



## St. Patrick's Parish School

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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 2 Week 2, 5 May 2020

### *Dear parents and friends,*

A very big thank you to our Parents and Friends Association for organising such a successful Pie Drive. The pies were ordered from Condobolin Bakery, who were great to liaise with and very helpful in every way. The pies were all packed in sturdy boxes, clearly labelled, which made collecting them on Friday afternoon very easy. They would have been great comfort food over the cold weekend, for all those who ordered them. Thanks for supporting our school.

It was lovely to catch up with all our families last week as everyone called in to collect their first Weekly Learning Packs and then return them again on Friday. The Weekly Learning Packs are how lessons are being delivered to students. This will continue at least until the end of Week 5. It is an expectation of the N.S.W. Education Standards Authority that students will complete this work each week. Students are being assessed on the work completed each week. The weekly Zoom or telephone catch-ups with families are really valuable, too. Thank you to all are families making sure these happen.

As you are all aware, the Premier of NSW continues to provide guidance into the NSW Government's plan for Schools for Term 2. From Week 3 (11-15 May), students will progressively return to face to face learning at school with appropriate social distancing and other health protocols in place.

This transition back to learning at school will commence in Week 3 and continue to Week 5.

The current expectation is that all students will return to full-time face to face learning at school at the start of Week 6. (Except students who are medically vulnerable or living with a family member who is medically vulnerable.)

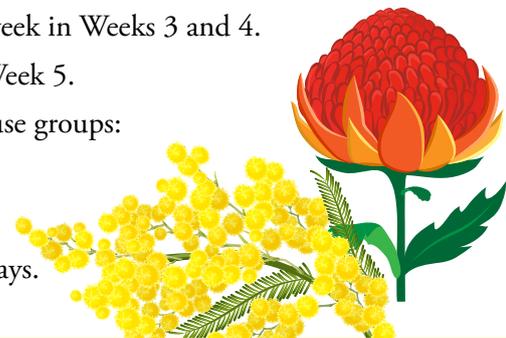
Students will transition back to school based learning in the following way:

- All staff will work from school (*except staff identified as medically vulnerable*).
- Students will return for two days per week in Weeks 3 and 4.
- Students may return for four days in Week 5.
- Students will return in their Sport House groups:

**Waratah:** Monday and Tuesday

**Wattle:** Wednesday and Thursday

- No students will attend school on Fridays.



Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

# St Pat's Sports teams

## WARATAH

Dominic  
Zac  
Angus  
Lakeisha  
Alice  
Daniel  
Xavier  
Harry  
Catie  
Tilly  
Tyler  
Lalita  
Abby  
Esther  
Alexis

## WATTLE

Bailee  
Charlie  
Freya  
James  
Brydee  
Nicholas  
Lucas  
Isabella  
Lili  
Marcus  
Chayse  
Annie  
Peyton  
Sarah  
Matilda  
Maddi  
Kaleb

- Our schools remain open each day for children of essential workers and families not able to supervise their children at home.
- The Weekly Learning Plans will still be the format for lessons in Weeks 3–5.
- Families will drop off and collect Weekly Learning Plans on Fridays.

There will be very strict Social Distancing and Hygiene protocols which will have to be implemented as students return to school. I will send these new protocols to families during this week.

Schools and parents should be relying on balanced and verified sources of information. Our advice for health and safety is based on the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee advice on reducing the potential risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools. Please find the AHPPC advice at this link: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/australian-health-protection-principal-committee-ahppc-advice-on-reducing-the-potential-risk-of-covid-19-transmission-in-schools>

May is traditionally known as The Month of Mary in the Catholic Church. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone wishing to be close to God. May is also the month in Australia when we celebrate Mothers Day. We can't forget that Mary spent nearly every day of her life just like millions of other women who look after their families, bring up their children, and take care of their houses. Mary sanctifies the ordinary, everyday things -- what some people wrongly regard as unimportant and insignificant: everyday work, looking after those closest to you, visits to friends and relatives. What a blessed ordinariness, that can be so full of love of God. Two traditions within the Church during May are the praying of the Regina Coeli and the Rosary.

