate fully in Sport. There are several items in the school clothing pool for free or if you are experiencing difficulty please contact me to see how we can help.

Best wishes for a happy week,

Regina

"Success is the sum of
small efforts, repeated
day in and day out."

Robert Collier

A Prayer for Reconciliation Week - In This Together

Lord God, bring us together as one,
reconciled with you
and reconciled with each other.

You made us in your likeness,
you gave us your Son Jesus Christ.
He has given us forgiveness from sin.

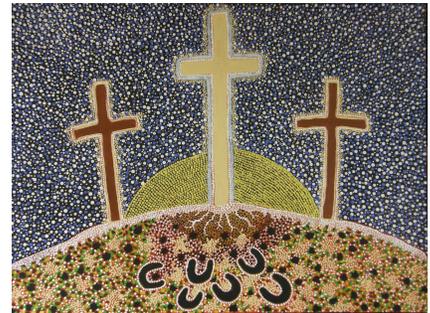
Lord God, bring us together as one,
different in culture

but given new life in Jesus Christ,
together as your body, your Church, your people.

Lord God, bring us together as one,
reconciled, healed, forgiven,
sharing you with others
as you have called us to do.

In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one.

Amen.

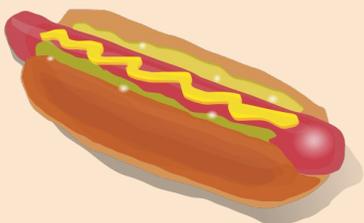


National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week Liturgy

We will recognise **National Sorry Day** and **National Reconciliation Week** with a **Reconciliation Liturgy** tomorrow, Tuesday 26th May. Children will wear sports uniform as normal.

A special hot dog and juice popper will be provided free for lunch. If you do not want your child to have this lunch or they don't like hot dogs please pack your child's lunch as normal.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions we will not be able to invite parents or the wider community to celebrate with us as we normally would. We will place photos on Facebook and in next week's newsletter.



MESSAGE FROM the DEPUTY DIRECTOR of CATHOLIC EDUCATION DIOCESE of WILCANNIA-FORBES

Endorsement of Changes to Student Reporting for Semester 1, 2020

When reporting student achievement to parents/carers, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes are bound by the regulations of the *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.

In order to accommodate the changes to the teaching and learning environment during the COVID-19 remote learning phase, the Hon Dan Tehan MP, Minister for Education, has signed a determination under section 59(5) of the *Australian Education Regulation 2013* to allow approved authorities reporting flexibility for Semester 1, 2020.

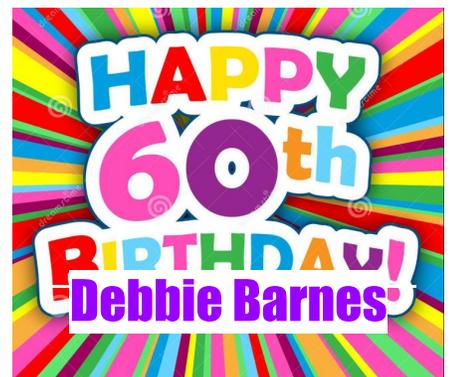
Under this determination modifications have been made to the usual reporting practice for schools throughout the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese. The scope and complexity of reporting have been narrowed to enable teachers to focus on the priorities of reconnecting their students with the classroom, wellbeing, engagement and learning. The focus areas for Semester 1 reporting are Religious Education, English and Mathematics.

Whilst rich learning has taken place in the other areas of the curriculum, the focus for this reporting period is on individual student learning achievement and growth that will guide the next steps for learning. The critical partnership between home and school in enhancing learning underpins the reporting process.

Mary-Ellen Dempsey

Kim's Lunchbox Canteen
will be now be open for orders every
Friday.

Please bring your order with your money
to school Friday morning if you wish to
order your lunch.



