



# NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

We continue to monitor the COVID- 19 situation and continue to follow all advice.

### In response to advice avoiding large gatherings of staff and students:

- Staggered recess and lunch breaks across the school day. Children will be eating and playing as usual but not as a whole school group.
- Children will go directly to their learning spaces in the morning. We ask that you say goodbye to the children as quickly as possible.
- School gates will open at **3pm** for a staggered end to the school day. Please pick up your children from outside of their learning spaces each afternoon. As you approach, teachers will send the children to you.
- There will not be any whole school events or gatherings of more than 100 people in a closed space.
- All participation in major sporting events will not go ahead

### In response to advice on personal hygiene, handwashing and infection control:

- Students will be reminded about hygiene measures to control the spread of germs such as coughing/ sneezing into elbows.
- Deliberate supervision and visual reminders for hand washing.
- Extra soap provisions in the toilets and classrooms.
- Hand sanitiser is available for all adults that sign in through the Administration area.
- Students will be permitted to use their own personal hand sanitiser from home if they choose.

*If your child has a cough, aches, pains and a fever, they are not to attend school.*

*If anyone in your household has the Coronavirus, your child must **NOT** attend school for a period of 14 days and then be cleared by a doctor. You **MUST** notify the school in this situation so the authorities can guide the school in its response.*

The health and well being of our community continues to be paramount and I thank you for your support.

Yours in education,

Sarah O'Rourke  
Principal



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

### **Faith Formation**

#### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

#### **Gospel**

Jn 9:1-41 On the Sabbath, Jesus cures a man who was blind from birth.

*Can you remember a time when you were in the dark?*

*What was it like?*

*The blind man in today's Gospel could not see until Jesus healed him.*

*What would it have been like for the blind man after he was healed?*

*What does it mean that Jesus is the 'light of the world'?*

*How can we be the light of the world to others?*

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### **Catholic Culture**

Congratulations once again to all the children who presented themselves for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation last year. It has been wonderful to see so many children participating in their Sacramental journey with their families. They are then able to fully participate in the sacramental life of the Church and the celebrations we have as a school. We nurture, plan and prepare our children for many things and their spiritual life should be part of this as well.



Please note that the final preparation for Reconciliation scheduled for Friday 20th March at 3.30pm has been cancelled.

At this stage, the actual Sacrament of Reconciliation will proceed at the set time from 10am on Tuesday 24th March.

A separate note with specific times will be sent home to our Corpus Christi students tomorrow.

### **Parish Weekend Masses**

Given that non-essential indoor gatherings of more than 100 people have been directed by the Federal Government not to take place, directions have been forwarded by Bishop Vincent and the Diocesan Curia.

Consequently, Corpus Christi Parish will implement the following plan:

Three outdoor weekend Masses which will be held on the school basket ball court at the back of the church:

- Saturday Vigil Mass– 6pm
- Sunday morning Masses– 7.30am and 9.30am
- Chairs will be not available so if you want to sit, please bring your own chair.
- Masses will be in a simple manner (without music) and will not exceed 40 minutes.

### **Social Justice**

**Third Week of Lent** (School week beginning 16th March) Project Compassion, Week 3, brings you the story of Barry, a Gamilaroi man originally from western NSW. Barry is a father of four and he embodies resilience and strength. Growing up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family. Barry, and others like him, were able to take part in a cultural healing program called Red Dust Healing. This program encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within, addressing family and personal relationships and what may have been life-long patterns of violence, abuse and neglect. Your support of Project compassion can help build a brighter future for people like Barry through the Red Dust Healing program. Let's Go Further, Together! [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)

### **Understanding Faith Online Resource**

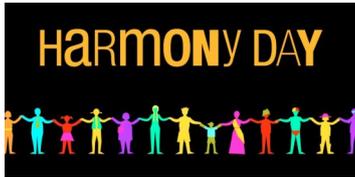
We are able to use an online resource to support our religious education. Why not check it out for yourselves.

<https://primary.understandingfaith.edu.au/log-in>

user : ceo.parra.6735

password : 2020.parra

Many blessings,  
Sharon Shahoud



## **HARMONY DAY**

Tomorrow we will celebrate Harmony Day by wearing Orange Mufti clothes. Traditionally, we wear orange as this colour signifies communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. This year the theme for us to think about is **"Everyone belongs"**, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians. Let us pray for everyone to feel welcome and respected. May we always show kindness to all those we meet.

