



# The Evangelist

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## Term 4 Week 3

Wednesday 5th August 2020



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

### *A Community Reflection*

*When this is over,  
May we never again take for granted  
A handshake with a stranger  
Full shelves at the store  
Conversations with neighbours  
A crowded theatre  
Friday night out  
The taste of communion  
A routine check-up  
The school rush each morning  
Coffee with a friend  
The stadium roaring  
A boring Tuesday  
Life itself*

***When this ends,***  
*May we find that we have become  
More like the people we wanted to be  
And may way stay that way – better for each other  
Because of the worst. (Laura Kelley Fanucci)*

Due to the ongoing COVID 19 situation a significant number of our usual yearly school and diocesan events / activities have been either cancelled or postponed. Through this period of disruption to our yearly school plan we have been challenged to adapt and find different ways of 'doing things', that is implementing activities in a COVID safe environment. Below is a list of events / learning experiences that have been organised to date:



## ES1 Teddy Bear's Picnic

Last Friday our ES1 had a '**Teddy Bear's Picnic**' to celebrate 'Ted's' birthday. This event gave the children the opportunity to participate in a shared celebration. Our little ones enjoyed being outdoors in the sunshine and showing off their teddy's with their friends.

## 100 Days of Kindergarten

We celebrated **100 days of learning in Kindergarten**. It is difficult to believe that our ES1 children have now been at school for 100 days! In this time they have formed relationships, learnt about the routines of the classroom and the school community; have enthusiastically engaged in their learning. Last Thursday the children celebrated this significant milestone. All the ES1 activities on the day were dedicated to the number 100. It was unfortunate that parents / carers were unable to be onsite for this celebration. Miss Paes will email some photos to parents / carers to add to their child's family memory albums.

## Excursions

Due to restrictions on school excursions ES1 will not participate in the farm experience this year. However, we will be holding a '**Farm Day**' experience at school for the children. The children will experience farm life through a virtual tour of a farm and then work in St John's Bush Tucker Garden and create a new vegetable garden. This event will take place tomorrow, Thursday 6th of August.

It is anticipated that students in each stage will have the opportunity to experience an excursion in some form this year. Our teachers are very creative in designing fun, learning experiences for their students. Stage teachers will advise their students and parents directly once onsite experiences have been organised.

## Athletics Carnival

As all diocesan and zone carnivals have been cancelled for 2020 St John's will hold our annual athletics carnival at school. Mrs Tolhurst (Sport Coordinator) and our teachers have planned a wonderful day of skill based sporting activities for our students. Further information on this event will be communicated when details have been finalised.

## Footy Colours Day

On Friday September 4th 2020 we are asking students, staff and parents to wear their favourite footy/soccer/netball/basketball jersey to school or work to show your support for KIDS with Cancer. This is a national fundraising campaign which helps children with Cancer. Donations made will support 'Fight Cancer Foundation's education support programs'. Due to the current situation with COVID-19 we will not be collecting gold coins, instead we ask that parents and carers go to the link below and donate online.

<https://footy-colours-day-2020.raisely.com/stjohnsprimaryriverstone>

*If any parent / carer in our community would like to touch base with me and have a 'chat' I encourage you to give me a ring at school (9854 3200)*

*Keep safe*

*God Bless Patricia*



# AUGUST CENSUS

**WILL TAKE PLACE THIS FRIDAY**

**7TH AUGUST 2020**

Please ensure if your child is absent on this day you send a letter of explanation, dated and signed by parent/carer into the school office upon their return to school

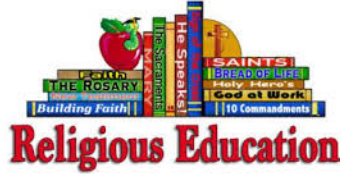
## **ACARA**

### **Collection Student Background Data Notice:**

*The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.*

*Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by **28th August 2020***

*Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.*



## **Sacramental Program - First Eucharist**

We pray for those students in Stage 2 and 3 who will be participating in the Parish Based Sacramental program for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. May their understanding of this Sacrament and its importance in our lives as Catholics deepen as they participate in lessons over the coming weeks.



## **Feast of the Assumption of Mary 15 August**

On Saturday 15 August we celebrate the feast of the Assumption. The Assumption is when Mary was taken up to heaven body and soul. Mary is our Mother and we know that she will answer our prayers and guide us in living out the Gospel values and spreading the good word to all we meet. Let us take time on this day to maybe say a decade of the rosary to Mary and reflect on how she lived her life as someone who would always say yes to Jesus.

