



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Primary School Brunswick East

Exceptional Education

Newsletter 9, Term 2, 2020

Thursday 18th June

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not be afraid"

Matthew 10:26-33

"Therefore, do not be afraid of them. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows...."

Pope Francis says... Trust begins now

Turning our lives over to the care of God is a struggle.... Pope Francis says we must keep our focus on God and how God is already working in our lives and in our world. When people in 12- step programs begin to take recovery seriously, healthy new life habits take the place of old, destructive ones. In the same way, Pope Francis reminds us, making trust in the Lord a habit will fill us with the hope we seek. And sharing it with others will help it to grow.

What Pope Francis Says About Hope – 23rd Publications 2017, p. 21

Dear Families,

Welcome to the second last week of this term, one that has looked very different to what was expected and one that has tested all of us in different ways. My thanks and appreciation go out to parents and carers who are making the process of dropping off and picking up as safe and seamless as it can possibly be. We will be making some changes to the beginning of the day which are explained later in this newsletter but, unfortunately, we will still be unable to hold our normal assemblies at this stage with parents present – when this can again occur it will be a great day for the entire school community to have everyone properly back together again.

This Sunday we return to the Season of Ordinary Time in the Church with the Gospel Readings again coming from the Gospel of Matthew. In this week's reading we are encouraged to place our trust in God and to not be afraid.

This is not to say that we should be cavalier about whatever current situation we are in – and it certainly does not mean that we should ignore things such as social distancing and proper hand hygiene at this present time – but it is a timely reminder that we do need to be aware of and grateful for the good that is in our lives rather than becoming stuck in what is missing and what we are currently unable to do. To be People of Hope we need to give thanks daily and to recognise the joy that is in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

FOUNDATION 2021 ENROLMENTS

A reminder to all current families who have a child due to start school next year to apply for Enrolment to the School Office. First Letters of Offer for 2021 have already gone out but, at this point, there are still vacancies. Interest in tours and enrolment is still strong so please ensure your application is put in soon to avoid missing out. Email your application to Cathy Windsor, at:

cwindsor@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au

If you know of new families, please spread the word.

MORNING CHANGES

Now that we have been back at school for some weeks and most children are comfortable saying goodbye to parents at the gates, we are making two adjustments to what happens in the mornings.

We ask that parents continue to say goodbye at the gates at the end of both paths into the Middle Yard but instead of the children going straight into class, we are asking them to place their bags on lines as in the past and to play quietly before the bell goes for them to line up to come into class. There will be no announcements at the start of the day, but teachers will be collecting children from the line promptly at 8:55 am so please ensure that you are on time.

Those children who do arrive late will again need to be signed in using the Pass Tab iPad in the Front Office. The expectation will be that, in the case of several families running late, only one family will be allowed into the office at any time with others to remain social distanced outside to await their turn.

FAREWELL TO FR JOEL

The exception to no announcements will be on Friday morning next week when we will briefly hold the children on lines to formally farewell Fr Joel before he takes up his appointment in Heidelberg. Our captains will make a presentation on behalf of the school community to thank him for his time in our school community and to acknowledge his leadership since May 2019.

Fr Joel has been the Administrator of the Parish of Brunswick and Brunswick East for just over twelve months and, in that time, has been eager to share his faith in God with staff and children. Fr Joel was also committed to finding the right candidate for the principalship of our school and leaves the school in the good hands of Maree McIntosh, and the parish in the good hands of both Monsignor Greg Bennet and Fr Greg Bourke.

While it would be fitting to have our parent community with us on this occasion, unfortunately it will not be possible at this time, so messages of thanks and good luck can be passed on to Fr Joel via his email address Joel.Peart@cam.org.au.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT OPEN

We have recently sourced a sanitiser we can use on our adventure playground equipment. This means that we are now able to open the junior playground up to the children once more on a rostered basis. We will continue to emphasise good hand hygiene before and after break times and we will ensure that the equipment is sanitised each day by either school staff or our cleaners.

UNIFORM ORDERS

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation with uniform orders at this time and for remembering not to contact the uniform volunteers directly. As a reminder, to order uniform, simply log onto our website and go to the [Uniform tab](#) to print off an order form. Please **email completed order** forms (including credit card details on page 2) to:

cwindsor@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au **by 9:00 am on Thursday**. Orders will be sent home with your children on Thursday afternoon.

FINISH TIME LAST DAY OF TERM

Although children have not been back onsite for many weeks, second term finishes next Friday, 26th June. Dismissal will be early on the day but still staggered as follows:

Families with last names beginning A-K will be dismissed at 1:10 pm – please arrive at school no earlier

than 1:05 pm and ensure you have left the school by 1:20pm.

Families with last names beginning L-Z will be dismissed at 1:30 pm – please arrive at school no earlier than 1:25 pm and ensure you have left the school by 1:40 pm.

EXTEND HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Extend have confirmed that they will again be offering a Holiday Program here at Our Lady's during the July school holidays. Please see the advertisements later in this newsletter for more details related to booking and the program on offer.

SCHOOL REPORTING FOR SEMESTER ONE

A reminder that reports this half year will look different from usual. Following the advice of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA), Victorian Department of Education and Training, and Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV), this report will provide:

- a description of the Victorian Curriculum subjects of Literacy and Numeracy taught in Semester 1, and the Religious Education content for this semester.
- a succinct descriptive assessment of student learning in the above areas.
- a comment on how your child has adjusted to the remote and flexible learning environment and transition back to school.

