



Term 3 Week 2

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DIARY DATES

TERM 3 2017

Tuesday 1st August	English Competition
Wednesday 2nd August	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day
Friday 4th August	School Disco Infants—5:30—6:30pm Primary—7:00—8:30pm
Tuesday 8th August	Mary McKillop Mass 9:15am
Tuesday 8th August	Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival
Monday 14th August	Book Week
Tuesday 15th August	Assumption—Parish Mass Years 3-6
Tuesday 15th August	Math's Competition
Tuesday 15th August	Year 5 Personal Develop- ment Night 7:00pm
Wednesday 16th August	Author Visit Yrs 4, 5, 6: 9:00am Yrs 2, 3: 10:10am Late Recess: 11:10am Yrs K, 1: 11:45am
Wednesday 16th August	Keyboard Concert 6:00pm
Friday 18th August	Year 3 Assembly 2:30pm in the Hall

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Italians have a cherished proverb that says, "If nothing is going well, call your grandmother." The following story might give an insight as to why this proverb is cherished. An educational psychologist was on her way from Perth to Adelaide to conduct a series of seminars and workshops for parents who were experiencing difficulties with their children. Sitting next to her on the flight was an eighty-year-old woman who was prone to short outbursts of conversation. During one such occasion she declared, "I've had a wonderful life. I have six children, thirteen grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren." As she was completing her statement, she cast an eye over the papers and notes in front of the psychologist and said, "That all looks very important. What do you do?"

The psychologist thought, "Oh no! If I tell her what I do, I'll be saddled with three generations of problems for the remainder of the flight!" However, she decided to tell the old lady what she did and what she was about to do. As the old lady settled back into her seat, her response was, "Now, isn't that interesting. If you want to know anything, just ask."

Grandparents have the experience and knowledge that come from surviving a great many years of life's battles and, hopefully, they have the wisdom to know when to share this experience and knowledge with their grandchildren. Jimmy Carter once observed that, "Because grandparents are free to love, guide and befriend young people without having to take daily responsibility for them, they can often reach out beyond pride and fear of failure and close the gap between generations."

Besides being the keepers of family traditions and history, grandparents provide grandchildren with examples of hard work and family loyalty. Grandparents' stories contribute to family identity by sharing knowledge about relatives, important events, family traditions, the grandparent's childhood and the childhood of the grandchild's parent. As these stories are passed on, the grandchild can gain a positive image of their place within the family and a positive image of ageing.

When we become parents, we automatically give our parents a new position in life, that of being grandparents. At the same time, we give our child the added security of belonging to an extended family. The relationship between grandchild and grandparent can be very life-enhancing: a grandchild can bring love, energy, optimism, laughter, youthfulness and sometimes purpose to the life of their grandparent. At the same time, a grandparent can provide maturity, knowledge, stability, a wise ear and unconditional love to a grandchild.

Nowadays, being a grandparent might not be as simple as you would like due to divorce, remarriage or geographic distance. However, whether you are a grandparent, step-grandparent or even a grandparent raising a grandchild, you are a most important person in your grandchild's life and, as you well know, it's not only Italians who ring their grandmother when things aren't going so well.

"God, Father of us all, we are thankful for our life and for the privilege to be parents and grandparents. We pray for patience, guidance and wisdom to use our life's role, for our own benefit and the benefit and enjoyment of our extended family. Amen."

Peace and Best Wishes.

Richard Blissenden
Principal



RIDING YOUR BIKE TO SCHOOL

A reminder that at our school only Year 5 & 6 students are allowed to ride bikes or scooters to school unsupervised. The Catholic Education Office and NSW Roads and Maritime recommends that children under 10 years of age DO NOT ride bicycles to or from school unless accompanied by an adult. Students are reminded that they must not ride their bikes/scooters in the school grounds at anytime and bicycle riders must not ride on a crossing unless there is a green bicycle light.

If you would like your child to ride their bike to school, parents must sign the permission form, which can be collected from the office.



PERSONAL PLANS

During Week 2, parents, where applicable, will receive a copy of their child's most recent Personalised Plan. Parents please read the plan to ensure that all details have been included. If there are any errors, please edit your copy and return it to the office, prior to Friday 4th August for correction.

Thanks,
Trish Waterhouse
Learning Support Teacher

SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 School Fees have now been issued. Payment is due by August 21. If you are having difficulty in paying your school fees, please see Susan in the office.

