



Mt St John's Primary

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Weekly News

Wednesday 16th September 2020

Term 3 Week 9

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Dear Parents,

This week in our staff meeting we prayed this prayer as a staff group;

Lord,

Let me be just what they need.

If they need someone to trust, let me be trustworthy. If they need sympathy, let me sympathize. If they need love, and they do need love, let me love in full measure.

Let me not anger easily, Lord, but let me be just. Permit my justice to be tempered in your mercy.

When I stand before them, Lord, let me look strong and good and honest and loving. And let me be as strong and good and honest and loving as I look to them.

Help me to counsel the anxious, crack the covering of the shy, and temper the rambunctious with a gentle attitude.

Permit me to teach only the truth. Help me to inspire so that learning will not cease at the classroom door.

Let the lessons they learn make their lives fruitful and happy. And Lord, let me bring them to You. Teach them through me to love you.

Finally, permit me to learn the lessons they teach.

Amen.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION: Last week, students in Stage 2 and 3 competed in the regional public speaking competition. Unfortunately, none of our students were winners or runners up. There was an exceptionally high standard set by students in our region. This week, classes have had the

chance to view the winner and runner up videos for each year level. We have taken lots of learning away from this event and will aim to improve next year and give it go again. The winners from this year's competition are listed below.

Regional Speech Competition Results

Year 3

Winner - Mia, St Augustine's School

Runner Up - Aisha, St Augustine's School

Year 4

Winner - Willow, St Augustine's School

Runner Up - Evie, St Francis Xavier School

Year 5

Winner - Jaxon, St Augustine's School

Runner Up - Will, St Augustine's School

Year 6

Winner - Charlie, St Augustine's School

Runner Up - Tully, Mary Help of Christians School

ONLINE SAFETY: Attached to the electronic copy of this newsletter is an Online Safety information booklet for parents. I strongly encourage you to read this to ensure that you set up safe practices for the students when they are online at home. It contains a wealth of hints and tips on what to do with children and how to teach them to be safe online. Please take the time to read it.

Finally, as you would be aware, the final day of Term 3 for students is next Thursday 24th September. The staff have a Professional Development on Friday, and as such it is a pupil

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free day. Similarly, the first day back next term is a pupil free day. School resumes for students on Tuesday 13th October. These dates are listed on the school website on the calendar.

Regards,
Nathan Trezise
Principal

BOOK FAIR: Our 2020 Book Fair will be held in Week 3 of Term 4, from Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October, but it will look a little different to other years. We will set up the book display in the library and send home wish lists, but unfortunately parents will not be able to visit the school – instead purchases can be made online, or students can bring in money to buy books. Thank you to Monique Shaw, who has volunteered to help set up the Book Fair.

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP PARADE: We will also hold our Book Character Dress-up Parade during Book Week on Thursday 29th October. Time to start planning your costume! Due to current COVID restrictions, we can't invite parents and friends in for this event – instead, we will film the parade and share the film with families.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: We have booked our usual company, MSP Photography, to take our school photos again this year. They will be here in the afternoon of Wednesday 21st October. Please note that COVID health guidelines do not permit them to photograph siblings this year.

COVID UPDATE FOR PARENTS: The NSW Government has tightened restrictions around attendance at school with regard to COVID. Below are the guidelines that we must follow. *As per the latest NSW Government requirements, from Monday 24 August 2020 staff and students exhibiting even mild COVID-19 symptoms should be sent home and required to produce **proof of a negative COVID-19 test before returning to school.*** The CSO website will be updated as necessary.
<https://intranet.lism.catholic.edu.au/school-services/communications/crisis-emergency-management/covid-19/covid-19-communications-term-3-2020>
As per these guidelines, a screenshot of the text message, confirming a Negative result, is all that will be required to return to school.

CANTEEN: New canteen coordinator needed. Is anyone interested in taking over the position of Canteen Coordinator? Please contact the school if you would like to know more about this volunteer role.

Thank you to this week's canteen volunteers, who are **Kate Carter & ????**, and our muffin-baker, **Kim Brady**. If anyone is available to volunteer in our canteen one or more Fridays per term, please contact our canteen co-ordinator Alicia on 0488 280683.

Term 3 2020 Canteen Roster		Muffin baking (One dozen LARGE muffins)	
Week 8	11 th Sept	No canteen – Stage 3 Fundraiser TBA	
Week 9	18 th Sept	Kate Carter & Volunteer needed	Kim Brady
Week 10	25 th Sept	Pupil-free Staff Development Day - No canteen	

*If you are unable to do your rostered day, please organise to swap with another volunteer.
In case of emergency, please call Alicia Miller on 0488 280683.*

WEEKLY AWARDS

Class Awards at last week's assembly went to:

Zander Davis for drawing an outstanding graph by hand with great accuracy to show school subject enjoyment in Stage 2.

Evelyn Beaumont for giving Mr Trezise useful feedback about his teaching in Mathematics.

Will Parker for a consistent and positive approach to learning and being a valuable "teacher" by asking challenging questions of your peers in Maths to prove their answer.

Mika Burnet for being a cheerful member of our class and for being able to clearly write your mathematical solutions to solve problems when calculating volume.

Student Leader Awards went to:

Xavier Beckett for being on task when working with Stage 3 students. Keep up the great work Xavier!

