



St. Patrick's Parish School

THE EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY
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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 9, 24th March 2020

Dear parents and friends,

This newsletter contains many letters and articles regarding the current Coronavirus status. I urge you to read each article and letter with care. I appreciate that this is a very concerning time. Let us all keep supporting each other as we strive to maintain a safe learning environment for our students and staff.

Next week, instead of our planned Three Way Interviews, we have teleconferences between parents and teachers. If you had booked a time for an interview with your child's teacher, the teacher will call you at that time to discuss your child's learning this term. It will be very important that we time those conversations and only use the 15 minutes allotted time, as other parents will be waiting for their call at the time they booked.

The Church is now in the fourth week of Lent. The focus for this week is: Being a Christian is not just about following rules and regulations; it is about following a person. It is about following Jesus Christ. Being a disciple of Jesus is not just or even a matter of the head; it is a matter of the heart.

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 talk with your child's teacher.

God's blessings,
Mrs Trish Cleal,
Principal

Today we remember God's announcement to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus. Through Mary's openness to God, the world received Jesus our Saviour. Loving God, like Mary, may we say 'yes' to your will and so welcome our Saviour to the waiting world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

23 March 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

I am writing to provide you with an update on the COVID-19 situation in relation to our parish schools.

Our top priority is the health of the students and staff in our schools. I am very proud of the efforts of our school principals and staff in the care they are providing for our school communities. Using the advice provided by NSW Health, our principals are guiding students and staff to practise safe hygiene and appropriate social distancing. They have made careful changes to the daily routine of schools to ensure that large numbers of students do not congregate together. They are minimising contact from outside the school and ensuring appropriate protocols are being followed. You would have also noticed that excursions and large sporting events have been cancelled or postponed indefinitely.

Last night, the Prime Minister confirmed the federal government's stance that schools should remain open. The federal government and Australia's Chief Medical Officer are in agreement that keeping schools open is currently the best course of action to protect those in our community who are more likely to be most seriously affected by the virus, including the elderly and those with underlying health conditions and to ensure that health workers and frontline medical staff can remain at work.

Today the Premier of NSW encouraged parents to keep their child(ren) at home except for parents who have no alternative but to keep their child(ren) at school. For those of you who feel your child(ren) should remain in school we will continue to look after your child(ren) and facilitate learning for them in school. This is particularly important if your job is in one of the essential service areas such as providing health care.

Our school staff are in the process of preparing to provide different modes of learning for students at home. We will also be developing some resources to assist you as parents to help your child's learning at home. We ask for your patience as we develop this new style of learning. In order to help our staff to prepare for providing learning for your child(ren) at home we would appreciate your time in completing a short survey by Wednesday 25 March. The data in the survey will be used to support planning for providing learning at home for your child(ren).

We appreciate that this is a very concerning time. One way we can help is by providing you with balanced and accurate updated information on our website which will also be linked to your school's website. This updated information can be found at <https://www.wf.catholic.edu.au/coronavirus/>. Don't hesitate to raise any concerns that you have with our principals who are exercising calm and reassuring leadership.

In this challenging environment, our schools continue to provide quality faith formation and learning while safeguarding the health and safety of your child(ren). Let us all keep supporting each other as we strive to maintain a safe learning environment for our students and staff.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, *pray for us.*

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.J. Gordon'.

Anthony Gordon
Director of Catholic Education
Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes

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Joint statement from Trundle Schools

Dear school community,

The COVID-19 virus has created additional challenges for schools and families. These challenges are manageable if we work together, focus on the facts and keep calm. Based on our current information there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 virus in the Trundle Township (or surrounding area) and definitely not in the two Trundle schools.

Our top priority is the health of the students and staff in our schools. Using the advice provided by NSW Health, we are guiding students and staff to practice safe hygiene and appropriate social distancing. Our schools have made careful changes to the daily routine of our schools and are ensuring appropriate protocols are being followed.

We will continue to monitor the advice of federal and state governments and medical authorities. In the event that we are advised to close our schools, our staff will remain committed to the education of your child(ren) by providing different modes of learning that students can use at home.

There is a flood of information in the media and the Trundle Community. Some of this information is not accurate and therefore has the potential to increase the level of anxiety and worry amongst the students at both schools. This increase in anxiety / worry is detrimental to student learning and wellbeing, especially if it is prolonged in nature.