Please remember, that if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child or the new expectations of our Home Based Learning platform, staff are always happy to assist. Email your child's teacher between 8.30am and 3.30pm to ask a question.

God's blessings, **Mrs Trish Cleal**, Principal

## BE SAFE ONLINE

COVID-19 means young people spending more time at home, and online. There are a lot of great ways they can use connected devices to learn and play, but there are also risks that you can help them avoid. eSafety has a wide range of advice for parents and carers covering common online safety issues like managing screen time, cyberbullying, inappropriate content, sending nudes and contact from strangers. [www.esafety.gov.au/parents](http://www.esafety.gov.au/parents)

## Don't forget, in Term 2 we wear winter uniform!

**Boys:** Grey trousers • Grey cotton/polycotton button – up shirt, with pointed collar • School tie • School hat • St. Patrick's green school Jumper with school crest • St Patrick's track suit Jacket • Grey socks • Plain black lace up shoes or plain black riding boots

**Girls:** Winter Tartan skirt or Tartan trousers • White cotton/polycotton button-up shirt with pointed collar • School tie • School hat • St. Patrick's green school jumper with school crest • St Patrick's track suit jacket with school crest • Navy socks or stockings • Plain black flat lace-up shoes

**Sports:** Bottle green unisex shorts • green t-shirt with school crest • bottle green track pants • white sport socks • track suit jacket with school crest

Making Jesus Real (MJR)

## Be a defuser, not an escalator

Some of us are very good at stirring or baiting our brothers, sisters, parents or classmates. We know what annoys them and how they get annoyed.

When we go into any situation in the playground or in the classroom or even at home do we do things to make the situation worse or do we do things to calm the situation down?

**Are we peacemakers of situations or stirrers?**

**ESCALATORS** Would make smart comments, point and blame, or raise their voices. They would be Larry Losers and takers.

**DEFUSERS** Would say sorry, be calm and want to solve the problem rather than make it worse. They would accept responsibility if they had made a mistake and forgive the other person once the situation passed. They would be winners and grinners and happy chappies. Team work makes the dream work!



## HOME BASED LEARNING

Share your photos of home based learning with St Pat's! Send your teacher an email, they'd love to see how everyone is going. Due to privacy legislation, please make sure you show the learning only & not your child.

Here are some of the Kinder responses to their Easter religion lessons.



## Liturgy at home: mass options

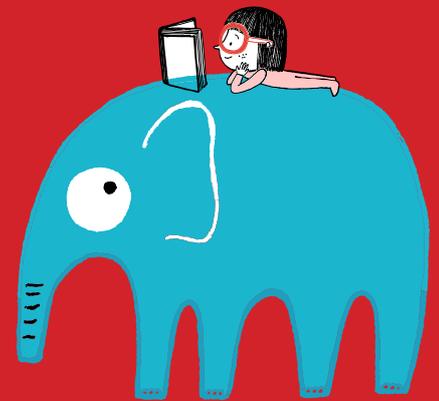
- 'Mass For You At Home' is on free-to-air Channel 10 (WIN) at 6am Sunday mornings.
- Keep watch on our diocesan website for any updates and upcoming live-streamed Mass: [www.wf.catholic.org.au/](http://www.wf.catholic.org.au/)
- Mass is livestreamed on **Sundays at 10am** and **weekdays at 12.30pm** from Brisbane's St Stephen's website: [www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/webcast](http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/webcast) The site also has archived Masses and 2-minute homilies.
- 'Mass On Demand' is available from St Mary's, North Sydney at: [www.youtube.com/user/cathnews](http://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews)
- Free liturgy resources are being provided especially for us at this time. To access, go to [www.liturgyhelp.com/aus/wilcannia/pray](http://www.liturgyhelp.com/aus/wilcannia/pray) for a range of Catholic prayers and liturgical texts.

# P+F news

## ZOOM MEETING

The P+F will have a meeting via zoom **this Tuesday, 5 May** at 3pm.

Please email or call the office if you would like to participate and we will send you the meeting code. All welcome!



