St Joseph's Parish School PEAK HILL Newsletter

3rd May, 2021. Term 2 Week 3

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IMPORTANT DATES:

THIS WEEK (3):

4/5 - Police liaison officer - Cyber Bullying

5/5 - NDIS Social Futures visit

6/5 - Circus workshops

7/5 - Mothers' Day Liturgy, assembly and cookie pick up

7/5 - Rugby League

TERM 2:

11/5-13/5 - NAPLAN Yrs 3 and 5

13/5 - Feast of the Ascension Mass

13/5 - Primary visit to the Preschool

14/5 - Mad Hatters Tea Party for Veronica

14/5 - Rugby League

17/5 - P & F Meeting @ 6:30pm

19/5 - National Simultaneous Storytime

20/5 - Sacrament of First Reconciliation

21/5 - Rugby League

21/5 - Wilcannia Forbes Rugby Trials (Parkes)

24/5 - 28/5 - Great Aussie Bush Camp

Dear families and friends,

Thank you to all our family members who were able to join us for the events held at school last week to celebrate *Catholic Schools Week*. My heart was full while sharing these events with our families.

This Friday we invite all the special women in our lives to join us for our Mother's Day Liturgy and morning tea. May God bless all mothers and carers with the strength and wisdom needed to fulfil this special role.

Congratulations to all the children who competed in the Diocesan Cross Country held in Parkes today.

Thank you to Bridget O'D for donating the ingredients and time to create the outstanding cookies for our Mother's Day cookie fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising effort. We made a profit of $1200, which will support the costs of the Primary Aussie Bush Camp excursion.

It has come to my attention through our school counsellor, that many children are being shown content at home on the internet that is scaring them. Please have conversations with your children and monitor what older siblings/ cousins might be showing them. The government has some good resources for parents on the esafety Commissioner website.

Our next P & F Meeting will be on Monday, 17th May at 6:30pm to discuss upcoming fundraising events, we hope to see you all there to share your ideas.

God bless,

Regina
(Principal)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MESSAGES: Miss Brooke Hanns

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist

This term, we will celebrate the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Nomination notes have now gone home with students in Years 2 and 3. Please see this note for important information regarding the Sacraments as well as some key dates. I invite you to contact me if you have any queries about your child completing Sacraments this year.

Mad Hatters' Tea Party Fundraiser

Next Friday the 14th of May, we will be having a Mad Hatters' Tea Party to help raise money for our friend Veronica in India. On this day, students are invited to wear their maddest, craziest, most insane hat! Popcorn cups, fruit poppers and cupcakes will be available for purchase from the canteen. Students might also like to bring an extra gold coin or two for another special surprise. Students can make their hats if they like or wear one they already own. Students will wear their sports uniforms and joggers as usual.

PARISH NOTICES

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Mass: 2nd, 4th & 5th, Sunday each month 9.30am

Liturgy: 1st & 3rd Sunday each month 9.30am

Attendance Count will take place each Sunday which is the 4 weeks of the Month of May 2021.

Mother's day: Please place a flower with your mother's name attached on the table in front of Our Lady's Altar.

SPECIAL EVENT: Next Tridentine (Latin) Mass
A Missa Cantata (Sung Latin Mass) is planned for Sunday,the 16th of May 2021 @ 2pm with Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green.
Where: St James' Catholic Church, Peak Hill

IMPORTANT DATES IN MAY:

9th Mother's Day

14th Feast: St Matthias, Apostle

16th Solemnity: Ascension of the Lord

20th First Reconciliation

23rd Solemnity: Pentecost Sunday

24th Solemnity: Our Lady, Help of Christians

26th Memorial: St Philip Neri

30th Solemnity: Most Holy Trinity

31st Feast: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Year 7 Enrolments for 2022 at St Johns College

Recently, the Principal of St Johns College, Mrs Nicole Morton, had the pleasure of visiting the Catholic Primary Schools in our region and was able to share the vast educational, sporting and cultural opportunities available to Year 6 to enjoy at St Johns College next year.

Enrolment packs will be posted to our school and handed out to all Year 6 families in Week 3 of this term. Enrolments for Year 7 2022 need to be received at the College by ***Friday 11 June 2021****.*

For enquiries please contact the Enrolment Officer on 6841 5100 or email stjohnscollegedubbo@bth.catholic.edu.au

The College looks forward to receiving your child's application.

Mother's Day Liturgy and Morning Tea

Please join us this Friday at 10:30am for our Mother's Day Liturgy followed by morning tea.

MOTHER'S DAY COOKIE DRIVE PICK UP
Our cookies will be ready this Friday, 7th May to be picked up from school by the end of the day.

