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IMPORTANT DATES:

THIS WEEK (6):

4/6 Infants Mass @ school

NEXT WEEK (7):

8/6 Public Holiday

11/6 - Primary Mass @ school

TERM 2:

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,

Last Tuesday we had a special day of reflection and prayer to acknowledge National Sorry Day and the beginning of National Reconciliation Week. Reconciliation is about strengthening our relationships. We recognise that although we are different, we come together as one people of God. We are reminded to take the time to learn about our shared histories, our cultures and our achievements to continue to move forward with unity.

Reconciliation is an ongoing journey that we are all responsible for. We consider how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation and doing better each day. Here at St Joseph's, we believe the spirit of Reconciliation already lives in our hearts and our minds. But we must ensure, it always lives in our actions.

We enjoyed the company of Bishop Columba and Fr Manoj who joined with us to celebrate Reconciliation Week. Thank you to Miss Hanns and Mrs Barnes for organising the liturgy, special lunch and hand painting on our totem pole.

The children are continuing to apply themselves consistently to their school work and trying hard to do their best.

Wishing you all a great week,

Regina

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MESSAGES: Miss Brooke Hanns

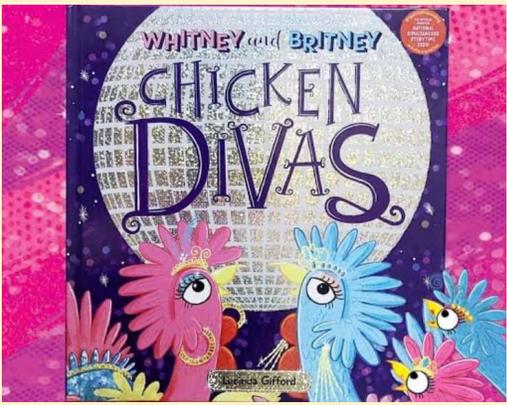
Last week we commemorated National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week in our school with both Bishop Columba and Father Manoj. As part of these events, we also officially opened our Peace Pole which was gifted to us by the Rotary Club of Canberra. Peace Bells and Poles can be found all over the world as part of the United Nations mission for world peace. Each pole carries the message: "May Peace Prevail on Earth" serving as an important reminder for us all. Pictured below left, is last year's Stage 3 visiting the Canberra Peace Bell whilst on excursion with the students of Nyngan. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Goodridge for installing this new edition in our playground. In other news, our Infants and Primary classes will be able to celebrate Mass again with Father Manoj. We are carefully following government restrictions as they continue to evolve.



NEW PROCEDURE FOR UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES:

From Wednesday 27th May onwards, parents will receive an automated email at 11:00am advising them if their child is absent without explanation. They will have a link within the email to click on which will take them straight to the Parent Portal where they can add an absence explanation.

The link will be active for 72 hours. After 72 hours the link will expire and parents will have to login directly to their Parent Portal to add the absence explanation. Parents have 7 days to provide an explanation for absences.



Simultaneous Storytime

Last Wednesday we joined other schools, libraries, childcare centres, pre-schools, family homes and many other places across Australia for National Simultaneous Storytime. We were entertained this year by 'Chicken Divas,' a picture book written and illustrated by the Australian author Lucinda Gifford.



**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.**

Thank you
Gloria for
the beautiful
gifts you
gave our
staff in
appreciation
for their help
during
isolation.



**Congratulations!!!
Last weeks raffle
prizes went to
Kale and Jasmine
Congratulations!!!**



National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week





May Peace Be In Our Homes





PARISH NOTICES

ST JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Please remember to register if you are going to attend the church.

Physical distancing **MUST** be observed in the Church. Please collect your paperwork and move to your seat.

June Home Liturgy Kits are available for Parishioners. Please Contact Jan if you require one.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after week day Mass.

A week day Mass will be celebrated at St James Church with Fr Manoj on Thursday 4th June at 11am.

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

COMPLIANCE

Road Safety and Attendance Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au



The Most Reverend Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE D.D

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“Do not fear, for I am with you” Isaiah

41:10

JUNE 1ST RESTRICTIONS ON CHURCHES LIFTED

1st of June 2020

Dear Priests, Deacons, Religious and Faithful of the diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes,

Last Friday the NSW Government announced that the 50-persons limit at venues has been extended to Places of Worship. This is indeed wonderful news for our Church's and this was thanks to the thousands of people that petitioned the Premier to have equal treatment regarding the 50-person rulings.

In many communities here in the diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes the 50-person limit will be an easy guideline to adhere by, although in some places this is not the case due to the small church sizes and in some places due to the amount of people that gather for Mass. Therefore, from Monday the 1st of June 2020 the following applies in all our Parish Churches,

- **50 Worshipers may attend Mass observing the social distancing rules that have been set out by the NSW Government and the diocese in former guidelines. Please see the attached diagrams that have been produced by the Chancery to help guide your preparation of your Church for social distancing.**
- **The NSW Government will allow 50 at Mass, 50 at a Funeral although only 20 at a wedding**
- **Sunday Masses across the Diocese will resume on the weekend of the 7th of June on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.**
- **School Mass may resume following the 50-person's guidelines**
- **For Parishes where Saturday night Vigil Masses are attended by a large amount of people, I give dispensation for 2 Vigil Masses to be offered beginning from 4:00pm.**
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- **Due to the reality of the current situation, I give dispensation for Priests to offer more than 3 Masses on the Sunday. Therefore, you may wish to offer more Masses over the Sunday weekend to accommodate the faithful.**
- **In following the guidelines of the NSW Government, there is to be no hymnbooks or collection plates available /passed around.**
- **Singing is to be limited to only 1 organist or other instrument and 1 Cantor singing.**
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- **Alternative ways for collections to be carried out could include, e.g. 2 buckets or bags available for the faithful to place their contributions in or via EFT.**
- **All diocesan protocols are to be observed as set out by the diocesan guideline “Celebration of the Sacraments, Stage 1” which was implemented on the 14th of May 2020. N.B The document does not allow Altar servers, although I will allow 1 Altar server to assist at Mass.**
- **Churches are to have a Mass register for all Masses of all those who attend Mass, this is then to be filed in your parish office. The best way to do this is by a sign in sheet at the door of the Church (Please see attached example). For those Parishes that will have a ‘booking’ system, you will not need a sign in sheet you will only need to keep a record of those who have booked in for Mass. This is a requirement from the Government until further restrictions are lifted.**
- **Pews and all areas of the Church are to be sanitized after each celebration of Mass.**
- **A reminder that there is to be Holy Communion under one kind and no-extra ordinary ministers of Holy Communion until further notice.**

By following these protocols, we will aid the safety of our Parish communities and ensure that further restrictions are lifted and larger attendees may be able to attend Mass. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Mr. Hugo Ditroia at the Chancery who has been our COVID-19 contact person.

Once again I take this opportunity to thank you all for abiding by these regulations and I give thanks to God for easing restrictions so that we may once again come together and celebrate at the Altar of God.

Yours in Christ



The Most Revered Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE DD Bishop of the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes