



St. Patrick's Parish School

THE EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY
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IN TRUNDLE

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St. Patrick's School is a welcoming Catholic Educational Community that celebrates the individuality of each of its members and fosters in our students the courage to know, seek and live the truth as global citizens.

In partnership with parents and the Parish Community, we offer Jesus as the model and means of life.



Term 1 Week 8, 17th March 2020

Dear parents and friends,

It is difficult to keep up to date with advice around Coronavirus at present. In light of the new rules from Catholic Schools NSW and the State and Federal Governments to protect our students from COVID-19, there are many changes being implemented in our schools. There will be no school Masses or Liturgies in the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes. This is to take effect immediately. There are to be no school excursions beyond our home towns. Representative sport has been put on hold. From Monday, 16 March 2020, we are asking schools to look at alternative ways to communicate with students and parents other than through school assemblies. We will arrange alternative communication techniques for parent teacher interviews.

The current advice from the Commonwealth and NSW Governments to keep schools open and operational will be revisited on Friday, March 20. As the situation continues to evolve, I am aware that access to immediate and up-to-date advice will be critical. Catholic Schools NSW is in the process of developing an extensive range of factsheets for schools. These will be forwarded to parents as soon as they are released. As such, CSNSW has established a dedicated hotline for advice on COVID-19. This number is 1800 427 679. CSNSW will also continue to ensure up-to-date information and advice specific to Catholic Schools is available. The address is:

www.csnsw.catholic.edu.au/novel-coronavirus-information-updates/

In the meantime, the three most important things each and every one of us can do to help manage the spread of the virus are:

- Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly.
- Sneeze into your elbow or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands.
- Stay home if you are unwell and in schools, send home staff or students who show signs of being unwell through the day.

On Friday our teachers attended a Professional Learning day at Holy Family School, Parkes. The professional learning was delivered by Annette Gray, from Primary English Teachers Association of Australia. The focus was on the Explicit Teaching of Writing K-6,

Saint Patrick was a bishop who preached the love of Christ in Ireland. Since then, Irish people have spread the gospel to the ends of the earth. Let us pray for all missionaries. Eternal God, as you sent Saint Patrick to teach the Gospel to the people of Ireland, so may we bring peace and joy to others. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Students of the Week

TERM 1 WEEK 7 AWARDS



INFANTS

Abby Quade

for using resources in the classroom to support her sentence writing.



PRIMARY

Angus Quade

for his improvements in writing and use of paragraphs



SPORT

Bailee McAneney

for her outstanding sportsmanship and resilience

specifically using the syllabus to inform teaching and learning practices in writing. This was directly related to our Annual Improvement Plan for this year.

We had planned to hold Three Way Interviews, between parents, students and teachers, in Week 10. However, with the most recent advice from CSNSW and the NSW Departments of Health and Education we will find an alternative way to communicate with parents.

The Church is now in the third week of Lent. The focus for this week is: the worshippers the Father wants are those who worship in spirit and in truth. Sanctity can no longer be identified with the observance of one set of rules and traditions. To be holy means to be simultaneously a child of God and a citizen of the world.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Geoff and the Jones family in this tragic time of loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all.

Please remember, that if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child or the daily routines of the school, staff are always happy to assist. Call the School Office between 8.30am and 3.30pm to ask a question or make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

God's blessings,
Mrs Trish Cleal, Principal

UPCOMING CANCELLED EVENTS

The following events have been cancelled:

- swimming for school sport
- school mass at St Michael's
- trips to the town library
- open assemblies
- primary class camp
- Peachy/Richardson Shield
- Wilcannia Forbes DIO cross country, winter trials and touch trials

Students will continue to have liturgy at school.

Students should continue to wear sports uniform on Thursdays.

St Pat's P+F news

Secret herbs & spices

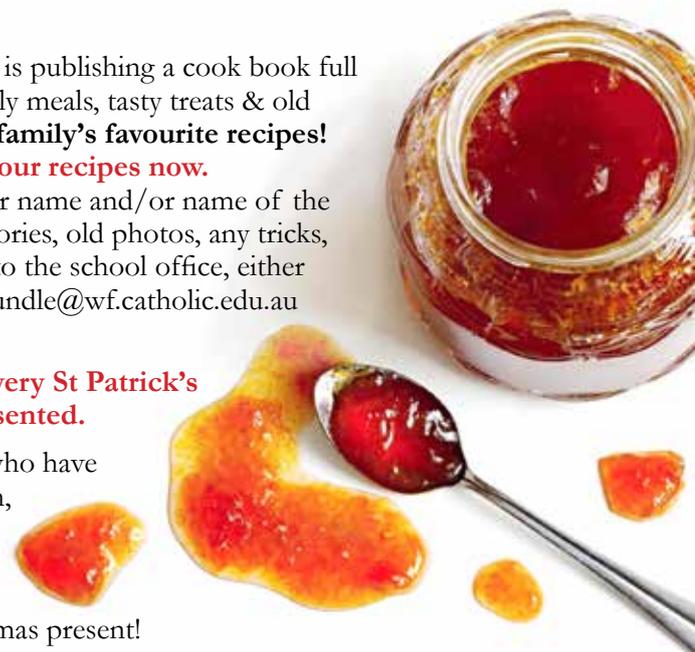
This year, St Patrick's P+F is publishing a cook book full of must-have recipes, family meals, tasty treats & old favourites. **We need your family's favourite recipes!**

Please start sending in your recipes now.

Make sure you include your name and/or name of the recipe writer, stories, memories, old photos, any tricks, tips or clever substitution to the school office, either by hand or email admin.trundle@wf.catholic.edu.au by **March 27**.

We would love to have every St Patrick's family included & represented.

Thank you to the people who have already sent their recipes in, we're very excited, this is going to be a great, must-have book – and a great gift and Christmas present!





Wearing the green for St Patrick's Day

Staff and students all donned their green clothes this morning for St Patrick's Day. St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and of our school.

Students raised money for St Mary's School in Batlow who suffered losses during the bush fires earlier this year.



MAKING JESUS REAL

MJR Award



Cooper Holloway
for donating to our fundraiser today



BOOK CLUB
Book club order forms have been sent home. There is no obligation to buy. Order forms are due back to school **THIS FRIDAY, 20 MARCH.** Book Club now has an online order APP! It's a very easy process, if you would like assistance setting it up, come in on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday and see Renee.

Making Jesus Real (MJR)

Build a bridge and get over it

When a problem comes our way, very often we can drop our bundle and give up, or get our parents or another adult to solve it. Sometimes you hear the expression 'accept a challenge'. You can feel a lot better about yourself if you can build a bridge and get over a problem. Obviously if there are really big problems you need help from parents and teachers. For small things that can upset us, such as not having your hat or swimmers and you have to miss an activity, try and manage them yourself, build a bridge and get over the small problem. This is clearly linked with being resilient.



**ST MICHAEL'S
TRUNDLE**

Sunday, March 22 @ 10am

School Mass

THERE WILL BE
NO SCHOOL MASS
until further notice

Important dates

**THURSDAY
19 MARCH**
NO MASS TODAY

**MONDAY
30 MARCH**
Parent-teacher interviews
commence

**THURSDAY
9 APRIL**
Last day of term 1

**MONDAY
27 APRIL**
First day of term 2



TERM 1
Tuesday, 4 February 2020
Thursday, 9 April 2020

TERM 2
Monday, 27 April 2020
Friday, 3 July 2020

TERM 3
Monday, 20 July 2020
Friday, 25 September 2020

TERM 4
Monday, 12 October 2020
Wednesday, 16 December 2020

Wearing helmets and riding safely

Wearing helmets

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on wheels:

- Bikes • Foot scooters • Roller Skates
- Skateboards • Rollerblades.

Riding safely

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they aren't ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. Children under 12 and their accompanying supervising adult riders may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK! procedure.

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



TRUNDLE SWIM CLUB

Presentation and Championships will be held on Friday 20th March 2020 at 4:00pm. There will be 50m races, presentation of trophies and a sausage sizzle. Please come along and support our fantastic swimmers and club. There will be an AGM held at the conclusion of our presentations. All positions will be declared vacant.

St Patrick's tea towels

Beautiful 100% cotton 50cm x 70cm tea towels featuring all of the children's names, drawings and words on the theme 'Kindness in Trundle'. Tea towels are \$15 ea and available now from the St Patrick's school office and Butcher's Brew cafe in Forbes Street, Trundle.



TRUNDLE GOLF CLUB WORKING BEE

This Saturday 21 March from 9am.
Meet at Tractor shed.



Our Cookbook

St Patrick's P+F are publishing a colour, glossy cookbook packed-full of must-have recipes, family friendly meals, tasty treats & old favourites.

We need your family's favourite, secret recipes!

**WE WOULD LOVE EVERY ST PATRICK'S FAMILY
TO BE INVOLVED + REPRESENTED**

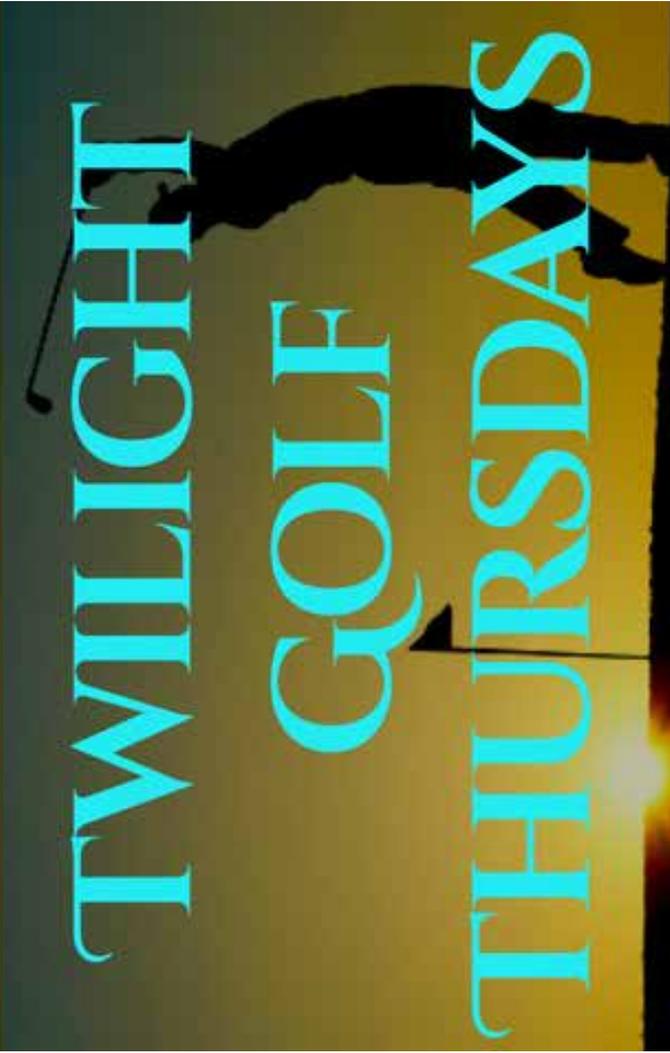
All St Patrick's students will be involved in this project + featured in the many colour photos.

START SENDING IN YOUR RECIPES NOW

Make sure you include your name and/or name of the recipe writer. We'd love to hear any stories, memories, old photos, any tricks, tips or clever substitutions you have. Hand your recipe/s in to the school office by March 27, either by hand or email admin.trundle@wf.catholic.edu.au

**TRUNDLE GOLF CLUB
2020**

TWILIGHT GOLF THURSDAYS



2 PERSON AMBROSE

9 HOLES

\$5 PER PLAYER

5 PM HIT OFF

EARLIER TEE OFF

ENCOURAGED

SAUSAGE SIZZLE ALL ENCOURAGED TO HAVE A GO

NEW AND OLD GOLFERS

**MEN, LADIES AND JUNIORS
NON GOLFERS**

**CONTACT A COMMITTEE
MEMBER FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK TRUNDLE GOLF
CLUB**

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Trundle Golf Club

GOLF SEASON



OPENING DAY SUN 29 MARCH

Sign in from 11.30

Tee time: 12

Two person

Ambrose 18 holes

Members and

guests welcome

\$10 includes golf

& barbie after

the game

Chipping comp



Contact a committee member for more info

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GRAND FINAL CHAMPIONS

Trundle Junior Cricket

At last the day had arrived that some of our juniors had waited more than five years for, when they took on the Waratahs in the 2019/2020 Junior cricket grand final. The Waratahs won the toss & chose to bat first. It was a nervous start by the Trundle side, making some uncharacteristic errors in the field & went to the 15th over break with the Waratahs sitting on 64 runs for the loss of 2 wickets on the back of some fine batting by the Player of the Season & Captain of the Waratahs Jack Jones. With the resumption of play it was a different Trundle side aided by some terrific bowling & some fine fielding, the visitors claimed 5/22 in the next 10 overs leaving the juniors a 87 run chase for the title.

Sam Charlton & Charlie Taunton opened the batting & set about their task with confidence retiring with 23 runs. Charlie Anderson & Paddy Williams came to the crease adding another 22 run partnership. Then Blair MacDonald & Tyrone Kirk contributing another 19 runs. It was up to Jason Gerry & Aliethea Stokes to close the game down & the celebrations started!

Well done to the Trundle Juniors for never giving up & for breaking a ten year drought.

Runs for Trundle: Paddy Williams 17, Sam Charlton 11, Kayden Charlton-Little 7, Blair MacDonald 7, Charlie Taunton 6, Charlie Anderson 5, Jason Gerry 5 & Tyrone Kirk 3

Wickets for Trundle: Charlie Taunton 2; Sam Charlton, Charlie Anderson & Kayden Charlton-Little all 1 each

Catches for Trundle: Sam Charlton, Paddy Williams, Tyrone Kirk all 1 each

Man of the Match: Tyrone Kirk

Trundle Juniors & the Waratahs then proceeded to the

presentations at the Condobolin Sports Club where the competition presentations were held & the Grand Final trophies were presented.

After an outstanding year, **Jack Jones** (Waratahs) was presented Player of the Season

Paddy Williams (Trundle) received Best & Fairest

Sophia Stuckey (Gilgais) Female Player of the Year

Sam Charlton (Trundle) Most Improved

Rookie of the Year awarded to **Charlie Taunton** (Trundle)

Charlie Anderson (Trundle) Most Determined Cricketer

Trundle team presentations will be on Thursday 19 March at 4pm in conjunction with a fun game & BBQ at Berryman Oval.



GATHER THE GIRLS & GET TO THE
TRUNDLE HOTEL FOR
**TRUNDLE LADIES
DAY SHOPPING EVENT**

WITH LUV LEA BOUTIQUE &
KB HANDBAGS AND GIFTS

SATURDAY APRIL 4TH FROM 2PM
UNTIL YOU HAVE SHOPPED TILL YOU DROP!

TRUNDLE HOTEL

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LUV LEA BOUTIQUE

Trundle Community Day Centre

After consultation with health authorities it is with regret that Trundle Community Day Centre will be cancelled from this week Friday 20 March due to Covid-19.

Regrettably this decision has been made but the health of our attendees is our highest priority.

Notice will be given when we will recommence.

Practise simple hygiene by washing hands regularly



1 Wet hands



2 Apply soap



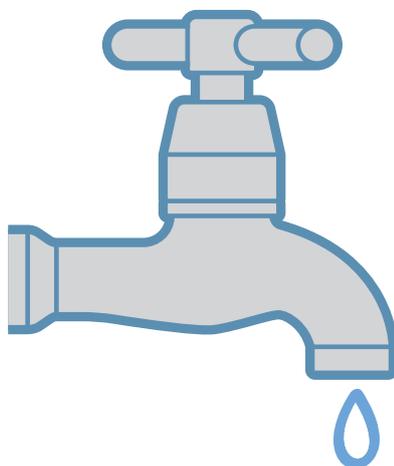
3 Lather & scrub



4 Rinse hands



5 Turn off tap



6 Dry hands



Spend 20 seconds washing your hands.