NDIS - Parent Information session

An NDIS information session will be held at St Joseph's school on
Wednesday 5th May at 10:30am.

Please see attached flyer for more information about Social Futures - local coordination services.

Raffle Ticket Winners

Our Week 2 winners were **Harrison**, **Indianna**, **Tylah** and **Sloan**.

Congratulations!

Life EDUCATION

Father Sabbas kindly judged the ***Catholic Schools Week Art Competition*** with the theme 'Forming the whole person: MIND, BODY, HEART"

Infants Winner: Emily Hartin
Primary Winner: Lillyanah Pearce

These children received $20 gift cards for Reading Cinema.

Congratulations!

<u>THE AUSSIE BUSH EXCURSION PAYMENT:</u>

There are only 3 weeks to go before the Primary class head off on their excursion to the Aussie Bush Camp.

Thank you to the families who have fully paid or are making payments towards the cost of this excursion.

Just a reminder that the $200 per student needs to be paid before students go on this excursion. Please contact Regina if you have any concerns.

We are grateful to the P & F for subsidising this excursion ($200 per child) and the school for paying for the cost of the bus.

A packing list and more information was sent home last Friday.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Continued..

Catholic Schools Week and Open Day Mass

Catholic Schools Week and Open Day Classrooms

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

Screening of those working in schools

Working With Children Checks are undertaken by staff working in our school. Non-exempt school volunteers, outside tutors, external providers and any staff engaged by an external organisation are also expected to provide schools with their WWCC which is verified prior to engagement.

Exemptions from Working With Children Check are:

- Children (under the age of 18);
- A 'parent of a child' includes a carer or person who has legal responsibility for a child;
- A 'close relative' includes a spouse or de facto partner, child, step-child, parent, step-parent, sibling, step-sibling, grandparent, step-grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew.

This exemption does not apply where the work is part of a formal mentoring program or involves intimate, personal care of children with a disability, or when volunteering on overnight camps.

The purpose of the check is to exclude people from working with children who are not suitable. A person who has been convicted or found guilty of a listed serious offence against children (whether in NSW or elsewhere) is prohibited from working in a child related role.

The participation of parents and close relatives of students at the school as volunteers is welcomed and appreciated for various activities in the school. It is important that all volunteers are aware that they are subject to child protection legislation. This means all volunteers must:

- sign in on the Compass Kiosk at the front office and obtain a visitor's badge or slip as per school procedure;
- check with the school to ascertain the current legal requirements for working with children;
- not engage in any inappropriate behaviour towards any children. In particular, although parents and volunteers are not employed by the school, they are considered to be 'staff' for legal purposes and are subject to an investigation if an allegation of inappropriate behaviour towards a child or children is received.

Volunteers who are not the parent or a close relative of a child at the school will be expected to undertake a Working With Children Check.

Further information on the Working With Children Check can be found on the website for the Office of the Children's Guardian at https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/

ENROL NOW

Catholic Schools educate one in five NSW students

YEAR 7 2022

REGISTER YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR YEARS 8 - 12 2022

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE FOR 2021

Catholic co-educational secondary school catering for students in Years 7 to 12

For enrolment packages and registration of Expression of Interest please contact the Enrolment Officer on 6841 5131

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Email: stjohnscollegedubbo@bth.catholic.edu.au
Website: www.stjohnsdubbo.catholic.edu.au

St Johns College is a community that finds life and truth in Christ as known in the Catholic Tradition. Students are encouraged to realise their potential for the betterment of society.

RESPECT ***ENCOURAGE*** ***BELONG***

Social Futures

NDIS Local Area Coordination

What is the NDIS?

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) supports people with a disability to reach their goals and live the life they choose.

How can Local Area Coordinators assist?

Social Futures Local Area Coordinators (LACs) work with people with disability, their families and carers to:

- help understand and access the NDIS
- connect with community supports and services
- put their NDIS plans in action
- work towards making communities more inclusive and welcoming of people with disability

Call our LAC Hotline number on 1800 522 679 (8:30am-4:30pm weekdays)
or email lac@socialfutures.org.au

Make an appointment to see us at one of our offices providing Local Area Coordination Services:
Ballina | Bathurst | Broken Hill | Dubbo | Gosford | Grafton | Lismore | Orange | Tweed Heads | Wyong

We also provide outreach services in Far West, Western, Central Coast and Northern NSW to make sure everyone can access LAC support.

socialfutures.org.au

We help businesses become more accessible

Social Futures

We want communities to be accessible for all people. That's why we work with businesses, organisations and events to suggest changes or simple adaptations which could make them more inclusive for people with disability.

