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Primary School Brunswick East

Exceptional Education

Newsletter 1, Term 3, 2020

Friday 24th July

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first official newsletter for the term, newsletters will now be sent home each Friday.

Reflecting on our previous remote learning experience has taught us much about who we are as individuals and how we respond as a faith community. We continue to be challenged to rethink our ways of teaching and learning, our relationships and how we connect to others. This has stretched many of us beyond what we thought we were capable of, nevertheless uncertainty always provides opportunities for reflection, resilience and growth but above all we must respond with love.



1 Corinthians 16:13-14

*Be vigilant, stay firm in the faith,
be brave and strong.
Let everything you do be done in
love.*

REMOTE LEARNING REMINDERS

Please be mindful that all communication to staff must remain respectful at all times. We are all working together to ensure remote learning is a positive experience for all.

Google Meet links will go live five minutes prior to the scheduled time to ensure children are not present without the teacher's presence.

If you require on-site supervision for your child in the coming weeks please ensure you register your interest via the remote learning tab on the school website. Please attend to this by midday each Friday for the coming week.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020 UPDATE

Thank you to those families who have made email enquiries seeking an update on the Sacramental program. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, it is unknown at this time when it may be possible to once again hold religious celebrations of unrestricted numbers of attendees. The following details are in particular for families with children in Year 6, Year 4 and Year 3.

Sacrament of Confirmation

In Term 1, Year 6 children learnt about Sacraments of Initiation with a focus on the Holy Spirit in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This included a visit from Bishop Terry Curtin and a reflection retreat day. A week prior to the scheduled date for Confirmation to be celebrated at Our Lady's Church, we received advice from Bishop Terry that due to COVID-19 restrictions, planned Confirmations would need to be postponed. I recently received correspondence from Archbishop Comensoli advising parishes and schools that the celebration of Confirmation remains suspended until further notice. Once we are in a position to have religious gatherings of unrestricted numbers, it is likely that Parish Priests

will celebrate Confirmations in their local parish to address the backlog.

Sacrament of Eucharist (First Communion)

In Term 2, Year 4 children also learnt about Sacrament of Initiation with a focus on Eucharist in preparation to celebrate First Communion which was scheduled in late May. Again due to COVID-19 restrictions, it was not possible to celebrate the Sacrament. When we are again able to hold religious celebrations of unrestricted numbers, we will set a new date in consultation with our new Parish Administrator, Fr Linh Pham. It is our hope that this may be possible by late this year.

Sacrament of Penance (Rite of Reconciliation)

In Term 4, Year 3 children will learn about the Sacrament of Penance, commonly referred to as Reconciliation. Once again, when it is possible to hold religious ceremonies of unrestricted numbers, a date for First Penance will be set in consultation with Fr Linh Pham.

As further details become available, these will be communicated to families.

Wishing your peace and all things good.

JACK RENDLE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER

SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 5 STUDENTS ENTERING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN 2022

Enrolment dates for Year 5 students entering Year 7 in 2022 have been altered due to COVID-19. All students wishing to enrol into a Catholic Secondary school have until the 8th October, 2020 to do so. Prospective applicants will have their offers posted to them on 1st December 2020. Families have until the 15th December to accept the offer.

SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that the final instalment for 2020 school fees, \$785.00 per family, is due on Aug 24th, if you are having difficulty meeting these requirements please contact the office to arrange a payment plan.

FOUNDATION 2021 ENROLMENTS

A reminder to all our current families who may have a younger child due to start school next year to submit an Application for Enrolment to the School Office. First Letters of Offer for Foundation 2021 have already gone out but, at this point, there are still vacancies. Interest in tours and enrolment has been strong over the last couple of weeks so please ensure your application is put in soon to avoid missing out. **Tours have been postponed due to current COVID-19 restrictions.** To register enrolment interest please email your application to our registrar, Cathy Windsor, at: cwindsor@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au

Also, if you know of any new families in our parish who may want to enrol please spread the word.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is currently closed for over the counter sales until further notice. We are taking orders by email. Simply log onto our website: www.olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au and go to the Uniform tab to print off an order form. Please email completed order forms (including credit card details overleaf) to: cwindsor@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au by 9:00am on Thursday mornings for pick up on Friday from the office.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking has been suspended, it will resume when children return on-site. During this time parents may wish to transfer deposits directly. If you have any further queries please contact the School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 674 496.

