



Mt St John's Primary

LEARN, GROW, CELEBRATE

Weekly News

Wednesday 25th March 2020

Term 1 Week 9

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Dear Parents,

Today was our first day in a 'blended' learning environment. Students who attended school worked online on the same tasks as students who remained at home. There were many technical questions, which we expected. I thank the parents and students who reached out to us to seek support. The table of email addresses below is the best way to get to the right person for your class if you need assistance. Keep in mind that you can call us on the school number too, and Cathy will organise someone from your class to assist you.

<u>K - 2</u>	<u>Stage 2</u>	<u>Stage 3</u>
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TIP #1 FOR THRIVING AT HOME: Working with students will require patience. Please support the students as they learn. Parents need to remember that learning takes time, repetition and feedback. Please keep this in mind as the students attempt their work. Patience is the key.

ATTENDANCE: Please note that **attendance at school or online from home is still compulsory**. We have set up the following process to assist us in monitoring student attendance from home.

- Teachers will set the Sign On Attendance Form and the Sign Off Attendance Form Daily through their Google Classrooms.
- Students are considered present if they sign on to Google Classroom by 9am and attempt assigned school work each day in:
 - English
 - Mathematics
 - RE or one other Learning Area (as they become available).
- If a student does not sign on by 9:30am and attempt assigned school work, an absence text will be sent.
- Please remember to Sign Off from Google Classroom at the end of the school day.

OUR CORE VALUES

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

INTEGRITY

SERVICE

COMPASSION

COOPERATION

ENTHUSIASM

If students have internet access:	If students do not have internet access:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the Sign On Attendance Form before 9am • Complete the Sign Off Attendance Form at the end of the day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • text or phone Cathy on the school number by 9am. • text or phone Cathy on the school number at the end of the day and describe the tasks attempted.
<p>Cathy/ Donna will mark the class rolls in Schoolworx (our roll-marking software) with this information. Class teachers will mark the class rolls in Schoolworx for any students who are present at school.</p>	

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY: This year we are once again allocated four Staff Development Days. These are pupil free days which are spread across each term. Our Term 1 Staff Development Day will be **Thursday 9th April**. Students are not required at school on this day. This means the last day of Term 1 for students will be Wednesday 8th April, as Good Friday is April 10th.

Regards,
Nathan Trezise,
Principal

WEEKLY AWARDS

Awards at last Friday's assembly went to:
Ethan MacDonell for doing a great job in finding words starting with "w" as well as other important words.
Archie Willson-Baker for writing great sentences to make a fantastic start to your own fairytale story.
Mia Gilbert for perseverance in challenging maths tasks, working on area.
Freya Wright for outstanding work in Mathematics, working out the area and perimeter of rectangles.
Ryleigh Miller for producing great work in maths, showing good learning behaviours and setting work out in a thoughtful, logical way.
Myra Sibanda for enthusiasm in all learning tasks and for being a supportive peer tutor.

SCHOOL FEES: Term 1 school fees are now due, unless you are paying by regular direct deposit amounts.

Several payment methods are available;

- Regular direct deposit payments
- Lump sum direct deposit
- Cash
- Cheque

1 student –
Term 1 - \$321.50 (includes \$50 resource fee per student)

2 students –
Term 1 - \$575.00 (includes \$50 resource fee per student)

3 or more students –
Term 1 - \$760.50 (includes \$50 resource fee per student)

When using Internet banking, please use your child's surname as a reference.

For internet banking payments, the school's bank account details are:

Bank name: Banancoast Community Credit Union
BSB no. 533-000 Account no. 76986
(if paying from a BCU account, please specify our S10 account)

COMING EVENTS:

APRIL	
Wed 8 th	Last day of Term 1 for students
Thurs 9 th	Staff Development Day
Fri 10 th	Good Friday
Mon 27 th	Term 2 begins

BUS TRAVEL: To apply for free school bus travel, go to www.transportsw.info/school-students and complete the online application.

24 March 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families,

While we are attempting to respond as best we can to advice from state authorities, let's take a breath and pause. There is no academic emergency this week, our schools remain open for parents who need to send their children to school. For those who choose to keep their children at home, take your time to understand and consider what learning at home will look like for your family. We understand you have a lot on your plate and we all need time to adjust.

Children are just as worried as we are right now. Not only can they hear everything that is going on around them, but they can feel our constant tension and anxiety. They have never experienced anything like this before. Normally the idea of being off school for weeks sounds fantastic, but most children know that this situation is not normal and the abrupt changes to all their usual routines and activities will be unsettling.

Children will adapt to this new situation very differently. Some may adjust smoothly but others may struggle. Over the coming weeks, you may see an increase in behavioural issues with your child. Whether it's anxiety, or anger, or protest that they can't do things normally - it's a natural response to your child's changing environment.

Set up your home learning space when you are ready. Don't worry if your child is not ready to start learning from home tomorrow. Some children will take longer to adjust than others. Our teachers are ready to support them whether they are experiencing their learning in the classroom or at home. When we are back in the classroom together, teachers will meet each child where they are at and support them accordingly. Teachers are experienced at this.

What we all need right now is to feel safe, comforted and loved. To feel like it's all going to be ok. And that might mean a slower transition into blended learning for your child. Take advantage of this time to slow down, and focus on connections and feelings of security for your child. During all this don't forget yourselves and your own wellbeing. To be our best for our children, we ourselves need to take time for our own mental, spiritual and emotional wellbeing.

Yours sincerely,



Sally Towns
Director of Catholic Schools