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Term 1 Week 1

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Welcome to the new school year. I am very excited to be joining this wonderful school community and look forward to getting to know all the students and their families. I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome Mrs Xanthie Kerin as our support teacher and Mrs Megan Jones as a teaching Assistance.

The staff would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school, especially all our new families and our new Kindergarten students who commence their Primary School learning with us. We hope everyone had a beautiful Christmas and had the opportunity to relax with family and friends.

Starting the new school year can be a time of great excitement and anxiety. These emotions are normal for all members of the family. One way to help with the transition back to school is to ease back into the school routine.

Our newsletter goes home on a Monday, and is a great source of information on what is happening at school, up coming events and other important information.

Below are the key dates to start the term

Katrina Isbester

Principal

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land of the Wiradjuri people. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.



Welcome back to our teachers, parents and students for 2020. We welcome all the new students and parents to our school with special mention to our beautiful kindergarten children who will commence school next Monday. We hope that you settle in really quickly and enjoy your time at St Pius.

Once again, a big thank you to the wonderful students who attended the Christmas Mass and sang. You all did an amazing job and we received lots of compliments. I was so proud of all of you, especially our new seniors who led by example, and a family of ex-students who also came along to swell the numbers. The students and parents of St Pius can always be relied upon to support our school.



Our Beginning of Year/ Induction Mass will be held Wednesday, 5th February at 10am at St Brigid's Church. This Mass is to welcome a new school year and to induct our school leaders for 2020. The leaders include our SRC reps from 1-6.

Some important dates this term for RE include:

- Week 5 - Ash Wednesday Mass at St Brigid's on Wednesday 26th February at 10 am. For K-5. Year 6 will be attending the liturgy for the relics of St Therese of Lisieux at 11.30 am.
- Week 6- Catholic Schools Week
- Week 6 - Senior Citizen's Liturgy, Friday 6th March at 9.45am
- Week 8 - St Patrick's Day Tuesday 17th March. Class Liturgy
- Holy Week Liturgy Thursday April 9th

St Brigid's Sacramental Calendar 2020

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION EVENINGS:

Confirmation Information Evening – Tuesday 3rd March, Wednesday 4th March, Thursday 5th March at 6.30 – 7.15 pm.

- Confirmation Enrolment weekends 28/29 March, 4/5 April
- 3 sessions commencing the week of 3rd May 2020
- The Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Michael McKenna on 30th/31st May



MEETING 4 MASS

Last year, through the initiative of St John's Primary, it was decided to trial a Meeting 4 Mass each week. We are fully aware that there are many reasons for families to not attend Mass on a weekend but the schools and Father Greg have devised a way of working with you in fulfilling one of the commitments to being Catholic - attendance at Mass.

St Pius X are looking forward to participating in this program this year and we invite all our families, both Catholic and non-Catholic, to attend

9 am Mass when your grade is rostered on. We will begin with Year 1 on the Sunday, March 2nd.

Your child's teacher will meet you in the foyer before Mass, along with any other Staff members. We look forward to joining you in the celebration of the Mass.

God Bless

Therese Jones REC



And the news this week is...

Term 1 2019

29/1/20	Year 1-6 Start for 2020
3/2/20	Kindergarten Start for 2020
5/2/20	10 am School Mass at St. Brigid's church
7/2/20	School Swimming Carnival K-6
12/2/20	Primary Grade Night from 6.30-7.30 pm
13/2/20	Infant's Grade Night from 6.30-7.30 pm
26/2/20	Ash Wednesday 10 am at St. Brigid's
6/3/20	Gradparents Liturgy 10-11.30 am
30/3/20	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion Starts
1/4/20	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion Returns
9/4/20	Term 1 Ends
27/4/20	Term 2 Begins



On behalf of Mum, David and myself I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to our St Pius family and community after the passing of my Dad Geoff. The love, prayers and support that we have received over the past couple weeks has been very overwhelming. All of your messages, emails, food, flowers, cards and visits have been so appreciated. No words can really express how we are feeling at this time but know that each and everyone of you have made a deep impact. We will be eternally grateful.

Mel Puckeridge