Trundle Newsagency

HOURS OF BUSINESS DURING EASTER

8am to 11am from Friday 10th to Monday 13 April

Post office and banking services will close at 2pm on Thursday, 9th April and remain closed over the Easter period.

Trundle Red Cross Meeting **Friday 20th March**

2pm at the CWA Hall

All welcome to attend



JUNIOR GOLF COMING SOON!

Ages 7-12 years

Terms 2 & 3 • Friday after school • 1 hour session

EQUIPMENT WILL BE SUPPLIED OR BRING YOUR OWN.
To show your interest please contact Matthew Randall on
0428 642 474.

Updated Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advice

Sunday, 15 March 2020

This advice is provided by Catholic Schools NSW (CSNSW) and is consistent with advice developed by the NSW Departments of Education and Health.

As you are aware the World Health Organisation has declared COVID-19 a pandemic. The situation in NSW continues to evolve with more confirmed cases in the community.

CSNSW has been planning and operating in accordance with the NSW Department of Education's pandemic plan to support the safety and wellbeing of staff and students.

This strategy aims to 'flatten the curve' of confirmed cases so that our health services can meet the needs of those who require care when they need it.

Below you will find comprehensive advice on the actions you can take to support that plan. You are urged to read all of this advice thoroughly and take the time to understand how it impacts on you, your colleagues and workplaces, and your school community.

The situation is evolving quickly and we will continue to respond to the advice and direction of the NSW and Commonwealth Governments as we receive it. This advice and direction will seek to ensure that all our actions are verifiable, timely and proportionate.

Preventative measures

Firstly, **the three most important things** each and every one of us can do to help manage the spread of the virus are:

- Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly.
- Sneeze into your elbow or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands.
- Stay home if you are unwell and in schools, send home staff or students who show signs of being unwell through the day.

Masks are not an effective measure in protecting staff or the community from the virus and therefore no member of staff should need to wear a mask in going about their normal duties.

In schools, you have a vital role to play in reinforcing these messages with your students and through the community.

We are now asking you to implement some proactive measures in your schools and workplaces to ensure these hygiene measures are followed. We also recognise the importance of leaders being able to make local decisions and we will support you to adopt these changes.

The following is offered as advice:

School closures

Some have called for school closures and the matter is the subject of debate in the community. This and other public health responses to COVID-19 are being considered daily at CSNSW, and in meetings

between Australia's chief health officers, drawing on advice from the national leaders in pandemic management and from the experience with this and previous pandemics. CSNSW is in discussion with NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education on a regular basis every day.

If or when school closures become the best way to manage the spread of the virus in NSW, then we must be ready to do so. This is not currently a proactive measure that must be taken for NSW schools. However, schools that have a confirmed case of COVID-19 should immediately contact the Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055. It may then be necessary to immediately, though temporarily, close the school while close contacts of the confirmed case can be ascertained, and necessary precautions taken to ensure those potentially infected can self-isolate.

Agile school and work practices

It is critical that all schools and workplaces have a business continuity protocol to ensure they can continue to operate as effectively as possible, even in the event of a school or office closure. Schools and workplaces are asked to consider how they can adjust some of their current work practices with minimal disruption to the delivery of services.

Some practical options for consideration include:

- Whether schools have the capability to move to online learning.
- Minimising face to face meetings and using technology where appropriate for meetings.
- Introducing different times for lunch and recess for groups of students.
- Considering alternative communication techniques for parent teacher interviews.

Diocesan schools office staff are advised to use Skype, or other similar software, for meetings and to limit the need for large numbers of staff to attend briefings and meetings. This might also be managed through available flexible workplace policies.

CSNSW will continue to liaise with NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education on the development of future social distancing considerations, particularly with regards to students and staff with specific health needs.

School assemblies

From Monday, 16 March 2020, we are asking schools to look at alternative ways to communicate with students and parents other than through school assemblies.

School excursions

We advise that all school excursions outside of your school's local community be cancelled until further notice, including all overnight excursions and school camps.

All major Arts and Sports activities and events should temporarily be ceased. This includes whole school sporting events and inter-school events.

