St Mary
Magdalene's School
Elizabeth Grove

NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates:

NOVEMBER
- 27—R-2 Story Book Dress Up Day
- 29—First Sunday Advent
- 30—TBA Start of Swimming Lessons

DECEMBER
- 1—Romania Day
- 1—Swimming Lessons for the Week
- 2—School Board Meeting
- 4—R-5 Outstanding Learning Achievements
- 6—Second Sunday of advent
- 7—Graduation Breakfast Yr6
- 8—Pool Day
- 9—Graduation 1.30pm.
- 9—End of Term 4 for Students

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM
- Principal Trish Jones
- APRIM Melissa Musolino

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM
- School Captain: Norah
- ATSI Leader: Stuart
- Eco-Justice Leaders: Daniel& Musie
- McAuley Sports Captain: Cosmin
- Fitzpatrick Sports Captain: Toni
- Coolock Sports Captain: Jordyn
- Year 3/4 Rep: Callum K
- Year 1/2 Rep: Sinit Year R/1 Rep: Harry

OSHC —0437 609 630
COMMUNITY HUB—0437 609 976

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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King. The reading for this feast calls us to consider that Jesus acts within all people and when we help others or treat them badly then we are doing the same to him. Every time we help someone else through our welcoming actions, giving food and drink to those who are hungry and thirsty, clothing those who are naked, visiting those who are sick or imprisoned, we are doing this to Jesus.

With the current COVID19 pandemic wreaking havoc around the world now is the perfect time to remember that we are all God's children. We are all brothers and sisters – members of one big global family. When was the last time you said 'thankyou' to an essential worker? A doctor or nurse who continue to put themselves at risk day after day to 'care for the sick'. The shop assistant who continues to restock shelves to 'feed the hungry' and who continues to turn up to work even when faced with angry customers.

To all those working on the frontlines...we say THANKYOU!

I wonder...

How might you provide help to others in this coming week?

Who will you say 'thank you' too?

END OF YEAR MASS

This week we celebrated our End of Year Mass. Led by our R-2 students they reflected on how they have worked hard on showing mercy to support and help others through all of their words and actions during term 4. R-2 students invited Year 6 students to lead aspects of the Mass knowing it would be their last school Mass at SMM before moving on to their Secondary School in 2021. Fr. Pat took a few moments to bless them and wish them well as they move forward in the next stage of their educational journey.
We say a special thanks to Fr. Pat for leading us in celebration of the Eucharist throughout 2020 and for his ongoing support of our school.

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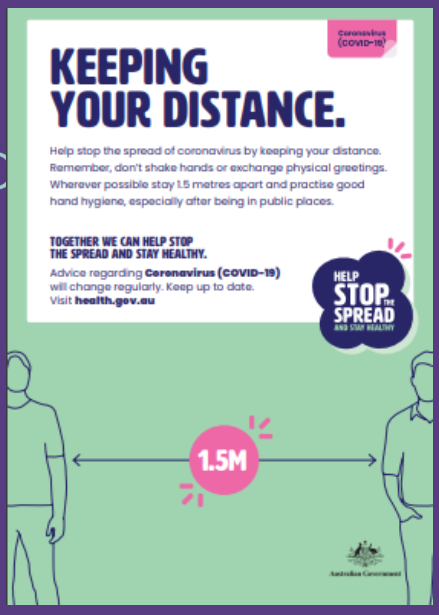

COVID19 UPDATES

It's amazing how quickly things can change! COVID19 is certainly keeping us on our toes. Let's remember to keep a candle burning bright for the tireless work of our healthcare workers and other essential workers who continue to work hard for all of us! Let's show them our appreciation and thanks as they continue to work through their exhaustion to care for us!

Important information was emailed to you last week. It is essential that you read this information. Some extra information you need to be aware of includes:

- Students are currently being dropped off and collected at the main gates. This will continue until further notice.
- Community Hub and Little Maggie's Playgroup are currently not operating.
- All essential visitors to the school are expected to follow the usual health protocol procedures for anyone entering a school site.
- Teachers continue their daily clean of all surfaces including tables and door handles.
- You can communicate directly with all teachers via seesaw or email. They will respond to you as soon as possible.

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We will continue to keep you informed of any changes as we receive further directions from Catholic Education

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NAIDOC PRESENTATION

Our previous newsletter went out to the community before our NAIDOC Week presentation. We were lucky enough as part of our NAIDOC celebrations to have parent and proud Ngarrindjeri elder Jamie McCafferty speak to us about the significance of NAIDOC week. The theme this year is "Always Was, Always Will Be". Jamie told us the story of the Rainbow Serpent and how it created the outline of Australia and all its hills, valleys, and water ways. He shared knowledge about Indigenous weather patterns and how his ancestors moved around their country when the weather changed to get the best protection and food sources. Thank you Jamie for taking time out to be with us for this celebration. It was much appreciated by all.

UPSTREAM HEALTH

In our last newsletter you would have read that we have the opportunity to work with Upstream Health as part of an 'in school' program in 2021. Upstream is in the process of building partnerships with schools, and providing psychology sessions in the school environment. This has the bonus of providing help in situ and allowing the problem to be addressed by both parents and school staff. Upstream will work with parents and children together to address issues which may be occurring. Psychology sessions in school may be appropriate for children experiencing anxiety, depression, difficulties with emotion regulation, anger management, peer difficulties, bullying, sleep difficulties etc. Some limited sessions may also be available for parents with their own MHCP who would prefer to see a psychologist in the school environment. Sessions will generally be delivered and bulk-billed for children / parents with a valid, current Mental Health Care Plan prepared by a GP; sessions will also be available through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

If you are interested in utilizing this service at SMM in 2021, please leave your name and details with Lisa Daniele at the front desk.

God Bless

Trish and Melissa

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YEAR 5/6 LEARNING WITH RAMON

The Year 5/6 students have had the opportunity to learn about Aboriginal culture and art with Ramon and Chris from CESA. Students participated in weekly sessions where they were guided in creating their own canvas which tells their own story using traditional and modern symbols and techniques. Students enjoyed the sessions and are extremely proud of the artworks that they have produced.

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Catholic School Parents SA

The South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS) is pleased to announce the formation of Catholic School Parents SA as the new representative body of Catholic school parents.

Catholic School Parents SA will connect with parent groups across the 101 Catholic Schools in the State.

Chair of SACCS, Professor Denis Ralph, said "Parents and carers have always played a pivotal role in the success of Catholic schools in South Australia. This new parent representative and advocacy body will further enhance parent engagement and participation in the education and care of children and young people in Catholic schools in South Australia."

In 2020, the Commission engaged an independent reviewer to consult with parents in all Catholic schools to seek their feedback as to whether they felt they had an adequate voice in the education of their children and what kind of support they would like to see in the future.

"While acknowledging that the current structures have served parents and our school communities well in the past, the review recognised that parents and carers have busy lives and are looking for new ways to engage in and support the education of their children," Professor Ralph said.

Catholic School Parents SA will be closely aligned with Catholic School Parents Australia, the national body that represents and advocates for parents and carers of children and young people in Catholic schools across Australia, and will seek to have broad representation of parents of students in our schools.

The new group will:

• Engage in a program of listening to the needs of parents across Catholic schools

• Advocate for improved funding and support for children and young people in Catholic schools and pre-schools

• Ensure parent voice in policy development

• Represent parents on a range of committees and working parties

• Participate in the work of Catholic School Parents Australia.

"We are excited by the opportunity to engage with parents in our schools in new ways in 2021 and beyond," Professor Ralph said.

Schools will receive further information early in 2021.

Easy English
Conversation classes

St Mary Magdalene's School
Community Hub

The Southern Cross
Living Catholic

Like

KickStart Breakfast

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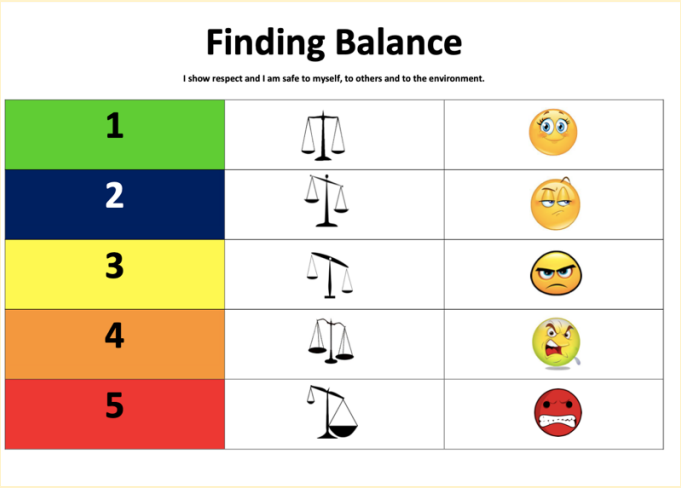

This week in OSHC we have been working on Finding Balance. We all have feelings good, bad and otherwise and this week we have been looking at recognising these and working out what we can do when we are heading for 4 and 5 on the scale. We have been working on looking at the chart to see where we are sitting and discussing why we are feeling like that. We are learning things that we can do when we are at that level to help calm our bodies. This chart is also found in the classrooms. This will help the children to bring what they learn in the classroom and transfer it to OSHC giving the children strategies to cope with big feelings. Teaching children about feelings and how to tell when they need a break is so important for our wellbeing. We are not born knowing how to cope with big feelings and it very important to teach our little people this life skill.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING PHONE NUMBERS:

OSHC —Esther—0437 609 360

COMMUNITY HUB— Kerryn—0437 609 976

COMMUNITY HUB NEWS

The Health and well-being of everyone in our community and our school has always been our top priority over in the Hub. Therefore, due to ongoing COVID19 changes we have decided to close Community Hub for the remainder of 2020.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has visited and participated in the hub and our activities over the past two terms and contributed so much joy to all of our programs. It has been a great privilege to see lovely new friendships forming and people achieving their goals.

I will still be here to greet you in the mornings and afternoons and am always happy to have a chat with you at the gate. You can also contact me on 0437 609 976 for a chat, support or to seek assistance for yourself and your family.

We wish all our families a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to exciting opportunities in 2021. Kerryn.

LITTLE MAGGIE'S PLAYGROUP

I would like wish all my families a safe and happy holidays and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2021. God Bless, Ged