

**Thursday 19th November 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers

As we continue to work through the changes in circumstances brought about by the current COVID 19 health crisis, we are very mindful of the potential financial impact these events are having on our families. I want to reiterate that no parent or guardian who wishes their child to receive a Catholic education at Our Lady's will be denied the opportunity to do so because of financial circumstances.

We realise that 2020 has been an extremely tough year for all and we have given consideration to the financial burden placed on you this year. In light of the difficult circumstances we have reviewed our Fee and Levy structures for 2021 and are pleased to now provide some financial relief to all families for 2021.

Financial relief will be twofold. A reduction in the Levy payment and a reduction in the Family Fee payment for 2021. A more detailed explanation will be forthcoming once I have finalised the details with the school accountant. What we have organised so far is that the school will be supplying all students, free of charge, their books, stationery and all items used throughout the school year. The Levy payment will be reduced to reflect this amount.

Currently we have over 70% of our families either on payment plans (Ezidebit) or who pay the full amount at the beginning of the school year. I want to thank all our families who have honoured their financial commitment in 2020 and we will continue to offer financial support to all our families.

**School Enrolments 2021:** If you are not intending for your child/ren to return to Our Lady's in 2021 can you please inform the school by email [principal@olps.vic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olps.vic.edu.au). In your email can you please indicate the school where your children will be enrolled for the coming year.



***Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrate their birthday this***

***week:** Jacques Prep C, Kavnoorjit 2, Violet 4M, Hurmiz 4P, Chloe 1M, Sienna Prep H, Renae 3B, Jinroe 1S, Olivia 3B, Emily Prep C, Declan 5H, Praise 4M, Chris 2A, Dayvid 6G, Lily 1T, Nathan 6C & Anastasia 2S.: **HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

**EVERYONE !**

#### **Term 4 School Events & Important Dates :**

- Tuesday 24th November- Headstart Sessions Continue
- Thursday 3rd December - Year 6: 'Big Day In'
- Friday 4th December- Kolbe 2021 Yr 7 Transition Day
- **Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th December:** Confirmation at Our Lady's Church: 7.00pm
- Thursday 10th December- Year 6 Graduation: 12.30-2.30
- Friday 11th December- Meet Your Teacher Day:
- Friday 11th December - Reports Go Home
- Monday 14th December- School 'Mini' Fete
- Tuesday 15th December- School finishes for 2020- 3.30
- Thursday 28th January- 2021 School Year commences for students

**If your child is unwell, please keep them at home**

Thank you for your ongoing support of all of our staff and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at this time. [principal@olps.vic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olps.vic.edu.au)

Take care

Paul McEntee

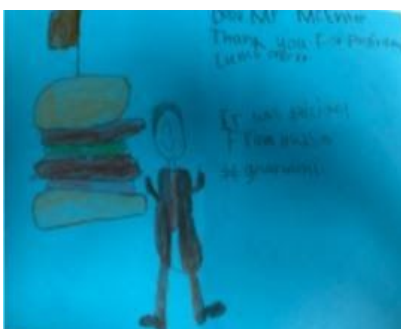
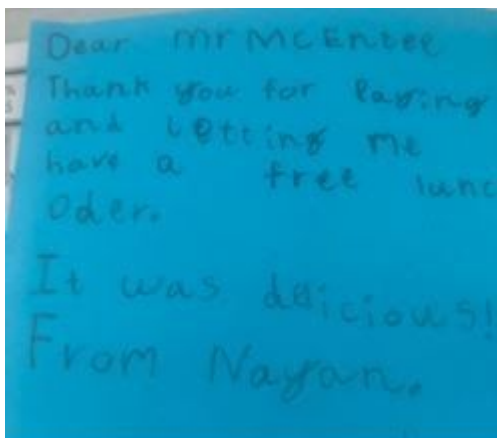
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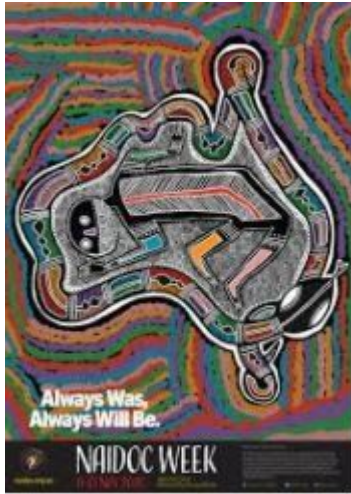
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FROM THE YEAR ONE LUNCHEON DESK:

**On Monday all our year one students were able to order their lunch from the Tuckshop Menu**





## FROM NAIDOC WEEK

**NAIDOC WEEK** is celebrated in Australia each year to acknowledge the rich cultural history of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Our First Nation people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists.