Smaller, local inter-school sport and other activities, can proceed but we ask organisers to ensure that as far as possible, reasonable precautions are taken.

Please note that NSW Health has advised that no groups of students should visit aged care facilities or attend other facilities in the local community (e.g. hospitals) where there are elderly people or people with underlying health conditions.

Conferences, seminars and gatherings of over 50 people

Schools and office staff should avoid arranging or attending large conferences or educational seminars (e.g. over 100 people). Virtual meetings of larger groups of people should be considered as an alternative.

Interstate travel

Non-essential interstate travel should be placed on hold until further notice.

External providers

Some external providers may also be implementing similar social distancing measures. It is important you make contact with critical providers to establish if there will be any changes or disruption to the services you have in place.

Stay home if you are sick

The health and safety of our students and staff is paramount. If you are unwell with respiratory illness, you should remain at home until symptoms resolve and, where appropriate, seek advice from a medical practitioner (and call ahead first). Remember to also **clean your hands thoroughly** for at least 20-seconds with soap and water and cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.

Support hygiene initiatives in schools

We ask that schools and offices reinforce good hygiene throughout their school community and workplace. This starts with sending home any member of staff or student who shows signs of being unwell.

Within your school community or workplace, please make time to practice good hand hygiene. We recommend:

- Supervising hand sanitation, particularly for younger children.
- Promoting cough and sneeze etiquette.
- Introducing regular hand washing schedules throughout the school day.
- Regularly check soap dispensers are full in all bathroom facilities.

Children with chronic medical conditions or immunosuppression may be at increased risk. Please consider special arrangements for these children, such as home-based study where their learning can be done uncompromised. We suggest that a plan be developed in consultation with their healthcare provider.

In the school environment please consider the following:

- Introduction of regular and enhanced cleaning for high touch surfaces.
- Use of outdoor settings where possible.

- Increase ventilation in classrooms.
- Enhanced hygiene and screening for illness among food preparation and canteen staff.
- Review after hours school arrangements with your provider to minimise mixing of children from multiple classes and age, and to implement the above hygiene measures in this setting.

Report suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19

All suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 must be reported immediately to the Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055. This number can be called 24 hours a day.

You must also ensure that all relevant stakeholders are immediately aware of any cases, including school principals, the Diocesan Director of Schools, and CSNSW, so they can provide assistance and support as required.

Updated international travel restrictions

You may also have heard about the travel advice issued by the Australian Government on 11 March. This means that staff and students are excluded from a school or workplace if they have departed from or transited through:

- China within the last 14 days
- Iran within the last 14 days commencing 1 March 2020
- Republic of Korea (South Korea) commencing 5 March 2020
- Italy commencing 11 March 2020

OR

- have been diagnosed with the COVID-19
- have had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 infection.

The Australian Government has now updated this advice to require that from midnight on Monday, 16 March, any person arriving in Australia from overseas will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

The Australian Government also advises all Australians to reconsider their need for overseas travel at this time. Regardless of the destination, age or health, if overseas travel is not essential, people should consider carefully whether now is the right time to travel.

CSNSW will continue to work closely with the NSW and Australian Government agencies to make sure appropriate measures are in place to support you and those working in our schools and workplaces across the state.

The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee has met to consider the issue of school closures in relation to the community transmission of COVID-19. The Committee's advice is that pre-emptive closures are not likely to be proportionate or effective as a public health intervention to prevent community transmission of COVID-19 at this time.

There is currently limited information on the contribution of children to transmission of COVID-19, with the WHO-China Joint Mission noted the primary role of household transmission and observed that children tended to be infected from adults.

Previous work suggests that the potential reduction in community transmission from pre-emptive school closures may be offset by the care arrangements that are in place for children who are not at school. Children may require care from vulnerable grandparents or may continue to associate (and transmit infection) outside of school settings.

Broadly, the health advice on school closures from previous respiratory epidemics shows the costs are often underestimated and the benefits are overestimated.

<https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ohp-ahmppi.htm>.

This may be even more so in relation to COVID-19 as unlike influenza, the impact on otherwise healthy children has been minimal to date.

