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Week 6 Term 2

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"There where you are, God is". St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Dear Parents,

As this is a short week, there is no normal Newsletter but rather just some reminders. Tomorrow is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. We would normally attend Mass as a school. However, tomorrow is a pupil free day while staff attend professional learning. This feast marks the start of the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Each year this is heavily supported by donating warm blankets, quilts, doonas, etc and the students have a Pyjama Day to remember those without a warm bed in which to sleep this cold winter. PJ Day is next Friday 15th June.

This was to coincide with a fun STEM Day. However, this is now postponed until Term 3.

Thank you to the parents who have observed the request to quickly move from the playground after school once their children have arrived. This helps immensely in the afternoon dismissal process.

Thank you all those who participated in helping on the Athletics Carnival on Tuesday. A special BIG THANKS to Ms Grima for her organisation and the support from the wonderful staff and the P&F for arranging refreshments for the volunteers and the cake and coffee. And let's not forget to thank God for answering our prayers in keeping the rain away for just long enough.

Please pray for the children in our parish who are preparing to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in First Communion in the next couple of weeks. Many of these are OLA students.



REMINDER: all students need to be collected by 3.40pm at the end of the supervision period. Most schools do not offer this and your attention to this is appreciated.

Dates to Remember

Week 6 **Fri 8th June – PUPIL FREE DAY**
Week 7 **Mon 11th June – Public Holiday**
Wed 13th June ICAS Spelling 7.55am
Fri 15th June – Pyjama Day.
Week 8 **Tues 19th June – Stg 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day**

NOTE: PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 8TH JUNE

One of the most powerful things a family can do is pray together. There is no greater prayer than the Mass. Attending Sunday Mass together is important.

NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT

There has never been a time when there have been so many different ways we are able to communicate with each other. Social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter and WhatsApp are being used increasingly by people to stay connected.

With this in mind, I feel it is important to remind all members of our school community about some important communication protocols. I raise this matter with the wellbeing of all members of our school community as my central concern.

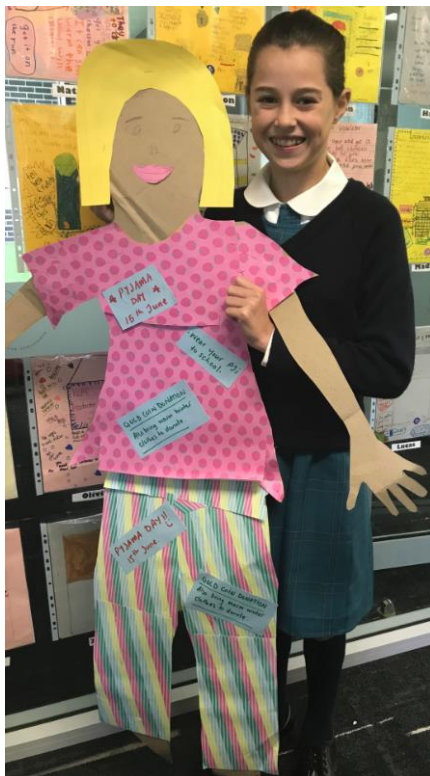
I am aware there is a number of Facebook pages that have been created by parents. While I am aware these pages have been created with the intention of staying connected with other members of the school community, I want to make clear these are not official school sites. These sites cannot use the school's name, logo or any of the school's branding. The school's website, its Facebook page and the Skoolbag app are the sources of truth for information about the school.

While I am sure that it would not happen intentionally, there have been examples recently of an unfortunate or misplaced comment or picture posted on a social media site like Facebook causing distress to a member or members of our community.

The welfare of each member of our school community is everyone's responsibility, so I ask that we all do everything possible to engage online with each other in a way that is always respectful, and acknowledges the dignity of every person. No social media site should ever be used to criticise teachers, students or other parents. Please think carefully before posting a comment online to avoid causing hurt or embarrassment. I also remind everyone that individuals are not allowed, by law, to publish images of other students or teachers.

I appreciate there can be a variety of views about particular issues. I urge anyone who has a concern to approach the school directly so the matter can be addressed appropriately.

Thank you for your understanding about this matter. If you would like to discuss it with me personally, feel free to contact the school.



Pyjama Day – Friday 15th June

The Mini-Vinnies team have been busy promoting and preparing for the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. It will be held next Friday, 15th June and we ask that you generously donate any blankets, doonas, etc that are in good condition. These items will then be sorted and donated to those who need them the most over the harsh winter months. Please don't forget to wear your Pyjamas to school to help support this great social justice initiative.

Mrs Zivic and the Mini-Vinnies Team.



From the P&F....



Sunday 5th August

The Fiesta meeting will be held on Tuesday night at 7.30pm. We would like to get expressions of interest for those willing to volunteer for:

- Contacting businesses for donations
- Assisting in the days preparations (leading up to the big day)
- Setting up on the day
- Volunteering your time on a stall
- Packing up at the end of the evening

If you would like your own stall, please contact the Parish directly.

Special Treats -

Thank you to the volunteers rostered on Friday 15th June



Taryn McGrath, Laura Krotofil, Adrianna Attard, Belinda Connellan, Sarah Jeffriess and Anne-Marie Apap

Stay tuned for a Special Treat Lunch coming soon. Children will have the opportunity to pre purchase a special lunch.

Thank you to all the volunteers at the Athletics Carnival on Tuesday!



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