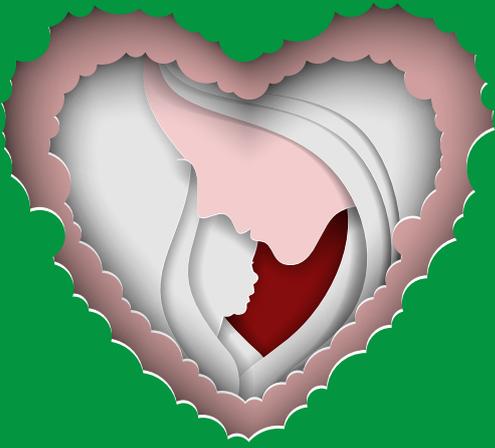
## Virtual Book Club

Book club is completely online for the time being and you can see their exciting new catalogue by following this link <https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

**Orders are due by Friday, 18 May.**

There is no obligation to buy.

Order online or through the APP. Books will be delivered to school.



## Mother's Day

A Mother loves you more  
than she loves herself.

She has watched you  
while you were sleeping,  
and her heart smiled.

Every time you were upset,  
her heart sank.

You make her life meaningful,  
without even knowing.

She would give  
her last breath for you.

You inspire her  
and give her hope.

She smiles knowing  
you are her child.

You're the best thing  
that's ever happened to her.

## 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.

### Addressing complaints of inappropriate behaviour by staff

We are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for both students and staff. This includes addressing complaints of inappropriate behaviour by staff towards any child or young person.

Such complaints are handled differently to other types of complaints which may arise in the school because of legal obligations established by the NSW Ombudsman Act 1974. The NSW Ombudsman is a government agency which requires schools and other organisations working with children to ensure systems are in place for recording and responding to all allegations of a child protection nature against staff. You should be aware that 'staff' includes volunteer helpers (including parents), contractors as well as paid staff.

If you have concerns about alleged inappropriate behaviour by a staff member towards any child or young person it is important that you discuss your concerns with the Principal who in turn will consult with the Catholic Education Office.

All complaints are investigated and resolved through a fair and confidential process which involves listening to 'both sides of the story' and giving all involved an opportunity to be heard. If the concerns involve alleged criminal behaviour they will be reported to the Police and the Catholic Education Office will wait for the outcome of the Police investigation before continuing its own investigation.

At the end of an investigation a finding will be made and appropriate follow up determined. In relation to the staff member this may include no action, increased support, professional development, increased supervision/monitoring or disciplinary action, removal of duties or termination of employment.

If harm has occurred to a child, counselling or other support will be offered to the child.

## COOKING AT HOME!

Here's another fantastic photo sent in for the school cook book. The P+F are very excited about the school community's response to this project and can't wait to see the finished product. Thank you for your support!





# 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.

**SEND 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.

**Email: [admin.trundle@wf.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin.trundle@wf.catholic.edu.au)**



## Planning for our local 2020 Trundle Show

The Trundle P&A Society Committee has agreed that a decision to postpone or cancel the 2020 Show will be made at the May meeting. The decision will be made following consultation with the Group 10 Show Committee, the Agricultural Societies Council and in line with Government recommendations around COVID-19 and social distancing measures.

As we are proceeding with organizing the Show until a decision is made otherwise, the committee is encouraging the community to continue with all projects for show entries. This is the perfect time to plant seeds for the highly contested Rainbow Chard competition in the Fruit & Vegetable section along with any herbs, lettuce and winter vegetables. Perhaps there are some handicraft projects that need completing? Sewing, knitting and quilting are all popular entries to exhibit our local talent. Maybe it's time to try your hand in the preserves section? I hear that the lemon butter is the one to beat! For our painting and drawing enthusiasts, the Fine Arts class presents many opportunities to explore your creative talent. In addition, the ever popular photography section is open with many sections to enter. There has been some amazing sunsets and dust storms over the last months which would make fantastic photos of which could be printed off ready to enter.

Looking forward to seeing all these wonderful entries in this year's show.

