

# ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th April, 2020

St Joseph's is a Child Safe School. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

#### ANZAC prayer

God of love and liberty, we thank you for the peace and security we enjoy. It was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dear Parents.

This Saturday is ANZAC day and it will be very different this year. A Driveway commemoration has been a suggestion.

All states and territories' RSL branches have cancelled public Anzac Day services.

Instead, they have joined other groups in asking Australians to unite in recognising all armed services personnel by standing on their driveways at 6:00am for a combined dawn service.

"As a result of restrictions to this year's formal Anzac Day commemorations, the RSL encourages people to light up the dawn and remember and pay respects from home,".

"This can take several forms including from the end of your driveway or within your home, with a candle or the light on your phone."

The qualities of the Anzac spirit — courage, endurance, humour, ingenuity, and mateship — were particularly applicable for Australians amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The Anzac spirit, which is really just the Australian spirit, helps people in times of crisis," the spokesman said.

Our school website has a tab 'Distance Learning' that has been added to the main page. It is worth a look at, as Mr Sandison has put up some tutorials for remote learning and I have added some helpful tips for parents on working with children at home.

Some families have taken the opportunity to visit our school library and borrow some books and to also change their 'take home readers' Please remember that the school library will be opened Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 11-12 pm, for borrowing and returning library books and changing 'take home readers'. All the books have been wiped down and only one family will be in the library at a time. When books are returned, they will be wiped down before being returned to the shelves. We ask that each student borrows only 2 books each and that they do not touch any books unless they are borrowing them.

The Specialist teachers have put together a timetable for their day on a Wednesday. It is a suggestion for families to use and it will help the specialist teachers manage the feedback that they would like to give the students in real time. The timetable has been shared with you in a CareMonkey yesterday.

Specialist Timetable Home Learning - Term 2			
Time	Indo/ Art	Enviro	PE
10:30am - 11:30am	5/6	3/4	F/1/2
12pm - 1pm	F/1/2	5/6	3/4
1:30pm - 2:30pm	3/4	F/1/2	5/6
2:30pm - 3:30pm	Specialist planning time - Available for contact if required		

Congratulations to those students who received certificates for week1

Foundation: Jack Hughes & Henry Laird
Gr 1/2 W Thomas Davidson & Harry Green
Gr 1/2 KP Thomas Harber & Mia Mc Kean
Gr 3/4 Tori Hodgkins & Sacha Davys
Gr 5 Freddie Pacitti & Jessica Griffith
Gr 6 Chloe Mantas & Lachlan Hodgkins

Happy Birthday to William Jones and Lachlan Mannix

#### Foundation

This week I've really enjoyed seeing the students and their families take their learning outside. This not only gives them a change of scenery which can help stimulate learning, but it also gives them the much needed fresh air and being surrounded by nature. I continue to thank the parents for supporting your child's learning at home - I know it's not easy juggling your own work commitments, but you are doing such a wonderful job:) Well done on a fantastic week of learning everyone, and I look forward to what next week will bring!

Mrs Angele

#### Gr 1/2 KP

Year 1/2 have had a terrific week with their online learning and we are very proud of how they are embracing the challenge of working with Seesaw and learning new skills. We are seeing some great work from the students and we appreciate the efforts of the Year 1/2 parents as they support their children with online learning and juggle their own work commitments.

Mrs Kelliher and Mrs Phyland.

#### Gr 1/2 W

Things are in full swing for remote learning in 1/2W. The students have been working very hard and it's reflected in their wonderful work. Once again, I'm blown away with what the class have done. Seesaw is proving to be an amazing platform for the juniors. We are gaining confidence in positing with each new day. Thank you for all your photos, videos and hard work. I'm so appreciative to the parents and school community for your continued support.

Miss Wood

#### 3/4 BOB

We have been so impressed with how our students have made the transition to remote learning (and it is only the second week!). They are always ready and waiting to start the day with our morning virtual meet, our middle of the day meet and our catch up at the end of the day meet. This week also saw our students start their specialist program and continue on with their great work on the tasks given. Yay to our fabulous 3/4 students.