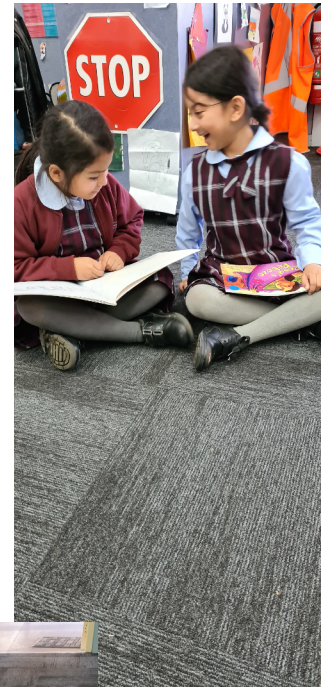




# Stage One

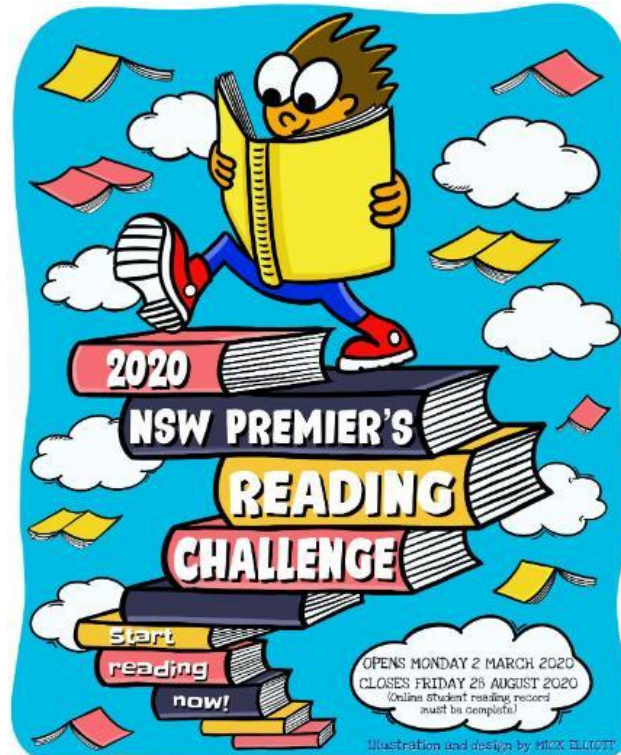
## IN STAGE ONE WE LOVE READING

Sometimes we read by ourselves, sometimes we read with a buddy and sometimes we read in a small group with the teacher. Rubie enjoys reading because it is fun. Ryan C enjoys reading because the books he reads are fun and sometimes he learns new things.





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[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)



**OVERDUE  
BOOKS NEED TO  
BE RETURNED  
ASAP**



*Mrs Abbott*



## Happy Hands

Congratulations to the following student for receiving a Bronze Award this week

*Ishana Biju Stage One*

*Chloe Ord Stage One*

*Avi Menon Stage One*

*Cohen Stanton Stage One*

*Esha Menon Stage Three*

*Ashton Goodwin Stage Three*

*Ryan Parajuli Stage Three*





## KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE LATEST NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dear Parents and Carers,



To keep up to date on the latest news and important announcements we strongly advise that all parents install the SkoolBag app on their mobile devices.

During these very uncertain times it is imperative that you are able to receive the latest most up to date information straight to your mobile phone anytime/anywhere.

Please see the instructions on the next page and if you have any questions or concerns please contact the school on

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*We are all in this together and we  
thank you for your support and cooperation*



## 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



for Android users



for more info visit [skoolbag.com.au](https://skoolbag.com.au)





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## **SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP TERM 3**

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS

MORNING SUPERVISION COMMENCES AT 8.20 AM and AFTERNOON PICK-UP IS AT 2.50 PM

PARENTS / CARERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK OR WALK THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK

Drop off and pick up areas (A – K) – (L – Z ) maintained

***L – Z students are to be dropped off and picked up at top gate (Parish Car park)***

***and A – K front gate, McCulloch Street entrance***

***Any students that arrive late will need to be dropped off at the pedestrian gate on McCulloch Street***

**STRICTLY NO ACCESS THROUGH THE TOP GATE  
(PARISH CAR PARK) BETWEEN 8.50am and 2.50pm**

***THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS IS PARAMOUNT AND WE  
APPRECIATE YOUR CO OPERATION REGARDING THIS MATTER***

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### **Parish**

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***Parish Priest: Father Zakaria Gayed***

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