**UPDATES ON THE SHOW WILL BE ADVERTISED IN THE  
SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS.**



# St Patrick's School Trundle

## Covid-19

### Term 2 Return to School Learning

#### Health and Safety Protocols

Hygiene	
<p><b>Hand washing</b> is the most important defence in stopping the spread of infection.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds;               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ On arrival to school</li> <li>○ Before and after eating</li> <li>○ At the end of each break</li> <li>○ After toileting</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Hand sanitiser will also be made available in every occupied room and used when soap/water are not available.</li> <li>● Any adult entering the school must do so via the School Admin Office and use the hand sanitiser provided.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Respiratory hygiene:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students must cover coughs and sneezes with elbow or arm or using a tissue and disposing of it immediately.</li> <li>● If a student coughs or sneezes onto a surface, the surface will be cleaned immediately with disinfectant.</li> <li>● Students will be taught to avoid touching their face, especially eyes, nose and mouth.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Food and drink:</b> There can be <b>NO</b> sharing of food or drink amongst students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will need to <b>bring their own fruit</b> for Fruit Break.</li> <li>● <b>The bubblers will be closed.</b> The school will have some water bottles for students if they forget to bring one from home. That bottle will remain at school.</li> <li>● There will be <b>no shared birthday cakes/cupcakes.</b></li> </ul>

<p><b>First Aid/Sick Bay:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><i>Students who are unwell cannot remain at school.</i></b></li> <li>● Staff will use appropriate PPE (gloves, apron, mask) when dealing with any blood or bodily fluids.</li> <li>● Staff will use non-contact thermometers to take temperatures.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Environmental Cleaning</b></p>	
<p><b>High touch classroom surfaces: doorknobs, benchtops and desks</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● These surfaces will be sprayed with hospital grade disinfectant and water solution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ During recess and lunch breaks</li> <li>○ At the end of the school day</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>High touch areas in toilets: cisterns, taps, doorknobs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● These surfaces will be sprayed with hospital grade disinfectant and water solution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ after recess and lunch breaks</li> <li>○ At the end of the school day</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Outdoor lunch seats, handrails and playground equipment:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>The playground equipment will be closed</b></li> <li>● Lunch seats and handrails will be sprayed with hospital grade disinfectant and water solution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ after recess and lunch breaks</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Social Distancing</b></p>	
<p><b>Dropping Off and Picking Up students</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parents cannot walk into the school grounds when dropping children off in the morning.</li> <li>● Parents can only come to the School Admin. Office.</li> <li>● Parents must avoid gathering in groups when collecting their students after school.</li> </ul>

# SCHOOL Attendance

Remote/Offsite learning simply means education that is not based in a physical classroom. Teaching and learning programs can be delivered in many ways and our schools and teachers are working very hard to ensure your child's learning continues.

## Student Attendance

Remote Learning is governed by the same policies and procedures that apply to all CEOWF systemic schools, including policies on student attendance. Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential and meet the requirements of the NSW Education Act 1990.

## Roll Marking

Each week students are expected to engage in set work. Personalised and Individualised Learning Plans and Pathways for students are also taken into consideration. This work can be submitted electronically or returned to the school.



## Parents should

- Be aware of their legal responsibilities for ensuring their child's regular attendance
- Comply with CEOWF Attendance Policy and Guidelines
- Provide a reason within seven days from the first day of absence on why their child was absent, such as illness, medical appointment or other health appointments



## Good News, Everyone

Our schools keep records of student-teacher contacts and also use this information to assess satisfactory attendance. Teachers monitor the progress of individual students. Teachers review all students on a weekly basis to check they are returning work regularly and have work to go on with. Teachers refer any issues to the Principal for follow up and consideration of attendance concerns.

### Will my child's attendance be marked?

Yes, all schools are required to mark attendance and follow up with families if their child is not attending school.



### What should I do if my child won't participate in the learning program or lessons?

You should contact your child's school as soon as possible for advice and support.

### What if my child is sick and cannot do any school work?

Contact your child's school promptly by telephone, text message, email or via the Compass Parent Portal to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence.



Student attendance will be monitored by schools during these challenging times. Families experiencing difficulties are requested to contact their school to work together to develop strategies to improve attendance outcomes.