Cash Gibson for being a learner who has sensible behaviours. Also for having great examples with the Maths task today. Great job Cash!

TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES: Term 3 fees are now due, unless you are paying by regular direct deposit amounts or you are eligible for the COVID19-related school fee waiver (see below). If you feel you may have difficulty in

finalising your fees by the end of Term 3, please contact Mr Trezise.

Several payment methods are available;

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

Term 3 school fees:

1 student - \$271.50

2 students - \$475.00

3 or more students - \$610.50

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)

COVID 19-RELATED SCHOOL FEE WAIVER ANNOUNCEMENT: Due to the financial strain Covid-19 may have had on some families, the Lismore Catholic Schools Office has announced they will waive 2020 school fees for recipients of Centrelink's JobSeeker payments. If you would like to apply for a fee waiver for 2020, please contact the school, providing correspondence from Centrelink demonstrating JobSeeker approval or payment.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS – 2021: We are taking enrolments for Kindergarten for 2021. To enrol at Mt St John's, follow these three steps:

1. Collect an enrolment form from the school office.
2. Return the completed enrolment form to school office.
3. Attend an enrolment interview with your child.

In Term 4, students who are enrolled for 2021 can attend our formal Kindergarten transition sessions. We look forward to meeting our new Kindergarten students soon.

LIBRARY DAY FRIDAY: Library day for all students is Friday - please make sure your child brings in his or her cloth library bag on this day. Each student may borrow four books per week. New COVID regulations state that library books are to be quarantined for 24 hours after they have been returned before they can be re-borrowed, so we are asking for books to be returned to school on Thursdays.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE: We have a stock of school uniform items available for purchase from the front office. We accept cash, cheque or bank transfer. Uniform prices are as follows:

School hats - \$15	
School shirts - \$25	Skorts - \$20
Shorts - \$20	Rain jackets - \$50

We also have some items available to buy from our 2nd-hand uniform pool.

MUSIC LESSONS: Rob Harpley is available for music lessons, teaching guitar, ukulele and drums. Call Rob on 6775 9282 for more information.

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

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS: For those parents who are volunteers at school, such as canteen helpers, we need to ensure that you have a current Working with Children (Volunteers) Check. To apply for this check, go to <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>



Texts4families

Free text messages for families supporting children on the autism spectrum

Are you a parent or carer of a child on the autism spectrum? Would you like to learn more about autism and ways to support your child?

You will receive 2-5 texts per week, for 10 weeks, you can text STOP at any time.

Texts start 1st September 2020.

To be involved, send a message saying 'TEXT' and your preferred language to, 0427 485 410

by the 25th August 2020

 positive partnerships
Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Languages available: Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese, Hindi, Arabic, Korean & English

www.positivepartnerships.com.au 1300 881 971 

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GLUE: Kids Club GLUE will restart on Wednesday 14th October at 3pm in the Anglican Hall. COVID safe practises will apply.

PLAY CRICKET THIS SUMMER

Registration with the Dorrigo Cricket Club is now open at www.playcricket.com.au. Use your Active Kids Voucher when registering. All registrations completed online.

Registration 10s - \$100

Registration 12s & 14s - \$150

Junior & Senior players in Senior Comp - \$230

Junior Club Cricket – 10s, 12s, 14s

Junior Club Cricket for boys and girls in three age groups playing Saturday morning in the Coffs Harbour District Junior Cricket Association competition.

Senior Club Cricket

Senior Club Cricket for Third Grade play on Saturday afternoon in the Coffs Harbour District Cricket Association competition.

PLATEAU FARMS are reaching out to mothers who would like casual positions within school hours. Work entails packing orders in packing shed, and packing produce in greenhouses alongside other female workers. We are situated at North Dorrigo so travelling is required. Anyone interested please ring after 11.00am on 66 575 120 or email: doustson@bigpond.com

DORRIGO YOUTH CENTRE: Dorrigo Youth Centre's opening hours are Wednesdays 3-5pm weekly, with music, games, free wifi and food and any assistance, for 12-18 year olds. We are following the advised Covid19 rules and conditions for safety of all young people, staff, volunteers and visitors. The Dorrigo Youth Bus is scheduled to start up soon, please return registration forms to the Centre, forms are available at the various locations in town too. Looking forward to catching up and seeing everyone. For any enquiries or to join the volunteer team, contact Erika at dorrigoyouthcentre@gmail.com

HEALTHY TIPS AND LINKS TO HELP YOUR CHILD TRANSITION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Mid North Coast Health initiative between Munch and Move and Live Life Well @ School

Healthy Lunchboxes



Healthy lunches and snacks can help children:

- Perform better in school
- Have less behaviour problems
- Build self-esteem
- Maintain good oral health.

Helpful links:

- <https://healthylunchbox.com.au/>
- <https://heas.health.vic.gov.au/schools/healthy-lunchboxes>
- <https://www.healthylunchboxweek.org/packing-a-healthy-lunchbox>



We are honoured to be on the ancestral lands of the Gumbaynggirr people. We acknowledge the First Australians as the traditional custodians of the continent, whose cultures are among the oldest living cultures in human history. We pay respect to the Elders of the community and extend our recognition to their descendants who are present.