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Term 3 Week 2

NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS



NAIDOC was celebrated at Holy Family Emerton on 28th June. Our theme this year was- Our Languages Matter. Our day began with a smoking ceremony where Uncle Richard, Uncle Lexodious, Corina and Julie Jones welcomed us to their country. We then had a beautiful and moving Aboriginal Liturgy where Uncle Richard shared Dharug language and the meaning of country to his people. Next we shared an Indigenous Bush Tucker Morning Tea that included Mini Kangaroo Quiche, Crocodile Damperballs with Finger Lime dipping sauce and Native Hibiscus Lemonade infused with Native Hibiscus. After our tummies were full, the whole school was involved in Dharug Language Workshops with local Aboriginal Dharug people. It truly was a culturally rich day full of amazing experiences that allowed us to celebrate local Aboriginal people who were so generous in sharing their knowledge. A huge thanks goes out to our Aboriginal families and Teacher volunteers who made this day possible. And a very special thanks goes out to Julie Jones who was instrumental in the success of this great NAIDOC celebration.

Regards,
Mrs Debbie Long



Message From The Principal Greetings Parents!

I hope the children enjoyed the return to school. I certainly saw lots of happy faces at the games morning.

Thank you to all the parents who have booked into the interviews this week. I know that the children have been busy preparing the work that they want to share with you. I hope that you find this new process informative and rewarding. Congratulations to the students and teachers for the preparation that is being undertaken for the meetings.

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Congratulations to our students

- ◇ Preparing for their first communion.
- ◇ Attendance certificates for Term 2 last week.
- ◇ In Yr. 3 and Yr. 1 for their Project Presentations last week.

A number of our grades are now engaged in learning about Project Based Learning and over the next few weeks our Yrs. 3 & 4 teachers (Miss De Santis, Mrs. Vogt, Miss. Crombie and Mr. Lehman) will be training in this work. Last year our Yrs. 5 & 6 teachers trained in Project Based Learning. Mrs. Alonzo and Mr. West will be undertaking advanced PBL training in Week 4. Thank you to all the staff involved in this work. The children are very excited about their projects.

Attendance

Thank you for the effort that is being made with attendance. Being on time is an important life skill.

Punctuality

We are reminding the children that school commences at 8.55am. This is the time that children should be on their class line. All children who arrive at school after this point should present to the office where they will be recorded as being late.



The Learning Corner

Literacy Tips

For the young reader: Do want to give your young child a head start on school achievement? Try talking to him or her! Research has shown that children need to hear words repeated in meaningful sentences and questions throughout the day and the T.V. doesn't count! Research has shown that too much T.V. viewing is more harmful than meaningful. So, talk to your child. Read to your child. Narrate the things you are doing every day to your child. Engage your child in conversations. Ask your child questions. Words make the difference!

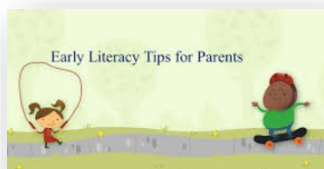
For the teen reader: Are you struggling with getting your teen to read? Help your teen find a book in which he or she can relate to the character. By making a personal connection to the character in the book it will help your teens "see themselves in the story". For example, in the Joey Pigza books by Jack Gantos, Joey is a high energy child. If your child has an abundance of energy, he or she might be able to relate to Joey. Then, if your teen finds an author he or she likes, help him or her find more books by that author. Not sure what books to look for? Check with your local librarian.

Literacy Tips from Wisconsin State Reading Association
www.wsra.org

Remember to make a regular time for reading everyday!

Regards,

Mrs Alexandra Ali
Literacy Coordinator



Sports Update

Upcoming Events:

2nd August—Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day

15th August—Blacktown Zone Athletics

Student in the Local News

Congratulations to Nadia Cunningham on her recent competition at the National Championships in Melbourne. Her trio finished with 3 gold medals and are now hard at work training for a spot on the Australian Team to compete at the World Championships in Belgium in 2018.

The Acro trio recently featured in our local newspapers.



Source: St Marys-Mt Druitt STAR, 18 July 2017



HOT DOG LUNCH



**FRIDAY 4th AUGUST
2017**

School Census - Friday 4th August 2017

With the school census next week, we ask for your assistance with ensuring that all outstanding partial and full day absences are explained to the office in writing. If you are planning to take your child out of school for more than 5 days prior to 4th August, please complete an exemption form (can be collected from the school office) otherwise a letter is required if less than 5 days.