Last Friday's raffle winners
were Nellie Goodridge, Peter
Thomas, Mila Harris and
Indianna Brennan-Ingram
Congratulations!!!



Sport

Last week, St Joseph's Infants honed their shot put, discus and relay skills for Sport.

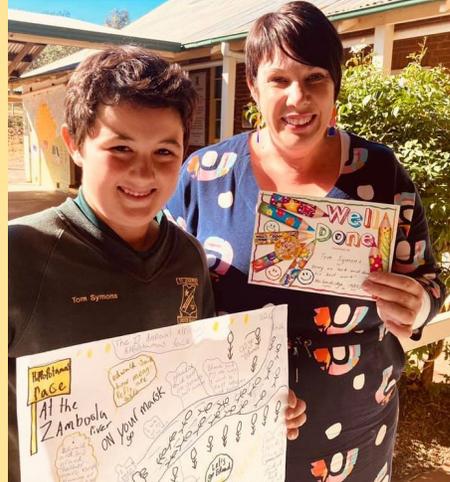


Around the Classroom

In Mathematics, we have been working on multiplication and division. Mrs Goodridge's group were given a collection of counters to share evenly into groups. They shared their solutions with each other.



Above: Jawarn Read, Mila Harris and Lillynah Pearce.
Right: Emily Hartin and Indianna Brennan-Ingram.



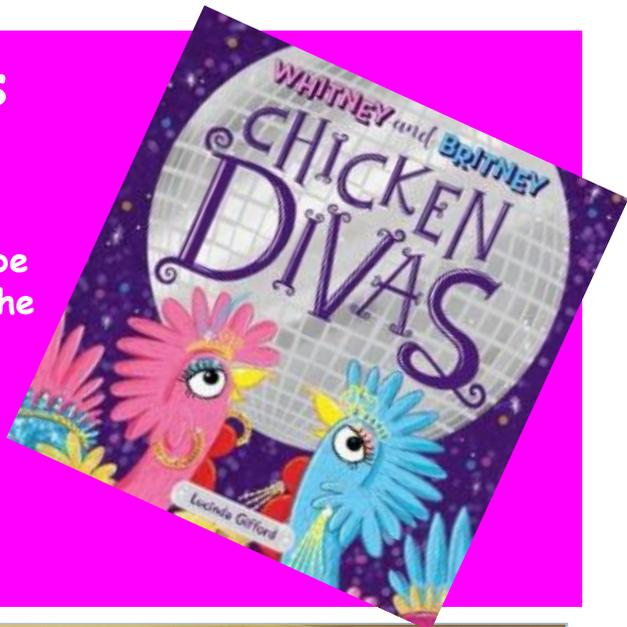
This week we are focusing on our school norm; "We are ready to learn and on task to do our best." Emerald-Rose and Tom worked so hard during Literacy that they were sent to visit Mrs Goodridge.



Simultaneous Storytime

Everyone in Australia will be reading the same book at the same time....

this
Wednesday
11am



ST JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

A weekday Mass will be celebrated at St James' Church with Fr Manoj on Thursday, 28th May at 11am.

Collection Plates will be at the back entrance for financial contributions for anyone wishing to catch up on their planned giving.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after weekday Mass.

Days of Importance

25th May – Our Lady Help of Christians Patron of Australia

31st May – Pentecost Sunday

COMPLIANCE

Helping children on and off the bus safely

Your children are most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. Here are some ways you can reduce this risk:

- Always meet your child at the bus stop. Never meet them on the opposite side of the road and call them across.
- Wait until the bus has gone, then choose a safe place to cross the road. Remember to Stop! Look! Listen! Think!
- If you cannot meet your child, organise for another trusted adult to take your place.
- Wait at the bus stop and stand at least one step back from the edge of the road.
- Always wait until the bus has gone, then use a safe place to cross.
- Buckle up if the bus has seat belts.

Model safe pedestrian behaviour. Children learn safe road user habits from you and will continue them later on when they are old enough to travel