PARENT RESOURCES TO SUPPORT WELLBEING

Smiling Minds and Beyond Blue provide tips and guidance on how to build positive mental health in children, and offer a range of simple, evidence-based activities that can be used with children aged 5 to 12 years to provide immediate relief against worry and anxiety, or to support a proactive positive mental health approach. Each pack explores related topics and contains downloadable activities for children

[Smiling Minds Website](#)

[Beyond Blue Website](#)

A REMINDER FROM MS AMBER

Our on-line Student Gallery is up and open to receive the wonderful images created by students during the week. Parents/Carers if you would like your child to participate in this initiative please email Ms Amber as a form of consent. aboag@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS



The following students celebrated their birthdays over the school holidays. Sending you our best wishes :- Elka & Ethan & Yusef 2B, Abdul 2R, Olympia & Georgia & Jazel 4S, Isla 5T, Hugo & Teresa 6H, Victoria 3V.

Wishing the following children Happy Birthday as they celebrate their birthdays this week :- Joshua 1S, Christian FD, Thomas 1S, Sofia 2R, Connor 5T, Stella 6L. We hope that your birthdays were celebrated with those you love.

UPCOMING DATES

TERM 3

Saturday 8/8/2020 St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day

Saturday 15/8/2020 Feast of the Assumption

Monday 17/8/2020 PA Meeting 7.00pm

Monday 31/8/2020 Book Week

Monday 14/9/2020 PA Meeting 7.00pm

PHOTOS FOR GRADUATION YEARBOOK

Hi Grade 6 Parents/Carers,

We are organising photos for our graduates for the end of year book. It would be super if we could have a photo of your child in their current home learning environment. This will make a great memory amongst all the others. A close-up photo would be more ideal.

Please send your photo to:
patriciapaice@hotmail.com

Thanks, Trish Paice (Jasmine 6L)
Lucy Moxon (Stella 6L)
Graduation Committee



Once again as stated in all communication over the past few weeks, we are very appreciative of your support during this time. We thank you for your partnership and ongoing commitment. Please remember your wellbeing and the wellbeing of your child/children is of great importance, please commit to what suits your family.

Kind regards,

Maree

How to Help Your Child Adapt to Wearing a Mask

7 Quick
Tips for
Parents

BPS

Explain WHY

Use easy-to-understand language and positive phrasing.

For example, "Many people are sick right now. Wearing a mask will protect you from germs."



Take a Picture

Ask family members or friends to take pictures of themselves wearing masks.

You can even arrange a virtual get together so everyone can show off their masks.



Practice Makes Perfect

Shape the behavior by breaking it down into smaller steps. Then practice & reinforce each step.

1. Holding the mask.
2. Putting it against his or her face.
3. Securing the elastic.



Let's Pretend

Integrate masks into your favorite pretend play schemes.

Encourage your child to dress up as a doctor, nurse, or veterinarian.



Get Creative

Allow your child to decorate their mask using crayons or markers.

If you are planning to make a DIY cloth mask, allow him/her to pick the fabric color or pattern.



Start with Familiar Clothing

Choose clothing that your child already wears and turn it into a mask.

Some ideas include: a scarf, balaclava or bandana.



Stuffed Animals & Dolls Need Masks Too

Put a mask on your child's favorite stuffed animal or doll as a reminder that we are all in this together!





KEY ENROLMENT DATES - YEAR 7 2022

9 October 2022

Applications for enrolment in Year 7 2022 close

October 2020

Family Interviews

1 December 2020

Offers of places to prospective Year 7 2022 students posted

15 December 2020

Final date for families to accept offers made

Limited places for Year 7 2021 still available.

Q & A session with the Principal

16 September 2020, 6pm – 7pm

[Click here to register](#)

Please click on the link below to view our **College Overview**

[Video Presentation](#)

For more information, please visit our **College website:**

www.santamaria.vic.edu.au

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the enrolment process, please contact;

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