Mrs Botterill and Mrs O'Brien

#### Gr 5/6

Week two of our distance learning has been travelling very smoothly. Aside from some internet issues that we have all had at some time, things are going well. The students are 'turning in' great work. Ms Cooke/ Mr Sandison and Mr Brooks

#### PΕ

What a great start! It was amazing to see everyone working from home. Thank you to everyone who sent me a video or photo of them completing my weekly challenge. I am so looking forward to seeing you all again next week. Stay active and keep up the great work!

Mr Mutimer

#### **Environmental Science**

I have given 3 awards this week:

- \* 3/4Tori Hodgkins for her amazing work on the seasons for the vegetable garden.
- \* 3/4 Joshua Blaszczyk on his creative way to represent the seasons in the vegetable garden
- \* 5/6 Will Peterson for his excellent diagram of an environmental weed

Our first week of Environmental science lessons was a success and I was so pleased with everyone's effort with the work they returned;

Foundation are on their way to being world leaders in recycling!

Grade One and Two are almost qualified to be entomologists!

Grade 3/4 will be our organic backyard farmers of the future knowing what to plant when... we won't ever have to worry about a food shortage!

AND Grade 5/6 will be the future inventors to solve our invasive species problems! Perhaps they might have a solution to those ghastly cane toads up north!

Mrs Murray

#### Art/ Indonesian

This week I have been very impressed with the Art and Indonesian work that I have received. I have been particularly impressed with people using their own initiative and creativity. I really look forward to seeing what you are capable of over the next few weeks. Keep up the great work.

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Please stay at home and stay well.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, thoughts or kind words.

Stay home, stay safe

Regards, Carmel Stutterd

#### **WEEK 2 TERM 2**

#### Monday- 27 April

Library opened 11-12 pm for borrowing library books and/or changing 'Take Home Readers'

#### Wednesday- 29 April

Library opened 11-12 pm for borrowing library books and/or changing 'Take Home Readers'

#### Friday- 1 May

Library opened 11-12 pm for borrowing library books and/or changing 'Take Home Readers'

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

#### **ANZAC DAY**

Australian Spirituality is worth recalling on ANZAC DAY. There are some qualities we have come to admire throughout our history. We can demonstrate those valued Australian qualities by the way we live.



- 1. Be determined and keep trying
- 2. Have a go get involved
- 3. Show loyalty to others
- 4. Give of yourself
- 5. Respect people, places and things
- 6. Be cheerful-generous
- 7. Welcoming of others-the way you speak to them
- 8. Show gratitude

#### **Prayer**

Remember, O Lord, all those the brave and the true, who have died the death of honour and are departed in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. In that place of light from which sorrow and mourning are far banished, give them rest, O Lord, thou lover of men.

Jenny Keely REL



We shall remember them"



## Helping children cope with stress during the 2019-nCoV outbreak



Children may respond to stress in different ways such as being more clingy, anxious, withdrawing, angry or agitated, bedwetting etc.

Respond to your child's reactions in a supportive way, listen to their concerns and give them extra love and attention.

Children need adults' love and attention during difficult times. Give them extra time and attention.

Remember to listen to your children, speak kindly and reasure them.

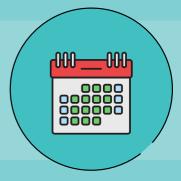
If possible, make opportunities for the child to play and relax.





Try and keep children close to their parents and family and avoid separating children and their caregivers to the extent possible. If separation occurs (e.g. hospitalization) ensure regular contact (e.g. via phone) and re-assurance.

Keep to regular routines and schedules as much as possible, or help create new ones in a new environment, including school/learning as well as time for safely playing and relaxing.





Provide facts about what has happened, explain what is going on now and give them clear information about how to reduce their risk of being infected by the disease in words that they can understand depending on their age.

This also includes providing information about what could happen in a re-assuring way (e.g. a family member and/or the child may start not feeling well and may have to go to the hospital for some time so doctors can help them feel better).



Commencing 9.00am

**Virtual Open Afternoon** 

Saturday 9 May

Commencing 2.00pm

Virtual Talk and Tour with the Principal

Wednesday 20 May Commencing 4.00pm

We invite you online to explore the quality education and programs that your daughter will experience as a Kilbreda girl, all in the comfort of your own home!

Register today at kilbreda.vic.edu.au





## **ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN**

For current Year 5 students who will be attending Year 7 in 2022

## **CLOSING DATE 21 AUGUST 2020**

Applications available on our website:
<a href="https://www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au">www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au</a>

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