*O God, you created all people in your image.*

*We thank you for the amazing variety of cultures in this world.*

*Enrich our lives by ever widening circles of friendship and show us Your presence in those whom we meet.*

*Help us to love and care for each other just as You care and love for each one of us.*

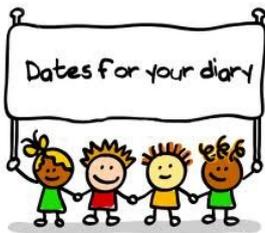
*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*



## **NAPLAN**

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, there will be a NAPLAN Coordinated Practice Test for our Year 5 students on Monday 23rd March. Throughout next week the students in Year 3 and Year 5 will also be provided with an opportunity to participate in a NAPLAN omnibus test. This test affords the students an opportunity to experience sample style questions from 3 key areas: reading, conventions of language and numeracy. For students to be successful in this practice test they MUST supply their own headphones so that they can access all elements of the test



## **Staff Development Days for 2020:**

Friday 3rd July 2020

and

Friday 28th August 2020

These days will be for Staff only.

**Please Note!**

### **PRG ZOOPER DOOPER DAYS CANCELLED**

There will be no Zooper Doopers sold for the remainder of this term.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CRICKET PROGRAM**

The final two sessions for the after school Cricket Program have been cancelled. Cricket Australia will be in contact with the school to arrange make up sessions later in the year.

### **STUDENT BANKING**

Due to the rapidly developing situation with Coronavirus, Student School Banking has been temporarily paused from 20th March 2020 until the start of Term 2. Student school banking will therefore not be processed for the remainder of this term.

### **CEDP SPORTS GALA DAYS & TRIALS**

CEDP Primary Sport and CSNSW Sport are temporarily ceasing until further notice all Parramatta Diocesan & MacKillop selection trials and Gala Days for Term One.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER - SCHOOL ZONE**

A reminder to parents and caregivers to please be cautious particularly when driving through the school zone. Please be mindful of pedestrians and stop/slow person using the crossing.



### **WALKING DOGS TO SCHOOL**

This is a reminder to all people entering the school grounds, under Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act (1998) dogs and other animals are **NOT** to be brought onto the school grounds.

## TERM 1 CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/ SUNDAY
<b>Week 8</b>	16th March • Award Stamping • Student Banking	17th March	18th March	19th March	20th March • Harmony Day - Orange Mufti Day	21st March / 22nd March
<b>Week 9</b>	23rd March	24th March • First Reconciliation (From 10am)	25th March	26th March	27th March • Earth Hour for Schools 2:00pm-3:00pm	28th March / 29th March
<b>Week 10</b>	30th March • Award Stamping	31st March	1st April	2nd April	3rd April	4th April / 5th April
<b>Week 11</b>	6th April	7th April	8th April • Hot Cross Bun Collection - 3:00pm	9th April • Last day of Term 1	10th April • Good Friday	11th April / 12th April

### SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

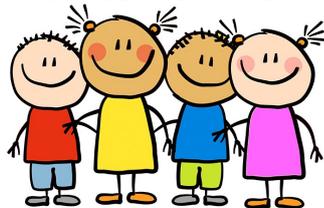
Term 1 School fee statements have been sent and payment for instalment 1 2020 fees, **was due yesterday, 18th March 2020**. Cash payments for school fees can no longer be accepted at the school office. If you have any queries regarding your school fees or would like to set up a payment plan, please contact the school office on 4726 2200.

### NOTES DISTRIBUTED

- Joy Cowley Day - Kindergarten
- Yr 2 PBL - People and Places
- Yr 1 PBL - Managed, Constructed & Natural Environments

## ENROLLING NOW FOR 2021!

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**KINDERGARTEN 2021!**

Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2021. Please see our Office Staff for further information.

Please inform family and friends if they have children who are eligible to attend.

**Kindergarten enrolments for 2021 will close on Friday, 29th May. Any enrolments received after this date will be deemed as a "late enrolment".**

### BOOK CLUB

#### REMINDER

Please be advised orders for **ISSUE 2** close tomorrow, **Friday, 20th March**. A reminder all orders are to be placed online through LOOP. Please do not send any orders or money to school.



### Oz Fashions Uniform Shop

- \* Online ordering system via the QKR app.
- \* Delivery to school every Wednesday. Orders must be placed by 4pm Tuesday for delivery on Wednesday.
- \* No refunds. Exchanges accepted on merchandise returned in original condition.
- \* Sample sizes available in the school office, to try on for sizing, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30am-8:55am and 3:05pm-3:30pm.

