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Term 2 Week 9

Wednesday 24th June 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,



***All people will know that you are
My followers if you love each other.***

John 13:35

In today's uncertain times I invite you to stop and think about this verse for a minute. Could it be that unity is the key to reaching the world of Christ?

Nowhere, by the way, are we told to build unity. We are told simply to keep unity. From God's perspective there is but "one flock and one shepherd" (John 10:16). Unity does not need to be created; it simply needs to be protected.

Thank you for the way that you have responded to the challenges presented by COVID – 19. There has been a lot of communication distributed over the term; this reflects the evolving situation as governments and health authorities continue to refine their advice to the community. Ensuring that we have clear, accurate and timely information to everyone in our community is key to maintaining the health and wellbeing of our community. St John's staff have been appreciative of our parents / carers who have supported the school in changes to our 'drop off' and 'pick up' arrangements. Although this change might have inconvenienced some in our community it was a necessary strategy and has been very successful in moving our students quickly and safely on our site. At this point our current 'drop off' and 'pick up' arrangements will continue into term three.

On Thursday 11th June, the NSW Government announced the further easing of COVID – 19 restrictions. This includes changes for schools. The CEDP aligns its advice to the NSW Department of Educators advice which is outlined below:

- School assemblies limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors
- Choirs, with safety protocols in place

As of Monday this week at St John's we have reintroduced our Monday morning assembly. The school is gathering for morning prayer, the singing of our National Anthem and the distribution of 'Happy Hands' awards. Furthermore, Mrs Nolan will make arrangements for the choir to commence their singing practice sessions beginning in Term 3.



Reports and Interviews

The Semester One report will be sent home on Friday 3rd July. As advised by Greg Whitby in a recent letter to parents and carers schools have needed to adjust assessment and reporting processes in response to the learning and teaching environment during COVID-19. While the report will look different, it will still provide parents / carers with valuable information about your child's learning.

The 2020 first semester report recognises and reflects each student's learning in three key areas (KLA's): English, Mathematics and Religious Education.

Each of these KLA's on the report has 4 components:

- A three point overall grade scale: working towards, working at, working beyond
 - Outcome statements: The student is able to:
 - A goal for the student:
 - Effort ranking: Consistent, Satisfactory, Needs Improvement

The report also contains level of performance on Information Technology Skills and Learning Behaviour. The range of performance rankings in these areas are: Consistently, Usually, With Encouragement, Needs Improvement. A general comment has also been included at the end of the report.

Parent/Carer/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Carer/Teacher interviews will take place in week two and/or week three in term three. Due to physical distancing protocols we will not be offering face-to-face interviews in Semester One. Telephone conferences will be offered. As in the past parents and carers will be required to book an interview time online. Details and instructions for on-line booking will be sent to parents and carers next week. It is imperative that when booking your teleconference that you include a telephone number that you can be contacted on at the nominated time of your interview. The duration time of the interview will be 10 minutes.

Thank You
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT

God Bless Patricia



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St John the Evangelist
Pray for Us



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Dear All Teachers,

THANK YOU ALL TEACHERS!



Thank you so much for teaching us in this virus. Your risking your own life to teach others :C

Leaving your family and having to work endlessly.

And preperation of online study.

Love
Esha



What's happening in Mathematics ?

At St John's we implement the NSW Mathematics syllabus which takes into account the diverse needs of all students. It identifies essential knowledge, skills, understandings, values and attitudes. The syllabus outlines clear standards of what students are expected to know and be able to do from Kindergarten to Year 10.

Mathematics is taught daily in every class for 60 minutes. A typical lesson has the following components:

Warm up:

Students 'warm up' their thinking with mathematical games and quick challenges at the beginning of the lesson.

Rich task time:

Then students work to problem solve more challenging tasks that take some hard thinking. They use equipment and mental strategies. Students work in groups or individually. Children may be asked to prove their answer using a variety of strategies.

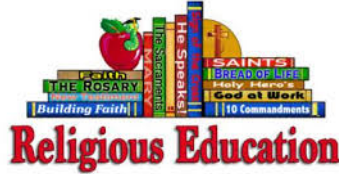
Reflection:

Students are asked to reflect on their learning and share their maths thinking during reflection times. These times can be at the end of the lesson or after some hard thinking during the lesson.

Ideas for the school holidays

- In the car: look at number plates or street signs and ask your child to read the numbers, order them from highest to lowest, and add them up or multiply them
- Ask your child to work out how much change they will get when paying for an item at the shop.
- If your child has saved money to buy an item, ask how much more money they will need to save before being able to buy it.
- Encourage your child to estimate the cost of two items when shopping.
- If watching a game involving two teams, ask your child to work out mentally the difference in the scores.
- Count pegs by two's when hanging up clothes.
- Count the number of items when setting the table.
- On public transport: look at maps, timetables and signs to work out how many minutes between each bus, how many stops to your destination, or how long it will take to get there.

Judith Murphy Assistant Principal



The Sacramental program will be starting next term in Week 2. If your child is in Year 4 and has received the Sacrament of Baptism and Reconciliation, they are eligible to participate in the Sacrament of the Eucharist (Holy Communion). Please call Melissa in the Parish office on 9627 1176 to register your child with their name and a contact number. This needs to be undertaken before Monday 13th July 2020.

