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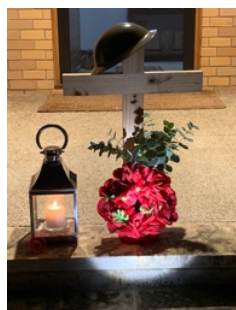
## **SCHOOL MANTRA 2020**

*"Do small things, with great love". Mother Teresa*

Dear Families

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that you may have been able to enjoy a holiday at home. I know a number of families enjoyed the time joining together as a family to bake, garden with some camping in the backyard. Others tell me that their house hasn't been this clean for a long time and that their gardens are looking marvellous.

For the first time in living memory, we moved into Holy Week at the end of Term One knowing that we would be unable to celebrate as a Catholic community the events that culminate with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.



Last Saturday we celebrated ANZAC Day. With our communities having to stay home and unable to attend traditional services this year, the ANZAC ideals of courage, endurance and mateship seem more relevant than ever. Last Saturday, in new and different ways, we commemorated more than a century of Australian servicemen and women and remember those who have served our country in times of war.

The words of Joni Mitchell, "That you don't know what you've got 'till it's gone" seem very appropriate this year, across many aspects of our lives.

On Wednesday we welcomed all children involved in the HeLP whether at school or at home. After a three-week break from school and online learning, it took a little time to get everyone back to speed and iron out some home-based glitches. Well done to the students, parents and teachers in working together to resolve any problems and move ahead.

We also welcomed Kindy and Pre-Primary children in drive through. Day one was lengthy, but we nailed it yesterday finishing at our normal 3.30pm time. This process will continue for Week Two. It will be reviewed at the end of next week depending on our student numbers at school and any further changes asked of us by Catholic Education WA. Patience, a smile and gratitude all assist in acknowledging that everyone is working together in this very new and different circumstance.

## **Dates for the Week (Week 2)**

Monday  
4<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday  
5<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday  
6<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday  
7<sup>th</sup> May

Friday  
8<sup>th</sup> May

Saturday  
9<sup>th</sup> May

Sunday  
10<sup>th</sup> May

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day

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Dr Debra Sayce, Executive Director of Catholic Education will review what is currently in place for all our schools on Monday 11 May. I will keep all families informed of any updates and changes.

I understand that this is a difficult time for families, as it is for staff. The fluidity of the situation in which we find ourselves makes planning difficult, and our familiar routines and certainty have been changed.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful support we have received from our parent community as we strive to ensure that our school is a safe place for students, teachers and staff. Thank you for your efforts to support your children's learning at home while juggling work and family responsibilities. Every parent is doing the best they can. Try not to compare your family and how you are doing with others. There is no blueprint for this – everyone is doing their best. You are all doing a wonderful job!

Thanks also to our wonderful teaching staff who have been innovative and diligent in producing online learning materials for our students. None of them learnt how to implement online learning when they went to university. They have done a tremendous job given that they have had to change how they work. The staff are missing the children immensely - the relational nature of our vocation is the reason we chose to be in education in the first place.

We all look forward to the end of the current crisis so that we can resume our full learning and teaching, and our pastoral and spiritual care for our students.

### **Term Two Dates**

***Pupil Free Day on Friday 29 May has been cancelled.***

*This will be a 'normal' school day for staff and students*

Friday 3 July – Last day of Term for staff and students

**When we fully resume as a school, the Term Two Calendar with activities that can go ahead will be shared with all families.**

Next week, all students return to full winter uniform, wearing their sports uniform on their designated days. We would like to welcome Hunter S (3B), Mia S (6B) and Bethany B (5A) to our school. We hope you are enjoying your new school and are settling in very well.

### **Condolences**

We would like to extend our condolences to Brooke D (5A) and her family, following the death of their Great Grandfather. We pray you are surrounded by the love and peace of God at this time.

We also offer condolences to Thomas S (5C) on the recent loss of his maternal Grandmother. We pray for the family at this time, asking for God's special blessings over you all.



### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Zion B (PPA) and his family on the recent birth of their baby boy, Harrison. We hope you are getting an abundance of cuddles, sleep and good health. There will be no music tuition next week.

*God Bless,  
Toni Kalat*

## **P & F News**

The P&F meeting due to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. The format of the meeting will be pending Government restrictions and social distancing guidelines closer to the date. The Mother's Day stall for 2020 has been cancelled.