ICAS COMPETITION—SCIENCE

Congratulations to the 29 students who participated in the UNSW ICAS Science Competition. We were awarded 1 Distinction, 9 Credit, 8 Merit and 11 Participation Certificates.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



July 27	Joseph Nam
July 30	Brody Newby
July 31	Angela de la Roche
August 2	Joseph Nam
	Jack Denholm
August 4	Elise Sultana
August 5	Sophia Bartosiak
August 6	Lachlan Pitchfork
August 7	Raymond Ghalloub
August 8	Leah Kim

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

PRINCIPAL AWARDS
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KA	Samuel James & Grace Ban
KT	Seojin Choi & Abraham Samuel
1F	Paige Hewkins, Riley Watson & Lachlan Williamson
1R	Charlotte Newman & Isla Moyes
2B	Benjamin Rust, Luca Biviano & Aren Simonyan
2MV	Mya Carr & Eddie Appleby
3G	Dominic James & Chad Craze
3S	Maximus Ghest & Joseph Nam
4J	Marcus Schembri-Green & Isaac Vinton
4K	Olivia Marshall & Cooper Storey
5E	Jacob Zaouk & Angela de la Roche
5L	Beau Myhill & Lukas Luburic
6B	Elana Lavaki & Therese Davidson
6W	Sophia Younes & Leah Kim

CARE AWARDS
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KA	Heidi Waddell & Akito Doggett
KT	Jack Lavaki & Elly Hwang
1F	Kaydon Barron-Logan & Raj Iyer
1R	Olivia Quinn & John Choi
2B	Lorelai Tomasoni, Misa Simili & Imogen Piper
2MV	Nate McKinnon & Ela Torres
3G	Elizabeth Samuel & Rosalea Brownlie
3S	Tadhg O'Riordan & Keira Dixon
4J	Zoe Anderson & Ellen Watson
4K	Joshua Tenorio & Isabelle Pericaud
5E	Alyssa Villena & Sarah Iacono
5L	Coepr Twyford & Tara Newby
6B	Hannah Jalil & Myles Panagiotopoulos
6W	Elizabeth Hogan & Vazgen Simonyan

SPORTING NEWS...

We would like to congratulate the following students on being the 2017 Athletics Age Champions and Runners Up:

AGE GROUP	AGE CHAMPION	RUNNER UP
8 Year Boys	Xavier McGilly	Connor Percovich
8 Year Girls	Lucinda Boulous	Monique Gallagher
9 Year Boys	Marcus Schembri-Green	Isaac Vinton
9 Year Girls	Kayla Ghalloub	Katerina Hart & London Ardeleanu
10 Year Boys	Beau Myhill	Kingston Luburic
10 Year Girls	Laila Riccardi	Leah Kolosakas & Tara Newby
11 Year Boys	Lucas Luburic	Jonah Watson
11 Year Girls	Josephine Keyser	Mia Northwood
12 Year Boys	Zane White	Liam Hardman
12 Year Girls	Katelyn Johnson	Eve Kannemeyer & Lillyan Ward

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN...

This year we will once again be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to receive new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Sticker sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we will be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students—including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts and Craft, Sport and for our Library. If you would like to know more, please visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.



FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATIONS

A big thank you to all our Grandparents and special visitors that were able to visit and celebrate "Grandparents Day" with us today. Special thanks to our wonderful P&F who co-ordinated a lovely Morning Tea and our Senior Band who shared some of their talent with our visitors. Thank you to the staff who prepared the Mass and learning spaces for our visitors.

100 DAYS BRIGHTER

On Monday this week our Kindergarten students celebrated the 100th day of school. They had a lot of fun exploring the number '100'. For photos of the day – see our twitter feed. Thanks to Mrs Atkinson and Miss Tomasic for their work on this celebration!

FETE

With less than 100 days until the fete plans are well underway for this significant fund raising and community event for our Parish and School. Please read the fortnightly Fete Newsletters for important updates and messages. Currently families are **selling and returning RAFFLE TICKETS** – thank you for your support with this activity.

FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

During Term 3 I will be having a Psychology Student, Courtney Muir, on Work Placement doing some voluntary work with me in our school. Courtney has appropriate clearances and is aware of confidentiality when working with students. She will be involved with all groups and sessions with me during the term. If have any concerns please contact Mr Blissenden or myself.
Many thanks. *Jeanette Mansour – School Counsellor.*

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

We are working towards our school goal of 92% attendance. Congratulations to Kindergarten who had the best attendance in Week 1 of this term!



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every day ✓



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