School closure is associated with considerable costs. Studies have estimated that around 15% of the workforce and 30% of the healthcare workforce may need to take time off work to care for children. While this effect could be mitigated somewhat, it is likely that this burden will still be significant and will fall disproportionately on those in casual or tenuous work circumstances.

For pre-emptive school closures to be effective, prolonged closure is required and it would be unclear when they could be re-opened. If there were still a large pool of susceptible students when schools are re-opened, there would be likely to be re-emergence of transmission in the community.

School closures may still be considered late in the outbreak in anticipation of a peak in infection rates, for a shorter period of time. Short term reactive school closures may also be warranted to allow cleaning and contact tracing to occur.

At this stage, the spread of COVID-19 in the community is at quite low levels. It may be many months before the level of community infection is again as low as it is at the moment.

A decision to close campus operations now on the current level of community transmission may therefore see schools closed for many months.

A number of countries around the world have implemented either nationwide or localised school closures, at different times in the evolution of the local epidemic. Some countries have also closed schools in a reactive manner following identification of illness in a school member. Some of these countries are now considering their position in relation to re-opening schools.

Singapore has had success in limiting the transmission of COVID-19 in the community without closing schools. Other countries are working in different contexts, including Northern Hemisphere countries making decisions at the end of winter with COVID-19 being accompanied by influenza in the community.

<https://en.unesco.org/themes/education-emergencies/coronavirus-school-closures>

The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee will meet on Monday and Tuesday to review advice on the operation of boarding facilities in schools. Further advice will also be provided this week on school sport. The advice in relation to school closures will continue to be reviewed at daily meetings of this Committee.

Schools should implement a range of other strategies to reduce transmission, including the promotion of personal hygiene measures (handwashing, reducing face contact, cough etiquette), physical distancing, reducing mass gatherings (eg school assemblies), and reducing the mixing of students (eg reduced use of common areas, staggered lunchtimes, and reduced after school activities and inter-school activities).

Schools should also reinforce existing policies to exclude students and staff who are unwell, and current policies requiring quarantine for those who have recently travelled overseas. It is also important that the learning needs of students who are excluded from school are met.

NSW Health has developed separate advice to NSW Government schools in relation to implementing social distancing strategies in a school setting. This advice will be forwarded separately.

Dr Kerry Chant PSM

Chief Health Officer

NSW Health

15 March 2020



COVID-19 SAFETY TIPS

Making our Parish Community safe in the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes



1 WASHING HANDS

Washing your hands with soap and warm water on a regular basis is a vital step to stop the spread of COVID-19



2 HANDSHAKING

At the sign of peace, say "Peace be with you", and offer a smile or wave. Do not shake hands, this minimises physical contact



3 HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will only be distributed under one kind, the Body of Christ. Remember the host is the full Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus



4 HOLY WATER

Holy Water will be removed from fonts in churches.



5 IF YOU'RE UNWELL

People who are sick must stay home. Your obligation to attend Sunday Mass ceases when you are sick



6 PRAY & CARE

During these uncertain times we are called to join as one people to pray and trust in Christ. Also our Christian duty is to care for those around us and lend a helping hand.



**O Lord come to our aid!
(Psalm 69)**

Is your family struggling with the effects of this current drought?

Bishop Columba Macbeth Green is very aware that economic conditions are difficult as a result of the drought and that many families are struggling at this time.

The Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes is committed to providing a Catholic education to all enrolled children in our schools. The Bishop, the Director of Education and leaders of Catholic education are very conscious that some families are under particular strain at the moment and want to do all they can to support those families.

Bishop Columba is concerned that no student be excluded from school due to a genuine inability, on the part of drought effected parents/carers, to pay fees.

If you have any concerns or issues in regard to fee payments, please do not hesitate to talk to your Principal.

Special consideration will given to families affected by drought and fee concessions may be considered in cases where a family's financial circumstances have changed in such a way as to make fee adjustments necessary.

Bishop Columba has urged us all to pray to Our Lady of Perpetual Help to intercede for us that rain might soon provide relief for us all!



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