



The Evangelist

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Term 2 Week 3

Wednesday 5th May 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Sunday, Mother's Day, we celebrate the gift of mothers and other significant women in our lives and the lives of our children who model through their care of us God's unconditional love. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a mother just as many of you are. She cared for her son, worried about him, feed him, laughed with him, became frustrated with him, taught him and loved him. Times haven't changed. In loving your children you demonstrate the same care and unconditional love. On this Mother's we ask our heavenly mother Mary to look loving on you and bless you always.

The children and staff will be honouring our mothers and significant women in our lives in a prayer service that will be held in each learning space on Friday. During this liturgy we will reflect on the wonderful attributes of all mother figures

On behalf of the children and staff of t John's I would like to wish all mothers and mother figures a happy and heartfelt Mother's Day for this Sunday. The special love that only a mother can give is always appreciated but not always acknowledged. Every day should be Mother's Day, so why not rest and relax on Sunday and allow your family to show their love and thanks for the invaluable role you play in their lives.



Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day stall will be held this Friday the 7th May, 2021. Don't forget to send some money in with your child/children for them to visit the stall and purchase a special gift.

We thank Mrs Stone for kindly volunteering to coordinate this event and the parent/carer volunteers for helping to run the stall.





ASSEMBLY FRIDAY

This year we reintroduced Friday fortnightly assembly for our students and we are now able to have a restricted number of parents and carers attend our assemblies. In order to ensure the safety of our community and adhere to physical distancing protocols parents / carers will be invited to a stage assembly of their child. During this assembly children from the stage will lead prayer and showcase an aspect of the learning.

Parents / carers who are invited to this assembly will be required to:

- Sign in using **Visitor Form** at front gate
- Sign in using the **Service NSW QR Code** for tracing purposes
- Sit in designated area and **maintain 1.5 distance from other parents, carers, staff and students**
- Leave hall / designated area when requested at the conclusion of the assembly. This will be prior to the student's afternoon dismissal. **Parents / carers will move off site to meet their children at the designated gate.**

Schedule of Assemblies for remainder of Term Two:

Week 4: Early Stage One

Week 6: Stage One

Week 8: Stage Two

Week 10: Stage Three

The assembly will commence at 2.20pm and conclude at 2.40 pm. To ensure that our assembly is held in a Covid safe environment we ask all our parents and carers to follow our plan / instructions.



We have been advised by Lowes that a shipment of uniforms is expected to arrive in store by the end of this week (Friday 7th May 2021).

All parents and carers that have placed orders will be contacted by Lowes as soon as the stock arrives in store.

If you need uniforms and have not placed an order with Lowes, I recommend you do so to ensure the items you require will be put aside for you.

Commencing Monday 3rd May (Week 3 term 2) students are required to wear their full winter uniform this includes ties for both boys and girls.



Parent/Carer/Teacher Interview Surveys

Parents / carers are strongly encouraged to respond to the parent / carer / teacher survey that was distributed on Thursday 29th April 2021 and return to the school office by this Friday 7th May 2021.

Parents / carers complete the survey by placing a tick in the option box to indicate your preference: **face-to-face interview** or **teleconference interview** and return tear-off slip to school. Thank you, to date we have received 45 responses from parents/ carers.

Protocol Updates

An update of St John's ongoing Covid safe protocols and plans will be sent home next week after discussions with CEDP WHS officer this Friday.

NAPLAN NEXT WEEK

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online between **11 and 13th May 2021**.

TIME TABLE

Time	Tuesday 11th May	Wednesday 12th May	Thursday 13th May	Friday 14th May
9.30am - 10.30am	Year 3 Writing (paper test) 40 min Year 5 Writing (online) 42 min	Year 3 Reading 45 min Year 5 Reading 50 min	Year 3 Numeracy 45 min Year 5 Numeracy 50 min	Catch up day
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11.40am - 12.40pm		Year 3 Conventions of Language 45 min Year 5 Conventions of Language 45 min		

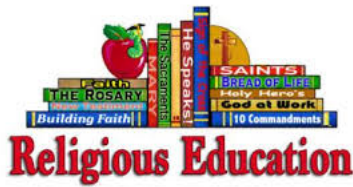


God our Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness in our community.

We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies.