We can assess your business or organisation and suggest accessibility features which open doors for everyone.

Talk to us about making your school more inclusive

We also run fun programs to educate and assist in making schools more inclusive for everyone such as:

- 'Sports Ability'
- Wheelchair sports
- 'Different on the Outside but the Same on the Inside'

Our in-school programs are run by staff who are living with disability and want to share their knowledge, achievements and messages of inclusion with children of all ages.

Who is Social Futures?

Social Futures is a social justice organisation of 40+ years that supports people to thrive and communities to grow stronger. We work to achieve positive social change by promoting genuine participation for people with a disability, providing homelessness and housing support, youth and family services, and community sector support.

Social Futures has been delivering Local Area Coordination Services as a Partner in the Community for the NDIS since it first rolled out in NSW in July 2016 and we now deliver LAC services across more than 80% of regional NSW including Northern NSW, Central Coast, Western and Far West NSW.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we live and work and their continuing connection to land, water, sea and community. We pay respects to Australia's First Peoples, to their unique and diverse cultures, and to Elders past, present and future.

Royal Far West and Project Sprouts, in partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities, and supported by Neighbourhood Central, ARTC Inland Rail, CMOC Northparkes, and Parkes Shire Council, brings you the:

PARKES SHIRE

PROJECT Sprouts

HEALTHY KIDS BUS STOP

Monday 24th May - Friday 28th May 2021

WHAT IS IT?

The Healthy Kids Bus Stop is a **FREE** child health check and pathway to care program for children aged 3-5 years old. The program includes:

- Hearing check
- Oral Health check
- Fine and gross motor skill assessment
- Speech assessment

"All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian"

HOW DO I BOOK MY CHILD IN?

Registrations are essential. Please ask your local preschool or school for a form.

You can also Google Healthy Kids Bus Stop to fill out the online form or call Royal Far West on **0408 555 249.**

WHY ARE HEALTH CHECKS IMPORTANT?

Health checks will help identify lifestyle, development or illness-related issues.

Having your child screened early can change a child's developmental path and improve outcomes for children, families and community.

WHERE WILL IT BE HELD?

Parkes East Public School: Monday 24th May
Parkes East Public School: Tuesday 25th May
Trundle Children's Centre: Wednesday 26th May
Parkes East Public School: Thursday 27th May
Peak Hill (Hall opposite Preschool): Friday 28th May

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

- Your child's Blue Book
- Your child's hat
- Your child's drink bottle
- Snacks for your child

CMOC Northparkes INLAND RAIL PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL Neighbourhood CENTRAL Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Royal Far West

ABOUT THE HEALTHY KIDS BUS STOP

Overview of the Healthy Kids Bus Stop

The Healthy Kids Bus Stop is a free developmental screening program for 3-5 year old's. The aim of the program is to improve the health and well-being of children living in rural and remote communities through early detection of lifestyle risk factors, delayed development, and/or illness. Additionally, it provides a fantastic opportunity to introduce guidance for healthy lifestyles, discuss early intervention strategies and identify any potential issues with school readiness.

The Healthy Kids Bus Stop delivers a comprehensive health assessment in line with the NSW Health *"Child Personal Health Record" (Blue Book)*. The health assessment is undertaken by a multidisciplinary team of nursing and allied health staff from Royal Far West, the Local Health District, the Primary Health Network, Aboriginal Health Service and other local health service providers.

During the Healthy Kids Bus Stop

The program is designed to be a fun and interactive health program where children progress through bus stops or 'health stations', hopping on and off at each station in order to complete their health assessment. Children receive a bus pass stamp at each station along the way. Health stations typically include (but can vary from location to location):

- Health Assessment
- Oral Health
- Hearing
- Dietetics
- Speech
- Fine and gross motor skill development
- Health Promotion

Between health stations children are engaged in free or directed play, whilst parents or carers are provided with the opportunity to consult further with the multi-disciplinary team of health professionals or collect health promotion material of interest. When all stations have been attended, children are rewarded with a 'show bag' containing goods to support their health and development.

After the Healthy Kids Bus Stop

At the conclusion of the Healthy Kids Bus Stop, a multidisciplinary case conference is undertaken where each child's health assessment is reviewed and used to develop a coordinated referral pathway. The pathway includes the child's local GP and Child and Family Health Nurse as key referral points, with Royal Far West, the Local Health District, Aboriginal Health Service, the Primary Health Network and other local services supporting the child's identified health needs.
Families are then contacted periodically over the next 12 months to see how they are going accessing services and to provide any assistance necessary.