

Friday 29th May 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

A special thank-you to all our Prep- Year 2 families who resettled at school this week. Our primary objective at this time is to re-establish relationships and lessen the anxiety of the return. Social and emotional learning is critical at this stage and we thank all our staff for their efforts in this area. Allowing children to talk about their experiences of home learning and for the children to gain a 'child' perspective of the virus and its place in their life, is also considered at this time.

The next step will be to find out where our students are in regards to their understandings and current learnings. Teachers will be facilitating activities that will enable students to show whether they have moved or regressed in their learning. It's vitally important that once students return to school they continue to come to school and not have days absent from the classroom. I was speaking with teachers regarding their early predictions about student learning levels and they have been pleasantly surprised about what the students have retained during their time away from the classroom. Must have been their expert teachers they had at home !

Families will also receive a progress report at the end of the term (26th June) . This report will be in a reduced format than previous mid-year reports and will provide you with an overview of what has been achieved during Term 1 and the home-schooling period. Parents will have the opportunity to have a phone meeting with their child's teacher if required.

We already have over 100 enrolment applications for prep 2021. If you are a current family please ensure that you have returned the required paperwork for the enrolment to be registered. We are in the process of organising arrangements for interviewing which will occur early next term. (late July).

Parents and Carers play an important role in ensuring our school adheres to Community directives regarding social distancing and providing a safe and secure school environment. I have also attached the School Protocols for staff and students whilst they are at school.

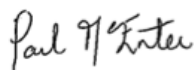
Please note:

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- No adult is to enter the school grounds. Please phone/email the school if you have any queries.
- Please support our drop off and pick up points and time by not coming to pick up children prior to 3.20pm. You have a 25 minute time frame to pick up children. We encourage parents to kiss and go- no need to get out of the car.
- Please ensure you adhere to the social distancing requirement of 1.5 m apart at pickup and drop off points at the school. We have yellow dots to ensure correct spacing at entry/exit points where required.
- Canteen to commence Monday 15th June- details to follow
- School Sports Uniform can be ordered and paid for online. Access the school website. (shop)

One thing that has remained constant throughout this period of upheaval is the need for good parenting and supportive teachers. Both of which offer young people stability and familiarity, and are vitally important during this time of transition and adjustment. We can all encourage our children to focus on the things they enjoy and value in order for them to remain motivated and ensure their sense of belonging as we continue a very interesting school term.

Yours sincerely



Paul McEntee
Principal



Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrate their birthday this week: Qays 4C, Sahana 3B, Sanjana 3T, Montana 5C, Layth 2A, Zaid 6G, Mariam Prep D, John Prep C, Emmanuel 2M, Joanna 4P, Valentina 6A, Anirudh 3T, Cristina 2L, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!

FROM THE VOICE DESK STOP PRESS: **Dylan Marguccio** (School Captain Year 6 2017)



Dylan is 15 years old and has an amazing voice and personality that has taken him to the blind auditions on The Voice. Performing this Tuesday on The Voice 7.30pm. Channel 9.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Feast of Pentecost

For the Spirit of Peace
that calms our mind
and stills our life,
we give you thanks.
For the Spirit of Love
that touches hearts
and reaches out,
we give you thanks.
For the Spirit of Joy
that lifts our soul
and gives us faith
we give you thanks.
For the Spirit of Power,
that gift of grace
for this your church,
we give you thanks.

ENTRUSTING AUSTRALIA TO MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect Australians' lives, including their worship, the Australian Catholic Bishops have entrusted the country to the care of Mary Help of Christians on her feast day this week. Mary Help of Christians has been the official patroness of Australia since 1844. Her feast day is celebrated on May 24, which this year coincides with the Feast of the Ascension.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

A number of queries have been received regarding rescheduling of dates for both the preparation evenings and the celebrations. At this stage no further information about new dates is available from the Parish until Covid restrictions are altered. Information will be

shared as soon as we receive it.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

This week is known as 'National Reconciliation Week', a time where we stop to remember the importance of Aboriginal culture, heritage and community. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



School Protocols for Our Lady's Students & Staff under Covid-19



1. Hand Hygiene

When you enter your classroom, sanitize your hands

Dispensed by the teacher



5. Students Return to Classroom

Remind Students of Hand and Social Hygiene (Refer points 1&3)



2. Spray Touch Points

Spray touch points (e.g. door handle) with disinfectant spray (Glen 20)



6. Second Play: Students Exit

Sanitize desks and bench-tops with cleaning spray.

Sanitize your hands when done.



3. Remind Students of Hand and Social Hygiene

Remind Students of protocols when it comes to:

- Washing hands after going to the bathroom
- Covering our nose when we sneeze & cough (tissue or elbow)
- No sharing food or belongings
- Reminding to sanitize hands regularly
- Drink taps are not to be used



7. Students Return to Classroom

Remind Students of Hand and Social Hygiene (Refer points 1&3)



4. First Play: Students Exit

Sanitize desks and bench tops with cleaning spray.

Teacher to sanitize their hands when completed.



8. End of Day

Prepare tables and benches for Cleaners. (chairs down)

Teachers supervise students sanitizing hands on leaving.

Teacher to sanitize their hands when completed.



Updated: May 26th 2020

No Adults are permitted to enter the school site.

STUDENT WELLBEING @ OUR LADY'S

...PROVIDING A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



This week has been a different week again with the move to our Year Prep to Year 2's arriving back at our school, smiling, and comfortable to return.