Australia has the world's oldest oral stories, going back tens of thousands of years. The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples. NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations.

Throughout this week our students have been introduced to some of the cultural stories of our First Nations people through participation in

The First Nations Bedtime Story Challenge. This is a unique and rare opportunity to hear stories, told by the people who care for them, and from the beautiful places they belong to. Each day a short film, was shared online with our students. The Dreaming stories were told directly to them by First Nations knowledge custodians. These Dreaming stories are foundations of First Nations cultures, and were told in a mix of both English and their original languages.

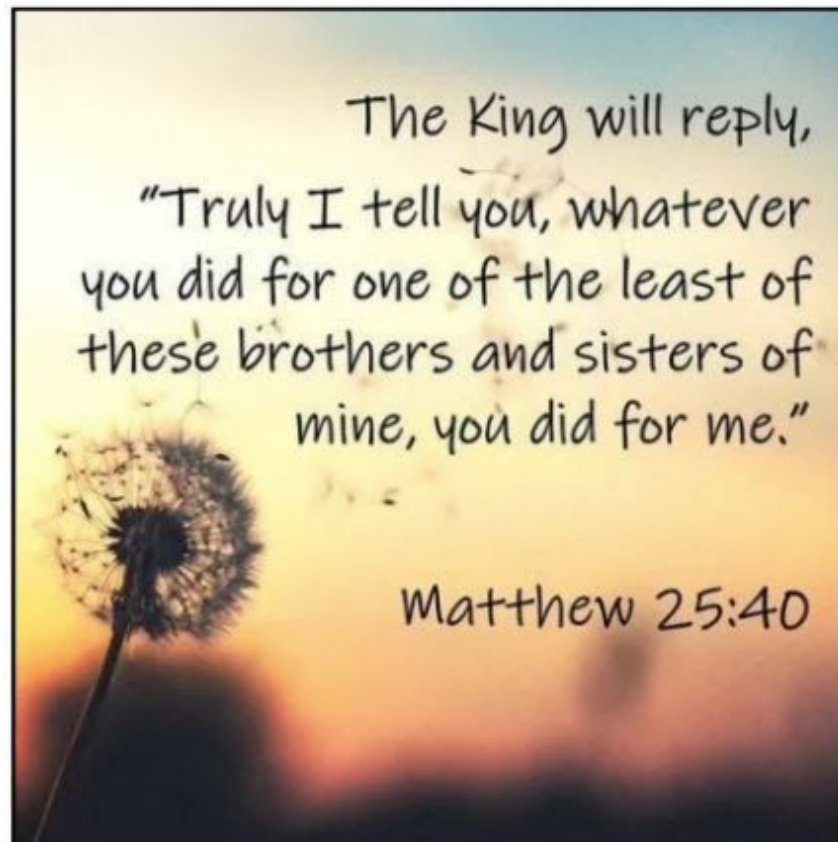
The students learnt that Dreaming stories are the centrepiece of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. They tell the history of their people, through storytelling and also through art and dance.



***“Loving Creator God, We rejoice in the beauty of this ancient land and her waters. We marvel at the awesome way they have been formed. We give thanks for her First Nations Peoples, their stories of creation sung by countless Ancestors. AMEN”***



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



## **Scriptural context – Matthew 25: 31 - 46**

This week's gospel passage comes as the third in a sequence of passages that make up Matthew Chapter 25. The chapter addresses the gospel's intended audience who were caught in a time of uncertainty. Many had expected the promised return of the Lord within their lifetime and had seen the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 CE as a sign that the end of days was approaching. The three gospel passages speak of continuing to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom and the need to act in a way that works to bring about the reign of God in the world.

Our Year 5s enjoying the  
sunshine while they read  
different accounts  
of Jesus' infancy in  
Matthew and Mark's Gospel.





## FROM THE VEGGIE GARDEN

ON FRIDAY IT WENT TO PLANT VEGGIES, WE PLANTED OTHER VEGGIES LIKE TOMATOES AND CAPSICUM. WE PUT SOIL AND FERTILISER ON THE PLANTS. THEN OUR HANDS GOT DIRTY SO MY TEACHER SENT US IN GROUPS SO WE CAN WASH OUR HANDS. WE HAD LOTS OF FUN!



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Tuesday **24 November** at **6pm**

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**Principal** and see how we provide our **students** with  
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