



Term 3 Week 2  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021  
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## DIARY DATES

TERM 3	2021
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	100 Days of Kinder
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day – <b>POSTPONED</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Parent Session for First Holy Communion – <b>POSTPONED</b>
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Running BBQ at Bunnings Rydalmere <b>POSTPONED</b>
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	First Holy Communion Year 4 & Up <b>POSTPONED</b>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	P&F AGM – TBC
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent RE Session – <b>POSTPONED</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Excursion – <b>POSTPONED</b>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	First Holy Communion Year 4 & Up <b>POSTPONED</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Zone Athletics Carnival – <b>POSTPONED</b>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	First Holy Communion Year 3 <b>POSTPONED</b>

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

The recent events with the spread of the COVID-19 have, in some way, impacted us all. It can be really hard to know what to say to your child to respond to their questions when there is uncertainty. As we again find ourselves in the midst of iLearn@Home the following tips may help:

**Give children reassurance and extra emotional support.** Reassure children of the steps being taken to keep them safe. Explain that people from all over the world offer help in times of need. If they are old enough you can mention that the government and hospitals are also doing everything possible.

**Be honest with children.** Children are better able to deal with a situation when they understand it. They need information just like adults do. Begin by asking your children what they already know about the situation. Most likely, they have already heard about it on TV, at school or from friends. A lot of their information, however, may be inaccurate. As they explain what they know, look for misunderstandings or frightening rumours. Tell the truth and do not try to mislead them "for their own good."

**Monitor children's media exposure.** Keep young children away from frightening images they may see on TV, social media, computers, etc.

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**Be mindful** of what children hear you saying in regard to the pandemic. Keep your language positive and hopeful.

**Pray.** As a Catholic community we recognise the importance of prayer in times of need.

Please find two links that may be helpful to you as a parent.

- Advice for Parents about how to speak with your children about the COVID-19. Watch video [here](#).
- [Helping Kids Who Are Worried About Coronavirus](#)

Peace and Best Wishes.

Richard Blissenden  
Principal

## **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**



July 21	Sebastian J
July 26	Alexia J
July 30	Maxim A
	Brody N
	Zi Kei A
	Karline E
August 1	Sienna D
August 2	Milan S
	Joseph S
	Nixon Z

We wish these children a very Happy Birthday!

During school closures, if you're having difficulty and feeling stressed with the added pressure of now being teacher to your child/children, please remember:

You don't need to replicate the school experience.  
Don't try to be your child's classroom teacher.  
Just keep being the teacher you ALREADY are.

We trained for years to teach the way we do,  
just as you trained for years to teach the way you do.

We couldn't take over your job overnight,  
you won't be able to do ours.

Read with your child.

Cook with your child.

Garden with your child.

Enjoy nature with your child.

Make and create things with your child.

Sing and dance with your child.

PLAY with your child.

And above all, keep being the kind, calm role-model your child needs through this challenging time.

This is how you teach.

Keep doing you.

Your child is learning from you every single day.

## iLearn@Home from 2RM

2RM are keeping active and doing hands-on Maths tasks from home.





# iLearn@Home from 1A

1. container 1

2. **Smallest** Estimate Actual

3. **Largest** Estimate = 5 cups Actual = ps

totally SWEET!

Great job Marlon. Your estimate for container 2 is very close 🍷

I love belonging to the St Mary's School Community because Every one is kind and helpful.

SUPER AWESOME!

WOW work!

Maya 20/7/2021 Tuesday

Writing: Look at the pictures you drew for each part of the process of making a paper plane. Here is an example of a sentence for each of these pictures. It might help if you number the pictures. You can use your teacher completing this task on Screen. It will be posted as an announcement to keep you up to date! Use your letter chart to check that you are writing the letters correctly.

Step 1. Fold the base face of paper in half

Step 2. Then fold it out. Pull the corners in the middle.

Step 3. Get the two corners and put it on the corners.

Step 4. Then one more time with Bottom

Step 5. With the one you just did fold it backwards.