As Principals of schools in Trundle, we always encourage parents to have regular, honest, but age appropriate conversations with their children. However, as educators we also urge parents to stick to known facts and shield your children from rumour or sensationalism that is potentially damaging. Below are some tips for answering questions about the virus.

- Acknowledge feelings.
- Be honest, keep up to date with the facts.
- Speak to children in a calm manner.
- Let them know it is normal to have some anxiety and stress.
- Give them a sense of control by telling them what to do to keep safe.
- Do not overwhelm them with un-necessary information.
- Keep to routine as much as possible.
- Allow regular phone contact to people they may worry about such as grandparents.

The most up-to-date information about the virus can be found at:

<https://www.wf.catholic.edu.au/coronavirus/> or <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools-safety/novel-coronavirus.html>.

Please consider your children accessing these websites and phone numbers if your children are worried about COVID-19 virus:

Kids Helpline (1800 551800 or www.kidshelp.com.au)

Lifeline (131114 or www.lifeline.org.au)

Headspace (1800 551800)

Headspace has information on the website for young people affected by stress related to Novel Coronavirus:

<https://headspace.org.au/young-people/how-to-cope-with-stress-related-to-covid-19/>




Mr John Southon
Principal Trunkle Central School




Trish Cleal
Mrs Trish Cleal
Principal St Patrick's Parish School



The Most Reverend Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE D.D

Bishop of the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes

Mercedes House

16 Johnson Street

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"Do not fear, for I am with you"
Isaiah 41:10

23rd March 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Pastoral Letter to the People of the Diocese

"Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." – Matthew 18:20

Last night the Prime Minister moved to a total shut down of non-essential services as COVID-19 takes its toll here in Australia. Included in the shutdown category were places of worship. What this means is that our Churches will close their doors and will no longer be used for public and private prayer from 12Midday today until further notice. Additionally, this will mean the public celebration of the Sacraments such as Baptisms, Weddings and Confessions will cease from 12Midday today. Although the Government has made exemptions for funerals, although with very strict guidelines.

Communion to the Sick and Extreme Unction (The Last Rites) will still be performed with strict health guidelines by our Priests and I remind them of their Sacred duty in doing so.

Writing a letter of this nature is very hard. I do not have words to express how I am feeling at this point of time. I never believed that it would come to this, although sadly it must as we are dealing with something that is invisible to the eye and deadly to those who are venerable. We must take care of all our people at this point in time. I remind you that the Church in the Spiritual sense is not the building, it is us. We take comfort in the words of Jesus who said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I with them."

Where we are, the Church remains.

The Chancery is now preparing material to be distributed to all the faithful to ensure that your days are sanctified with Holy Scripture and various devotions.

Please keep in mind that everything is subject to change as it has done at various times over the last week.

Let us all pray at this very difficult time. We will return again as one in our Churches, when that will be I do not know. Please take care and look after one another.

"Do not fear, for I am with you" –Isaiah 41:10, Jesus is always with us.

Yours in Christ

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

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Making Jesus Real (MJR)

W.E.S.T. is Best

Welcome Encourage Sorry Thanks

These are four great words to live by, and we encourage our students at St Patrick's to demonstrate these qualities in all aspects of their lives.



Students of the Week

TERM 1 WEEK 8 AWARDS



INFANTS

Catie Crowley

for a fantastic effort in this week's spelling test.



PRIMARY

Alice Williams

for reading and recording time using analogue clocks



SPORT

Xavier Gaut

for great sportsmanship.

UPCOMING CANCELLED EVENTS

The following events have been cancelled:

- combined school social at TCS
- swimming for school sport
- trips to the town library
- primary class camp
- CWA public speaking competition
- Wilcannia Forbes DIO cross country, winter trials and touch trials
- NAPLAN
- school mass at St Michael's
- open assemblies
- Peachy/Richardson Shield
- Sunday mass at St Michael's

Students will continue to have liturgy at school.

Students should continue to wear sports uniform on Thursdays.

St Pat's P+F news

Pies!

The lovely & talented folk from Condo Bakery are making our pies and sausage rolls this year. Pies are a great quick family meal or dessert to stock up in your freezer.

The order form is attached to this newsletter and due back to school by 7 April – no purchasing limits!

Cook book: please send in your recipes

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, email admin.trundle@wf.catholic.edu.au

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 Christmas gift!



