



St Joseph's Parish School PEAK HILL Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES:

THIS WEEK (3):

9/5 - P&F Meeting 6pm
10/5 - NAPLAN - Writing
11/5 - NAPLAN -
Reading and Conventions
of Language
12/5 - NAPLAN - Numeracy
12/5 - School Public
Speaking Finals

NEXT WEEK (4):

16/5 - WF Cross Country
17/5 - School Advisory
Zoom Committee Mtg at
5:30 pm

TERM 2:

2/6 - Reconciliation Day
3/6 - Assembly
3/6 - Life Education Van
3/6 - Raising Healthy
Booris Community Day
10/6 - Tennis with Helen
Magill
16/5 - Dio Cross
Country (Parkes)
17/6 - Tennis with Helen
Magill
17/6 - Marathon Health
Hearing Clinic
24/6 - Tennis with Helen
Magill
30/6 - School Photos
1/7 - Tennis with Helen
Magill

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you to the staff who helped to organise many great events for Catholic Schools Week last week. It was lovely to have so many visitors in our school over the week. Thank you to all the parents who made the time to meet with your child's classroom teacher on Wednesday. Good communication between home and school leads to the best learning outcomes for children.

This week our students in Yr 3 and Yr 5 will participate in **NAPLAN**. The proposed timetable is:

Tuesday, 10th May - Writing

Wednesday 11th May - Reading and Conventions of Language

Thursday, 12th May - Numeracy

Please join us for the Term 2 P & F Meeting tonight at 6pm at Boatswain House to help plan the next fundraising event.

Just a reminder about how important it is to have the **COMPASS App** on your phone. The Compass Portal is our main form of communication between home and school. It allows us to effectively communicate events, changes and things happening at school in a timely manner. Our newsletter is also the first source of information if you are wondering about anything. If you would prefer a printed newsletter please contact the school office. Sometimes you might need to check Compass to see if you've missed a notification. Children feel best when they are organised and are wearing the correct uniform/clothes or are prepared for any changes in their day.

I do hope all our mother figures had a lovely day yesterday. What a fun afternoon we had together last Friday. Best wishes,

Regina

Thinking of you on Mother's Day,
And saying a *special* prayer -
THAT GOD,
Who knows how dear you are,
Will keep you in HIS care.
That HE will *bless* your daily life
With joys of every kind -
With perfect health and happiness
And *peace* of
HEART AND MIND.



A prayer for Mother's Day

Lord, we remember the mothers
who have gone before us.
**For their love, sacrifice, struggle
and joy, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of
Scripture who are a part of our story
as we are a part of your story.
**For their courage, faith, love and
fierceness, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not
given birth to us, but are mothers to us.
**For their gift of themselves that they
have given, we thank you.**

For the women who struggle with
fertility, for those women whom
society labels as less in their childlessness,
for those women who have lost children.
**For their tears, for their strength,
for their wisdom, for their lives,
we thank you.**

In your name we pray. Amen.

by Claire Schoepp



PARISH NOTICES



Important Dates in May:

- 14th Feast: St Matthias, Apostle
- 16th Solemnity: Ascension of the Lord
- 24th Solemnity: Our Lady, Help of Christians
- 26th Memorial: St Philip Neri
- 29th Solemnity: Ascension of the Lord
- 31st Feast: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Assembly Award Winners

Congratulations to: Gloria Ryan, Ivy Pearce, Mackenna Wetherell, Edith Cannon, Lucia Ryan, Calvin Dargin, Kyanna Dargin, Jawarn Read, Indianna Brennan-Ingram and Aarjav Patel



MATHLETICS

This term we are trailing the students completing Mathletics for homework. Mathletics is a useful tool to reinforce skills and strategies learned at school. We are aiming for students to complete 1000 points each week. Children will bring chromebooks home each night and need to take good care of them and bring back charged each day.



HOME READING THIS TERM:

For home reading this term we will focus on fluency. Please ensure you complete the 1 minute timed reading twice each night and a reader.

Raffle Ticket Winners

Our Week 2 winners were:
Jasmine, Tylah, Ivy & Rory



CONGRATULATIONS!

Star of the week: Nellie



Cross Country Results

Juvenile Girls: 1st-Lucia Ryan, 2nd-Edith Cannon, 3rd-Mackenna Wetherell

Juvenile Boys: 1st-Joseph Cannon, 2nd-Aarjav Patel, 3rd-Rory Tremain-Cannon

8/9 Year Girls: equal 1st-Gloria Ryan & Sloan Tremain-Cannon, 3rd-Lillyanah Pearce

10 year Girls: 1st-Jiya Patel, 2nd-Kyanna Dargin, 3rd-Tylah Hinton

11 year Boys: 1st-Sam Hartin, 2nd-Jawarn Read, 3rd-Harrison Reeves

11 year Girls: 1st-Jasmine Pearce, 2nd-Indianna Brennan-Ingram

12 years Boys: 1st - Calvin Dargin



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Mother's Day



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

Important

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/>