Step 6. Then fold it in half where the wings are

no writing

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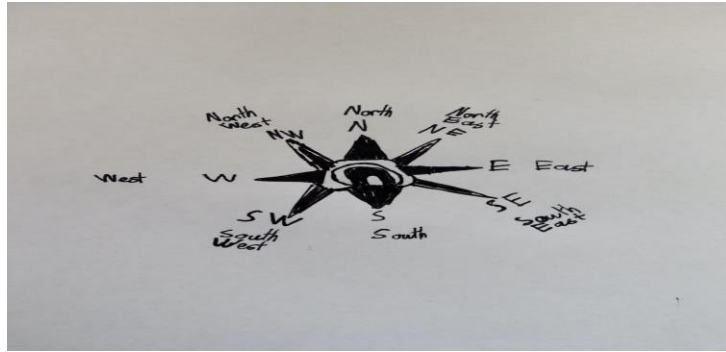
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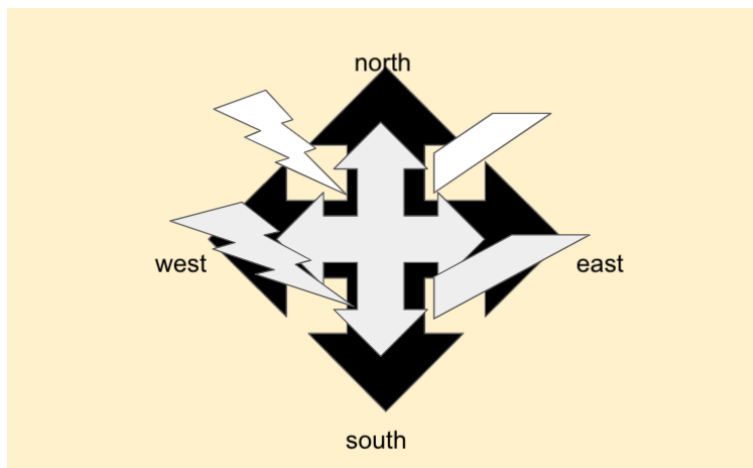
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## iLearn@Home from Year 3

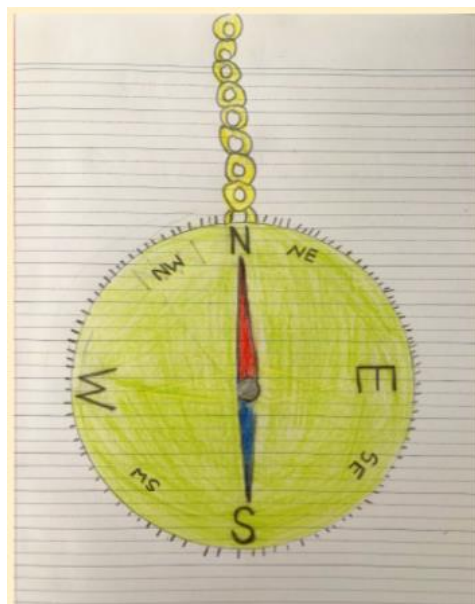
In Maths this week, Year 3 are drawing their own Compass as part of their Position Unit.



Alex J



Alina N



Matilda C



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (NSW) METROPOLITAN SCHOOLS & YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Vinnies Schools and Youth Newsletter for Term 3. We hope that you have had a safe holiday in lockdown and that you are ready to go for another term of the Holy Spirit working through you. We also pray that you and your school community are strengthened during these particularly testing times with the current NSW restrictions.

### Vinnies 2021 Winter Appeal

Schools in the Metropolitan region have once again demonstrated incredible generosity in Term 2 through their support of the 2021 Winter Appeal with donations to their local Conferences, Vinnies Support Centres and Vinnies Van Services.



We welcome all schools to participate in the [#FAMILYWINTERSLEEPOUT@HOME](https://bit.ly/ChristinaGilioSydVinnies) initiative in Term 3 and cannot wait to see your incredible results! Thank you so much for the ongoing support!

### Vinnies Van Services Programs

Is your school community interested in supporting Sydney, Bayside, Liverpool, or Greater Western Sydney Vinnies Van Services?



You can help by joining a Night Patrol roster; preparing and donating sandwiches, snack packs and/or toiletry packs on a regular or ad hoc basis; or by helping in our Night Patrol Kitchen. For more information, please contact your Schools Engagement Officer.

Vinnies is delighted to announce that **Woy Woy Night Patrol** is coming soon, if you would like to join any of the abovementioned rosters, please contact:

[fiona.pelosi@vinnies.org.au](mailto:fiona.pelosi@vinnies.org.au)

**Greater Western Sydney Night Patrol** is seeking schools to join our Sandwich Making Roster with the start of Merrylands stop in Term 3, please contact:

[roydon.ng@vinnies.org.au](mailto:roydon.ng@vinnies.org.au)

### Liverpool Vans now at Mt Pritchard

Liverpool Night Patrol Base has relocated from Liverpool to Mt Pritchard (Vinnies Mt Pritchard Store - 248 Humphries Road, Mt Pritchard). All donations and sandwiches for Liverpool Night Patrol can now be dropped off here. If you have any queries, please contact your Schools Engagement Officer.



### Mini Vinnies Gathering – 23rd July (Cancelled)

The Vinnies Metropolitan Schools Engagement Team regret to advise that the 2021 Mini Vinnies Gathering has unfortunately been cancelled, considering the most recent COVID situation. We are however still inviting schools to book in tailored Reflection Days for their Mini Vinnies group and/or select year group(s).

## Term 3, 2021

We love to hear from you!

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