TERM 1

4 February 2020 – 9 April 2020

TERM 2

27 April 2020 – 3 July 2020

TERM 3

20 July 2020 – 25 September 2020

TERM 4

12 October 2020 – 16 December 2020

2020
term dates



MAKING JESUS REAL

MJR Award



Bailee McAneney
for building a bridge and
dealing with small problems

Important dates

**MONDAY
30 MARCH**

Parent-teacher interviews
commence

**THURSDAY
9 APRIL**

Last day of term 1

**MONDAY
27 APRIL**

First day of term 2



3RD WEEK OF LENT ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Annunciation celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only son, Jesus Christ.

Child safe schools and supportive environments

Information for parents

We take our responsibility to protect children seriously. All staff are expected to promote child safety by having a clear understanding of their legal child protection responsibilities and act in accordance with those responsibilities.

In particular the school will:

- Maintain professionalism in our interactions with children at all times by exercising appropriate duty of care and maintaining professional boundaries.
- Follow an established process to address allegations of inappropriate behaviour by staff towards children.
- Ensure all people working in our school who are required to undertake a Working With Children Check have a valid clearance.
- Respond appropriately when we suspect a child is at risk of significant harm due to possible abuse or neglect by a parent/carer or other adult.

Maintaining professionalism

All staff are expected to act professionally and in accordance with the school's expectations regarding staff conduct toward children. We understand that staff have a duty of care to:

- ensure no child is exposed to foreseeable risk of harm;
- take action to minimise risk;
- supervise actively; and
- if we see others acting inappropriately with children, report concerns to the Principal.

School staff also understand that they are in a position of trust, authority and influence in relation to children and that it is important that we do not take advantage of that position to mistreat or misguide students either intentionally or inadvertently.



FUN HOME ACTIVITY!

- 1 Dig out your recipe books & folders. Look through them with your kids. Talk about why they're your favourites.
 - 2 Cook your favourite recipe/s – take photos – during the process & after with your kids gobbling the lot. We'd love your photos for our cook book!
 - 3 Email your recipe & photo results to admin.trundle@wf.catholic.edu.au
- It would be fantastic to have every St Patrick's family included & represented.



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 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, either by hand or email admin.trundle@wf.catholic.edu.au

Trundle Ladies' Social Golf 2020

Wednesdays

Commencing Wednesday 1st April 2020

9.00 am for 9.30 am tee off

9 holes \$5 or 18 \$10
score or not
have a laugh
coffee or lunch up
the street after



Never played before? Don't worry!
None of us are experts.
No sticks? We can share.

Contact: Lindy Randall 0488 182 156
Suellen Taylor 0429 921 026
Sue Morrison 0429 921 325
Sharon Wright 6892 1056

Trundle Golf Club

We will be guided by advice from Golf NSW and Golf Australia regarding the changing conditions of play. To keep abreast of any changes in scheduled events at Trundle Golf Club please check on our Facebook page.

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.



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH SCHOOL

2020 Pie Drive

Family pies

	PRICE PER PIE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Plain Pie	\$15.00		
Potato-topped Pie	\$15.00		
Curry Chicken Pie	\$15.00		
Chicken Pie	\$15.00		
Curry Pie	\$15.00		
Mushroom Pie	\$15.00		
Cheese and Bacon Pie	\$15.00		
Outback Lamb Pie	\$20.00		
Apple Pie	\$15.00		

Dozen pies

Mince Plain Pie	\$48.00		
Mince Cheese and Bacon	\$48.00		
Mince Curry Pie	\$48.00		
Chicken Pie	\$60.00		
Curry Chicken Pie	\$60.00		
Outback Lamb Pie	\$72.00		
Apple Pie	\$60.00		
Cherry Pie	\$60.00		
Sausage Rolls	\$42.00		

Donuts

Single Cinnamon Donut	\$1.00		
Small Caramel Donut	\$4.00		
Total Order			

Payment options: Cash Cheque (made out to St Patrick's P & F)

Direct debit – Account: St Patrick's School P & F BSB 802 884 Account no. 9041714 Reference: surname

Name: _____ Phone: _____

- No orders will be taken without payment • All orders are due back to the School by **Tuesday 7th April 2020**
- **Delivery Day is Friday 1st May 2020** • Pick up details to be advised • No bags, Condo Bakery is packing them!