Our work is always based around providing a **safe and supportive learning environment**. This week there has been a more particular focus on this, so that our children feel connected with our school, with each other and with their learning.

At the moment we are again in a **time of transition**: from knowing our school as we knew it, to the new experience we have all had with learning from home, to coming back to school whilst keeping some of our old and learning about what is new.

It has hopefully been a time for all of us to **reflect and discover new learnings** with our own families and possibly a time for healing.

I am sharing this poem with you. You may like to share it with your children or it may be something that helps you to reflect. Hope you enjoy reading it.

Kitty O'Meara's prose poem "And the people stayed home"

*And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised,
and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still.*

And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.

Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

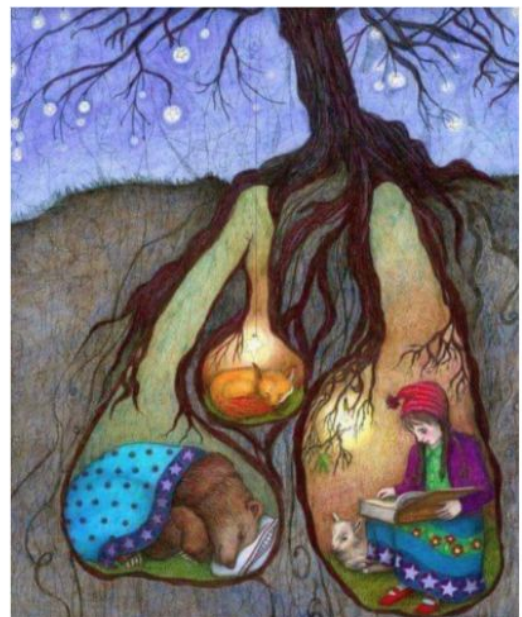
And the people healed.

*And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways,
the earth began to heal.*

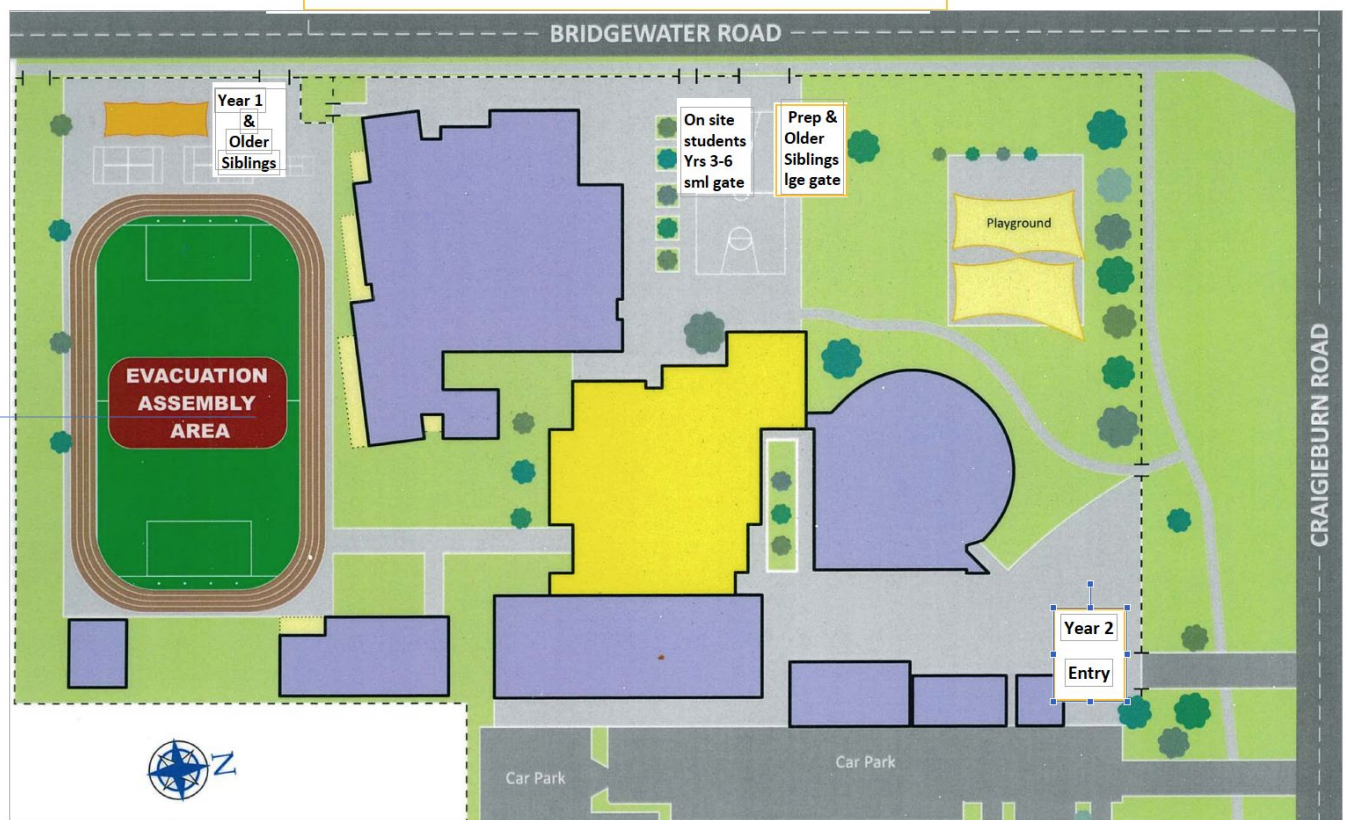
And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again,

they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images,

and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.



Student Entry & Exit Points



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