Parent Information Meetings Mon 27 July 4pm **OR** Wed 29 July 7pm



Enrolment Mass Sat 1 Aug 6pm Sun 2 Aug 9am

Session 1 Mon 3 Aug 4pm Wed 5 Aug 7pm

Session 2 Mon 10 Aug 4pm Wed 12 Aug 7pm

Session 3 Mon 17 Aug 4pm Wed 19 Aug 7pm

First Holy Communion Mass Sat 22 Aug 6pm Sun 23 Aug 9am

The parish is requesting a new Sacramental Co-Ordinator for St John's Parish. This coordinator would organise and teach the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our parish. If you are interested please talk to Fr Zakaria or ring the parish office for more information.

If you still have any Project Compassion boxes at home, could you please return these to the Parish office.



Happy Hands

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Bronze Award

Congratulations

Liam Mercieca

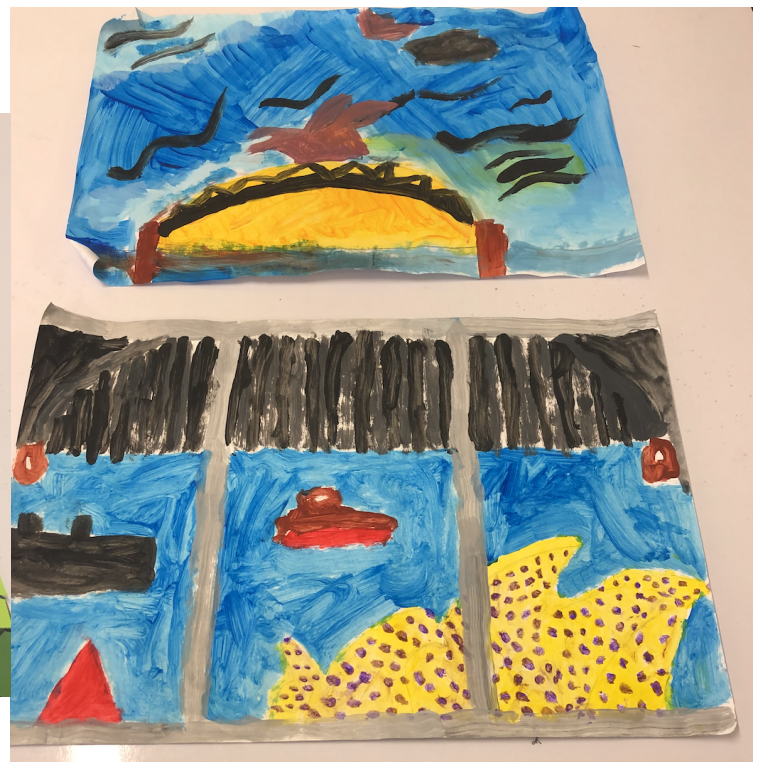
God Bless
Kim Roffman REC



STAGE THREE

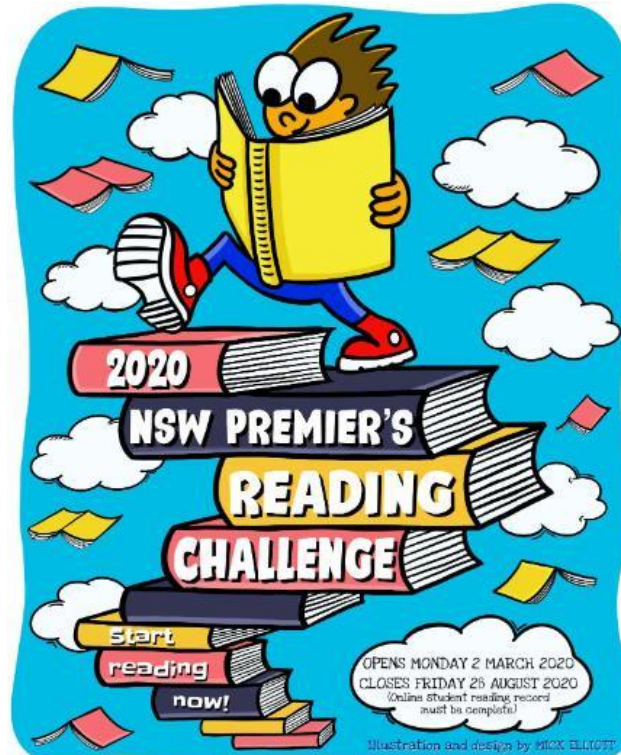
Stage 3 have produced some awesome artworks depicting famous landscapes of Australia. The first artwork is based on Uluru using a mosaic technique. The second artwork, undertaken after art appreciation lessons based on the work of Ken Done.

This was sketched first and then painted using water colours and various brush strokes.





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**OVERDUE
BOOKS NEED TO
BE RETURNED
ASAP**



Mrs Abbott



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Calendar of Events

What's Coming Up

3rd July

Last Day Term Two, have a great Holiday!!

20th July

First Day Term Three

REQUEST TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If your child needs to be administered medication at school (this includes any over the counter medications/creams), Parents/Carers are required to complete a '**Request to Administer Medication at School**' form completed and signed by the prescribing doctor (or a separate letter from the doctor can be submitted to the school office. The letter must state the child's name, class, type of medication, dose and the time it needs to be administered and be signed and dated by the doctor.

All medication must be in it's original labelled container.

'Request to Administer Medication at School' forms can be collected from the school office or can be downloaded from our website.

**PARENTS/CARERS ARE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT ALL
MEDICATION IS KEPT IN DATE AND THE OFFICE HAS A READY
SUPPLY AT ALL TIMES**

Thank you for your continued support





How to install the SkoolBag app

instructions for parents and community

1. Get your favourite mobile device
2. Open the App Store/Play Store
3. Search for "SkoolBag"
4. Download the free app
5. Open the app and add your school(s)

for Apple users



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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 7am & 9am