



Term 4 Week 6
Wednesday 10th November 2021
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DIARY DATES

TERM 4	2021
Wednesday 17 th November	Band Demo via Zoom Year 2 and Year 3
Monday 22 nd November	Kinder 2022 Parent Information Evening via Zoom 7pm
Tuesday 23 rd November	Kindergarten 2022 Transition Group A Group B Group C
Wednesday 24 th November	Kindergarten 2022 Transition Group D Group E Group F
Monday 15 th November	Henny Penny Chicks visiting Kindergarten
Tuesday 30 th November	Kindergarten 2022 Transition Group A Group B Group C
Wednesday 1 st December	Kindergarten 2022 Transition Group D Group E Group F

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Many of us will be able to recall the enjoyment of shared reading: being read to and sharing reading with our parents and grandparents. I have very fond memories of my Grandmother reading stories to me as a child. Some recent research, however, has found that of 997 Year 4 and Year 6 respondents at 24 schools who took part in a recent Western Australian Study in Children's Book Reading, nearly three-fifths reported that they were not being read to at home.

A sample of these children who also participated in interviews, were asked how they felt about shared reading. While a few children did not mind no longer being read to, others were disappointed when it stopped. But why is it so important for us to keep reading with our children for as long as possible?

Research has typically found that shared reading experiences are highly beneficial for young people. Benefits of shared reading include facilitating enriched language exposure, fostering the development of listening skills, spelling, reading comprehension and vocabulary, and establishing essential foundational literacy skills. They are also valued as a shared social opportunity between parents and their children to foster positive attitudes toward reading.

When we read aloud to children it is also beneficial for their cognitive development, with parent-child reading activating brain areas related to narrative comprehension and mental imagery. While most of the research in this area focuses on young children, this does not mean that these benefits somehow disappear as children age.

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As young people's attitudes towards reading reflect their experiences of reading at home and at school in childhood and beyond, providing an enjoyable shared reading experience at home can help to turn our children into life-long readers.

This research **suggests that we should not stop reading with our children** just because they have learned to read independently. We should continue reading with our children until they no longer wish to share reading with us, ensuring that these experiences are enjoyable, as they can influence children's future attitudes toward reading, as well as building their confidence and competence as readers. It is worth the effort to find time to share this experience with our children in the early years and beyond. (Source "The Conversation")

I hope you are able to find time to read with and to your child this week.

Peace and Best Wishes.

Richard Blissenden
Principal

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



November 11	Isaac L Grace K
November 12	Lisa D
November 13	Chimamanda I
November 15	Tara C
November 16	Jacob H Hayden G
November 18	Samuel B Chase M
November 19	Sophia C
November 20	Serena G Skye H Ho Yin A
November 21	Luca B Chloe M
November 23	Tristian G Luis G Alexia G

We wish these children a very Happy Birthday!

CARE ALWAYS



RESPECT EVERYONE

FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

MOVING SCHOOLS OR LEAVING ST MARY'S AT THE END OF 2021?

It is a legal requirement that you inform us of the school your child will be attending in 2022. If you are moving house or changing schools, please advise the school office in writing of your new contact details and the name of the school your child will be attending. We have several families on our waiting list now (people are hearing good things about our school and want to come here) and we would like to offer them places where we can. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

PLANNING FOR 2022

At this time of the year, the school is actively planning for next year. Part of this planning is the formulation of 2022 class lists. In order to develop class lists, the current grade team take into consideration academic, social and emotional elements to place all children into a class where their learning needs are best served. If parents have any additional information they wish to have considered for the class placement of their child, they are asked to send a letter to Mr Blissenden by Friday 19th November.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mikeeli Lake (ex student of St Mary's and School Captain in 2016) who has just been announced as the School Captain for 2022 of Oakhill College. We are very proud of Mikeeli's achievements! We love to hear about our ex-student's achievements so if you hear of any – please let the office know!

SPORTS UNIFORM

Students in Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 will be having sport lessons next Monday 15.11.21 instead of Friday 19.11.21 so will need to wear their sports uniform.

BUILDING WORK

As advised our new toilets and renovations of other Student Facilities has commenced – despite the noise we are looking forward to a quick turnaround in the project. The project is on time and on budget!



LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to Imogen S, Ava A and Alexander M who were the proud winners of an impromptu **Spelling Bee** held in the library for Year 4 students.



READING CHALLENGE

All students are invited to participate in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge (EDSRC). The more books you read, the more chances you will have to win some terrific prizes.

So, get reading and go to WWW.parra.catholic.edu.au to enter. Entries close on 25 February 2022. Good Luck and Happy Reading!

Mrs Radocchia
Teacher Librarian

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
Summer
READING
challenge

WIN A \$500 GIFT VOUCHER!

Read as many books as you can tell us why you love them and you could win one of two \$500 JB Hi-Fi vouchers or one of 30 gift vouchers valued at \$30 each.

Entry closes at 5:00pm on 25 February 2022.
Terms and Conditions apply.

The poster features several illustrations of books in various colors (purple, blue, orange, red) stacked and standing upright. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a mix of fonts and colors.

Sunsmart Snippet

Summer sun protection



Using 5 sun protection measures gives you the best chance of protection.

The default is to think if you have your sunscreen on that you are right for the day, but sunscreen isn't a suit of armour. When outdoors during summer, i.e. at the beach, weekend sport, make sure you slip on long sleeve shirt, slop on SPF 30 (or higher) sunscreen, slap on a broad brimmed hat, seek shade, and slide on sunglasses.



www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

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Nutrition Snippet

SILLY SEASON FUN.

Get the kids to design their own seasonal creation!



Have fun and get fruit and fibre into the day!

Our super easy [banana pikelet](#) recipe is perfect for the kids to get creative in the kitchen!

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FRIDAY NIGHT FAKEAWAYS.



Our 'fakeaways' are good for health and for the wallet!

- [Easy pizza](#) - you have to try this recipe to believe how easy it is!
- [Mixed salad](#) - make the meal complete with this simple salad

 3.5 of your 5 veg serves!

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SENSATIONAL SUMMER VEG.



Try these summer sizzlers:

- [Veggie and black bean tacos](#)
- [Fattoush salad](#)
- [Veggie filo cups](#)

Check out our [blog](#) to find out more about what's in season.

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