



Term 4 Week 2
Wednesday 21st October 2020
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DIARY DATES

TERM 4	2020
Saturday 24 th October	Preparation Sessions for Confirmation: 1:00 – 2:00pm or 2:15 – 3:15pm
Monday 26 th October	Kinder 2021 Parent Information Meeting 7:00pm via Zoom
Friday 30 th October	World Teachers' Day
Wednesday 4 th November	Kinder 2021 Transition Groups: 9:15 – 10:15am 11:30 – 12:30pm 1:15 – 2:15pm
Wednesday 4 th November	Band Demo – 11:20am - TBC
Friday 6 th November	Confirmation – 7:00pm
Monday 9 th November	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - "Pupil Free Day"
Wednesday 11 th November	Kinder 2021 Transition Groups: 9:15 – 10:15am 11:30 – 12:30pm 1:15 – 2:15pm
Friday 13 th November	Confirmation – 7:00pm
Tuesday 17 th November	P&F Meeting – Zoom – 7:00pm
Monday 23 rd November	Swimming Lessons Commence

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final term of what has been a challenging year for everyone! I trust the holidays were a time to take a break from the routines of school and enjoy some family time together.

Congratulations to all the students who entered the Holiday Challenge – we have created a display of all the models, drawings, paintings and creations in and around the Library. Here are some images – and later this week we will post a video on our YouTube Channel of all the entries for everyone to enjoy.



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On Friday 30th October, schools around Australia will be celebrating **World Teachers' Day**. At St Mary's the students will be invited to wear a pair of sunglasses to school for the day – acknowledging that their future is 'bright' given the support they get from our Superstar Teachers. This links nicely with our wellbeing activities and we are sure that the children will have some fun with the sunglasses (look out for the paparazzi photos in future newsletters!).

Our School Captains also have an activity planned for the students which they will share with them at the next Assembly.

This week we are remembering all those students undertaking their final HSC exams in our prayers. I know you join me in keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.

Have a wonderful week.

Richard Blissenden
PRINCIPAL



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

October 21	Daashan W Jemma L Samuel C Joshua W
October 22	Francesca C
October 23	Alysha R
October 25	Jason D
October 26	Cooper S Olivia R Isabella R
October 28	Elliot I
October 29	Arya W
October 30	Reanne-Keira D
October 31	Jacob H
November 1	Amy L
November 2	Anthony A Ela Torres William Z
November 3	Jamie J Selena K

We would like to wish all of these children a very happy birthday!!

DAY 1 - TERM 4 SCAVENGER HUNT

On the first day back of Term 4 we held a Scavenger Hunt. Children had to look all around the playground for hidden animals. We would like to congratulate the winners who were randomly picked from the draw:

KB	-	Harriet S
1A	-	Millie P
2RM	-	Daniel L
3G	-	Kristen D
4R	-	Mitchell B
5K	-	Carey K
6K	-	Dominic J



FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

Our staff will be engaged in a Full day of Professional Learning on Monday 9th November and there will not be any school for the students. OSHC will operate that day if you require supervision for your child.

COVID-19 CONTINGENCY PLANS

While community transmission rates are low at the moment in NSW, our school is well prepared in the event that we need to close the school. A reminder that we have plans including 'School Closure Collection Procedures', 'Remote Learning – iLearn@Home', 'Contract Tracing' and 'Deep Cleaning Checklists'. We hope we do not have to use any of these plans, but they are there if we need them.

FROM CATHOLIC EDUCATION, DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA - Updated Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education now available online

For several years now, our Catholic community has been working together to update the way we share our faith with children and young people. An updated version of the Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education with references to the relevant sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is now available on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website together with a guide to help community members learn more.

The Draft New Curriculum remains faithful to Sacred Scripture and Tradition while ensuring that the way that the learning and teaching happens is kept up-to-date. When it is launched in late 2021 the Draft New Curriculum will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the current curriculum that has been in place for more than 20 years.

PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

The upgrade to our Mercy site is progressing very well with about a week and a half to go in the building. Here are some of the latest photos of the new playground. The final product will be a mix of active and passive play areas built with natural materials including timber and sandstone.



PLAYGROUND UPGRADE...



BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS...

Thanks to all the students who helped us celebrate one of the longest running children's festivals in Australia – **Children's Book Week**. It was a lot of fun to see the students dressed up as some of their favourite book characters and celebrating the fun of books and reading!

Mrs Radocchia



BOOK WEEK cont...