Parent Contact Details

Please ensure that the school has your updated emergency contacts and phone numbers. There have been a number of times where we have not been able to contact parents during an emergency. We ask this for the safety and well-being of your children.



**EMERGENCY
CONTACTS**

Fundraising News

Thank you to Leonie Bright, Krystal Stubbings and Amber Hart for their hard work in preparing and securing great prizes for our NAIDOC Day raffle. With the support of our volunteers and parents that purchased raffle tickets we have raised \$578.



Congratulations Term 2 Awards

Attendance

Students who have had **100% attendance** during Term 2:

Tahlia Acuesta-Lowe	Vonzelle Acuesta-Lowe
Balanti Afualo	Magnus Alunday
Kairae Atera-Chapman	Peyton Bowden
Tahlia-Ruth Broomham	Ethan Browning
Olivia Cox	Naomi Dickson
Lachlan Dimech	Lilli Hackett
Levi Harley	Chloe Hart
Jason Hart	Gabriela Labbad
Juliana Labbad	Ema Manas
Blake Miller	Kylahna Rawiri
Nataih'a Teika	Tjala Tulelei
Corey Weston	

Principals Morning Tea

Students who consistently try to be responsible and do the right thing.

Kai Jones-Martin	Courtney Latta
Hailey Matin-Ao	Caleb Galea
Aliyah Mawson	Georgina T'Malii
Jamen Rimoni-Filipo	Brodie D'Ugo Gillette
Jedi Nifo	Jeremy Kelly
Xander Williams	Naomi Dickson
Ema Manas	

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club has been a great success. Breakfast is available free of charge to all students who are at the school before 8:50 am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers for their time and the Kellogg company for generously donating Kellogg Cereal to this worthwhile program.



**Monday
Wednesday
Friday
8:25-8:50**

Dates for your Diary



August	02	Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day
	04	Census Day/Free Hot Dog Day
	08	Feast Day St Mary of the Cross MacKillop—Liturgy @ 10:15 in the Church
	09	Voice of Youth Cluster Final @ Holy Spirit St Clare's
	15	Feast of the Assumption Mass in Church @ 9:15am in the Church
	15	Blacktown Zone Athletics

OLMC—Enrolments for 2019

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta is now enrolling for 2019.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.



Value of Forgiveness

For the first five weeks of this term we will focus on the gospel value of **FORGIVENESS**.

We will look at the importance to forgive ourselves, to forgive others and ways that God forgives us of any wrongs that we have done.

We will discuss the significance of Reconciliation and the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus did to wash away the sins of the people.

Take some time to discuss with your child/ren how important it is to say sorry when they have done something wrong or hurt another's feelings and not to hold a grudge if someone has wronged them. Forgiving others can be very difficult to do.

Regards,

Mrs Cathy Vogt
Religious Coordinator

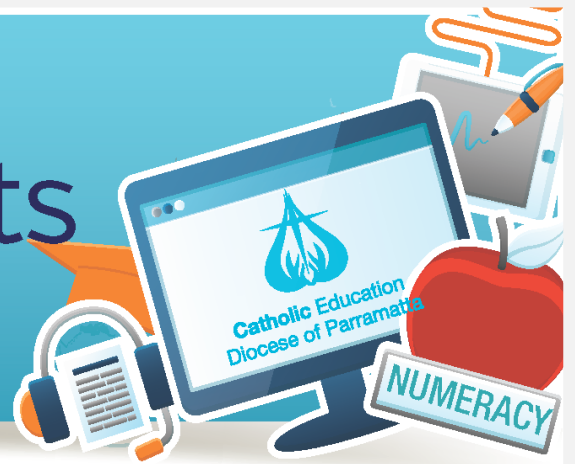


**THE FIRST TO APOLOGIZE
IS THE BRAVEST.
THE FIRST TO FORGIVE
IS THE STRONGEST.
AND THE FIRST TO FORGET
IS THE HAPPIEST...**

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every day counts

Information courtesy of the Queensland Department of Education and Training



MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It's important that children are at school all day, every day

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



Ok reasons to stay home from school



sick



natural disaster



It's **NOT OK** to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even **1 day** can make a difference

1 day off school each fortnight

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Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten
It's where good habits begin



ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

each
1%
increase
in student
attendance

may relate to
2-3
NAPLAN
scale score
points*

*based on historical data



WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

Get involved
in your child's
school

Promote the
importance
of school

Get to know
the teacher

Go to
school
events

Read the
school
newsletter

Be organised
at home

Supervise
homework

Ask about
your child's
day

Volunteer
to help
at school