Early next semester, your child and their teacher will engage in conversations around learning goals for the remainder of the year and these will be sent home together with a self-reflection completed by each child.

Parent Teacher meetings to discuss learning progress have been rescheduled to take place in October, and the end of year report in December will provide a more comprehensive view of the year's learning across all usual curriculum areas.

Reports will be sent home next Thursday 25th June

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthday over the past week: **Gabriella S.** in T, **Xavier R.** in 2R, **Jeremy B.** in 3S, **James Z.** in 6H, **Katie P.** in 6L, **James K.** in 2H, **Vivienne K.** in 2R, and **Saskia S.** in 6L. We hope that your birthdays were memorable for all the right reasons.



Until next week, respectfully, *Daniel* 😊



Feast of the Sacred Heart

19th June 2020



In the spirit of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, founder of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Paris in the 19th Century, we are called to "lend a hand up;" to support those in our community who may be marginalised or vulnerable at this time.

It is approaching that time of year again when we are invited to support the work of our local St Vincent de Paul Brunswick Conference by donating non-perishable food items as part of the appeal. The call for assistance and resources from St Vincent de Paul Conferences across the region have been particularly in demand during this time of COVID 19.

We understand that during this time of COVID19 pandemic, many families have experienced financial pressures. If your family is in a position to support the St Vincent de Paul appeal, please send any of the items suggested below to school. There are collection boxes in each classroom. Donations accepted until Friday 19 June 2020.

Thank you in anticipation for your support and generosity at this time.

JACK RENDLE
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER

If your family is in a position to support the appeal, we warmly welcome the donation of the following non-perishable food and grocery items:

- Canned fruit, vegetables and soups.
- Canned spaghetti & bolognese.
- Canned tuna, salmon and sardines.
- Packets of dry pasta.
- Bottles and jars of jam and sauce.
- Cartons of long life milk.
- Tea, coffee and instant noodle cups.
- Packets of biscuits and rice crackers.
- Beans, lentils & dried seeds.
- Protein bars.





ESSENTIAL HOLIDAY CARE

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Baking, science and games to keep you active.
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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Monday 29 June
Friday 10 July

8.00am – 6.00pm











Session Fee \$85.50*
Pay between \$12.83 -
\$85.50 dependent on
childcare subsidy
entitlements.

* Early Bird Rate – Book 14
days in advance.

Essential Holiday Care will be
charged at the Session Fee per
day minus any CCS entitlements

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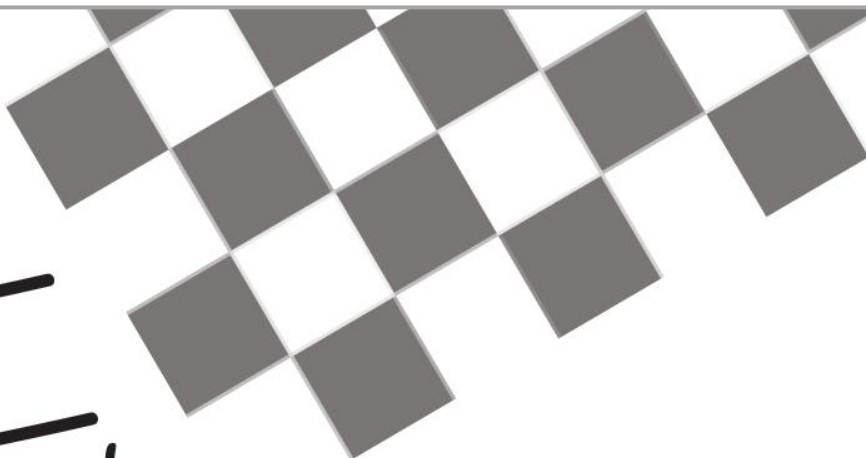
2020 WINTER HOLIDAY CARE PROGRAM

29 Monday	30 Tuesday	1 Wednesday	2 Thursday	3 Friday
Spy Adventures Calling all Extend detectives to explore and investigate their surroundings. Can you find the hidden clues? 	Let's Get Active Join your Extend friends as you encourage one another in team sports 	STEM Full day of challenges from paper plane competitions to erupting elephant toothpaste. 	Boot Camp Let's get physical! Come dressed in your active gear as you and Extend Educators work up a sweat. 	Pirate Party Ahoy hearfies! Dress as a pirate and explore your surroundings, find the hidden treasure and claim your prize. 
6 Monday	7 Tuesday	8 Wednesday	9 Thursday	10 Friday
Dance Moves Join your Extend friends as we spin, wiggle and twist our way through a fun dancing day! 	Animal Kingdom Exploration Do you love lions, lizards and bears? Explore all the animals in this t-roar-fic animal themed day. 	Relaxation and Mindfulness Take a moment to reflect, relax and understand your mind and physical wellbeing. 	Art Attack A splash of blue and a hint of red, explore your artistic side in this art filled day. 	Board Game Challenge Let's create a new and exciting board game to get you and your family through the cold winter nights. 



Enquiries 1300 366 437 Book online today **extend**.com.au

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OUR [Lady Help of Christians] **ARTISTS**



Christian (FB)



Kobe (FB)

Foundation students worked on the background and foreground of these compositions over two weeks. Their gum ball machines were created using a mixed media approach that saw them incorporate drawing, printmaking and collage. Ms Amber thinks they're SWEET!

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