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Term 1 Week 3

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Thank You

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents, family and friends that joined us for our swimming carnival on Friday. It was wonderful to see parents helping with timekeeping, participating (and winning the parent/teacher relay) and most of all supporting your children.

This week parents will have the opportunity to attend parent information sessions for their children. This is a great opportunity for your child's teacher to explain class routines, expectations and give key information for the year.

It also gives you the opportunity to ask any questions and clarify any information that is given.

Parent Information Meetings

Parent Information meeting for Primary will be held on Wednesday 12th February from 6.30 -7.30pm in your child's classroom.

Parent Information meeting for Infants will be held on Thursday 13th February from 6.30 -7.30pm in your child's classroom.

Road Safety

As we start new school year, I would just like to take the opportunity to remind all parents and caregivers, the importance of Road Safety and following parking signs. This is to ensure the safety of our school community. We would also ask that if you are collecting your child and are parked on the opposite side of the road, that you cross the road and collect your child from the school gate.

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.

Continued from the School Principal

P and F Meeting

We would like to invite all of our Parents and Friends Meeting on Wednesday 12th February at 7.30pm (following our Primary Parent Information Meetings) in the school Staffroom. During this meeting the election of executive positions will take place. The new Diocesan P and F Constitution will also be introduced and emailed to those present at the meeting.

The P and F is a wonderful opportunity to be actively involved in our school community. The P and F have many roles that include: creating a strong school community, providing an opportunity for parents to have a voice and fundraising. P and F Committees tend to be more successful when they are representatives from each grade and members that are willing to share roles and responsibilities so that everyone can be involved and the workload is evenly shared.

If you are unable to attend the P and F meeting please contact the office, this way we can include you in any correspondence resulting from the meeting.

Katrina Isbester
Principal

School Swimming Carnival

Big congratulations to **McAuley** who are the 2020 school swimming carnival champions!

The age champions were: Dusty Picton (Sarto), Milly Heckendorf (McAuley), Lachlan Pearce (McAuley), Ava Francisco (Shannon), George Amor (McAuley) and Lucy Heckendorf (McAuley).

Congratulations to Lucy Heckendorf who broke the junior girls butterfly record by over three seconds!

A big **thank you** to all the people (parents, grandparents and staff) who helped out on the day, without your help these types of days do not happen.

A big congratulations to all students (especially the house captains and Year Six), your effort, encouragement and sportsmanship was brilliant.

A note will be sent home this week with those students who have gained selection in the school swimming team to represent in Coonamble on the 21st of February.

Congratulations to the parents who won the Floaters and Drowners relay... changing rules to suit!

Greg Cant



MEETING 4 MASS

We had our first Meeting 4 Mass yesterday with Year 1. It was lovely to see the parents and their families who were able to attend.

Following are the dates for this term for each class so that you can plan ahead. If these dates are changed at all you will be notified through the newsletter or your class notes.

Feb 16th -Year 2

Feb 23rd - Year 3

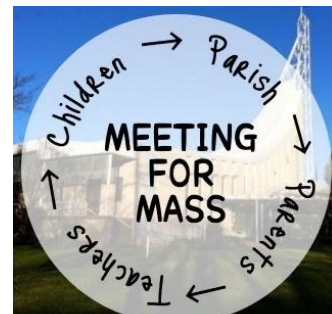
March 1st – Year 4

March 8th – Year 5

March 15th – Year 6

March 22nd - Kinder

Mass begins at 9 am and 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.



RECONCILIATION



The classes will be celebrating Reconciliation with Father Greg this term beginning with Year 5 on Thursday at 2.20 pm.

Father will also be talking to our Infants students on Friday morning.

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-6. Year 6 will be attending this Mass now as the relics will now be here at this time.
- Week 6- Catholic Schools Week
- Week 6 – Senior Citizen's Liturgy, Friday 6th March at 9.45am
- Week 8 - St Patricks 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
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God Bless

Therese Jones REC



Welcome back to the library 2020 everyone!

Library Timetable:

Monday: Infants K - 2 on a rotational basis.

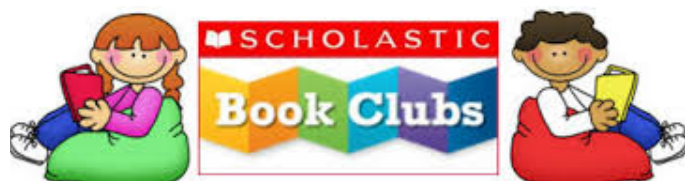
Wednesday: Primary Years 3 - 6

This year our Library will be open during the second half of lunch on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays**. Children are always welcome to come in and read a book, borrow, draw or play lego and board games. On **Thursdays** the library will be open for those students who are interested in Robotics.

Children must use a library bag when they borrow books as this helps protect the books. Please remember that books are on loan for a maximum of two weeks so when books are due back please ensure they are returned promptly. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated!

Scholastic Book Club: Our school subscribes to the Scholastic Book Club. Twice a term flyers are sent home for you to have a look at, and perhaps place an order. You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2). Coupons are also given to the school for each dollar spent and these are used to purchase resources for the school. The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our classroom, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.



Book Club

The **Gift Function** enables you to tag **Book Club** orders on **LOOP** that are intended as a surprise gift. This feature can be used throughout the year, providing your **Book Club Organiser** has enabled the gift function for your school. **LOOP** orders tagged as a gift will be delivered to school and marked accordingly, for the **Book Club Organiser** to set aside at the school office for you to collect.

How to use the Gift Function on Book Club **LOOP**
scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Follow these **easy** steps!

1 LOG-IN

2 Select the ORDER tab

3 Select your ISSUE

4 Check the box GIFT ORDER

NOTE: ALL ITEMS ON THIS ORDER WILL BE MARKED AS A GIFT.

GIFT ORDER?



5 Enter the book number shown on the Catalogue

6 Select NEXT to finalise your order

PLEASE NOTE, THE ITEMS DO NOT COME GIFT WRAPPED.

For books that can be delivered directly to your child, please submit a separate order.

Library News

Your child will have received their first book club flyer for the year already and orders are due back by 9.10am next Monday the 17th of February or earlier if possible. Please ensure you put the **correct amount** of money in a **well-sealed envelope** and place it in the **Book Club Box at the office**. It usually takes about 2 weeks for the orders to be completed. All orders are given to the child to take home. If you would like me to hold the order for you because it is a present please indicate this to me on the order form.



Parents may prefer to order online via loop orders and it is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at **scholastic.com.au/LOOP** or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Congratulations to our new Library Monitors for 2020...

Year 3 - Maebelle Clarke & Phoebe Lavelle

Year 4- Natalie Cook- McCullum

Year 5 - Dylan Wallace

Year 6 - Amelia Ryan

I look forward to working with you all to help make our library the best it can be!



Happy Reading, Alicia O'Connor
Teacher/Librarian