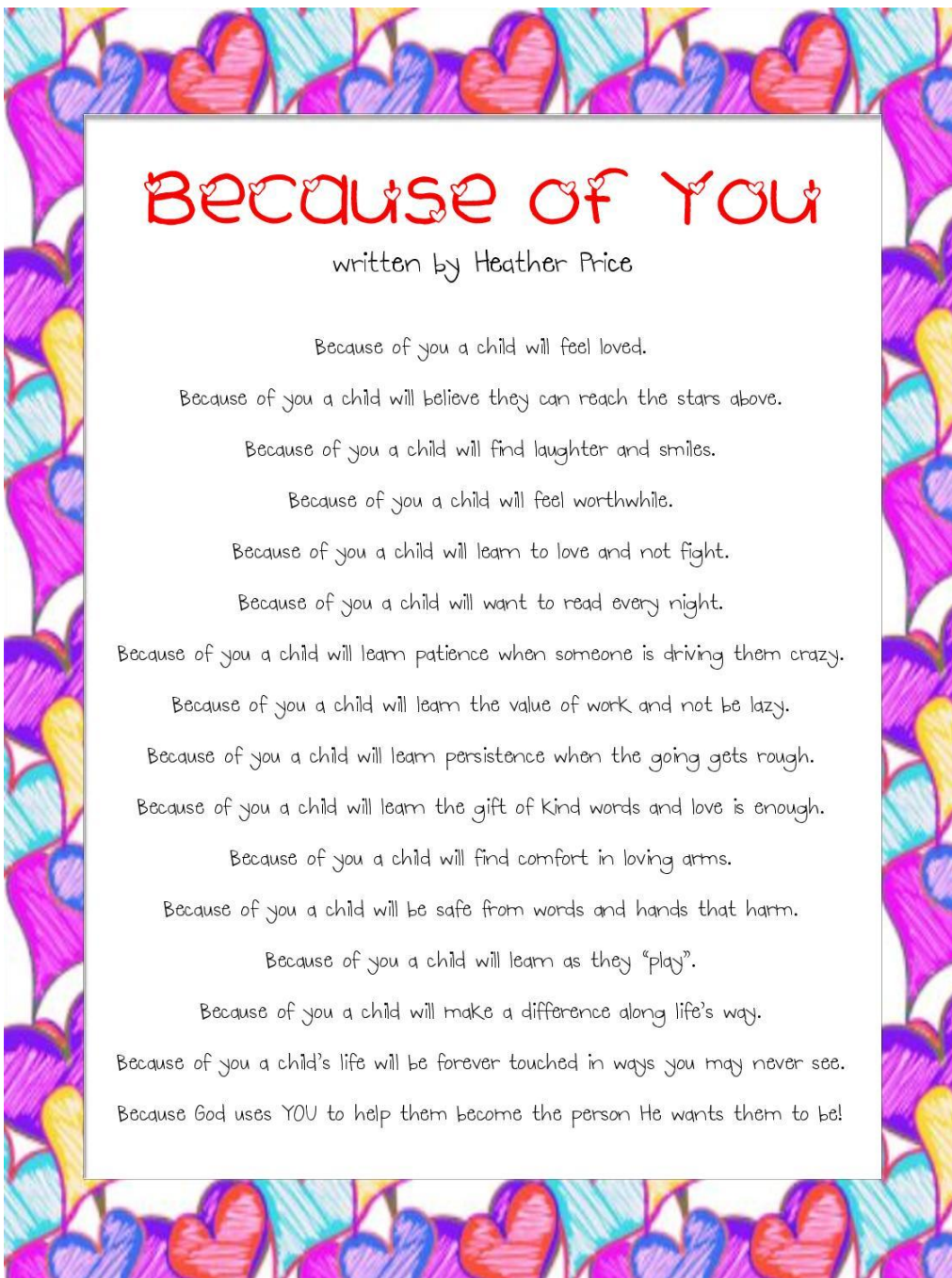
Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

God Bless Patricia



On Sunday 9th May we celebrate Mother's Day. On this day we give thanks for our mums and significant females in our lives. We thank them for all that they do for us now and will continue to do as we journey through our lives. God made these special people because he needed special helpers to be with us in our everyday life showing us the correct path to his unconditional love. On Sunday, let's take time out of our busy lives to give thanks to those amazing women who make our world a better place.

I would like to share a piece of writing entitled **"Because of You"** by Heather Price. Please share this with your mum, grandmother or significant woman in your life.





SCHOOL PHOTO DAY **MONDAY 10TH MAY 2021**

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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by **advancedlife**. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique **9 digit advancedorder code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact



SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP TERM 2

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

PARENTS AND CARERS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR AFTERNOON PICK-UP

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

A - K students are to be dropped off and picked up at the Back Gate (Gate 3 Parish Carpark) and L - Z Front Gate (Gate 1 McCulloch Street)

Any students that arrive late will need to be dropped off at the pedestrian gate on McCulloch Street and signed in by their parent/carer (A partial absence will be recorded)

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