

The Holy Herald

Holy Spirit School Newsletter



Term 4 Week 8 – 2nd December 2020

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On Wednesday 25th November, we celebrated NAIDOC week beginning with a Welcome to Country and Liturgy. The students then enjoyed various activities throughout the day, learning about Indigenous culture and traditions.



On Thursday 19th November, our Year 6 Students attended Xavier High School for their Orientation Day. Students participated in a variety of events including drama, woodwork, sport and food tech. The students got a taste of life at high school, ready for Year 7 in 2021.



Kids on Keyboards

2021

Last Chance!

When: Monday, 3.05pm
Where: Holy Spirit School

Thinking about discovering your child's music potential? Wanting to heighten their academic possibilities and social skills? Why not join the Kids on Keyboards music program!

Fees are low (\$130.00 a term), with book included.

Students in Grade 2 to 6 are invited to come along, learn to read and play music, and have fun in a familiar environment.

Numbers are limited to one class per week.

Call Jacqui Dainer on 0406 238 465 for details and bookings.

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 4

Dec 7-11th: K - 2 Swimming

Dec 8th - Kinder Orientation - Parents are to stay (9:30-11am)

Dec 9th - Christmas Stall (Run the same as previous Mothers/Fathers Day stalls)

Dec 14th - Whole School Transition Day (9:30-11am)

Dec 15th - Year 6 Graduation

Dec 16th - Last Day for Students

Unfortunately Carols at the school is cancelled this year due to Covid restrictions. An online version will be available through our Facebook page.

From the Principal...

NAIDOC Week

Last week we celebrated NAIDOC Week. The NAIDOC website shares the following information....
"Always Was, Always Will Be".

Always Was, Always Will Be recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. We are spiritually and culturally connected to this country.

This country was criss-crossed by generations of brilliant Nations. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists.

Australia has the world's oldest oral stories. The First Peoples engraved the world's first maps, made the earliest paintings of ceremony and invented unique technologies. We built and engineered structures - structures on Earth - predating well-known sites such as the Egyptian Pyramids and Stonehenge.

Our adaptation and intimate knowledge of Country enabled us to endure climate change, catastrophic droughts and rising sea levels. Always Was, Always Will Be acknowledges that hundreds of Nations and our cultures covered this continent. All were managing the land - the biggest estate on earth - to sustainably provide for their future.

Through ingenious land management systems like fire stick farming, we transformed the harshest habitable continent into a land of bounty. NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that our nation's story didn't begin with documented European contact whether in 1770 or 1606 - with the arrival of the Dutch on the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula. The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples. Our coastal Nations watched and interacted with at least 36 contacts made by Europeans prior to 1770. Many of them resulting in the charting of the northern, western and southern coastlines of our lands and our waters. For us, this nation's story began at the dawn of time.

NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations.

It's about seeing, hearing and learning the First Nations' 65,000+ year history of this country - which is Australian history. We want all Australians to celebrate that we have the oldest continuing cultures on the planet and to recognise that our sovereignty was never ceded.

The highlights of our NAIDOC celebrations included the Indigenous Flag that was painted on our basketball court and the gathering for our Prayer Service last Wednesday morning.

Always Was, Always Will Be. Holy Spirit pays tribute to our First Nations people.

STAFFING 2021

As we approach the end of the 2020 school year, we are able to announce the classroom and specialist teachers for 2021 (Page 5 of newsletter). Students will have the opportunity to meet and work with their new teachers and homerooms on our transition session on Monday 14th December between 9:30 and 11 am.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome two new staff members for the 2021 school year: Ms Michelle Tankard and Miss Grace Shepherd. At the end of the year, Miss White and Mrs Meares will finish their time with us for the immediate future. We will have an opportunity to farewell them on the last day of school.

UNIFORMS 2021

Just a reminder that all students are expected to wear correct official school uniform commencing the beginning of next year. For example, boys are not to wear khaki shirts, shorts or socks - they are no longer part of our school uniform. The 12 month change over period has finished. If you are unsure about some of the new uniform requirements brought about last year please refer to the [HSS Uniform Policy](#).



INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

If your child will be in year 3-6 in 2021 and is interested in learning an instrument or wishes to continue having lessons, please complete the attached form in the link below. Details and pricing are also provided in the link. [Instrumental Program Expression of Interest Form](#)

CHRISTMAS STALL

As we have been unable to hold Mother's and Father's Day stalls this year, we will be holding a Christmas Stall in the hall next Wednesday (9th Dec). Students are asked to bring money to purchase Christmas gifts. Gifts prices will range from 50 cents to 8 dollars.

Religious Education



St Vincent De Paul– Christmas Appeal 2020

As in previous years, Holy Spirit School have been invited to participate in the Christmas Appeal 2020. This year, individuals and families have been identified as needing special support over the Christmas period.

If anyone would like to donate **new unwrapped** toys for all ages up to 12 years of age, boxes will be available from next week in the office that items can be placed in.

- Gifts should remain unwrapped with appropriate age and gender details attached or written on the packaging.
- Should food items be donated it is important that they are well inside the 'best by' and particularly the 'use by' dates (a legal requirement).
- If you would like to make a monetary donation, that would be appreciated. Please send your donation to the office in an envelope with the label:

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Some ideas for food items include Christmas pudding, tea, coffee, milo, fruit cake, jam, pancake mix, cereal, dried fruit, biscuits, pasta, pasta sauce and vegemite.

The boxes will be collected at school by St Vincent de Paul in Week 9.

Thanks for your support.



Confirmation– Friday 27th November, 2020

Congratulations to those Year 6 children who made their Confirmation last week.





Confirmation 2020

ADVENT

The First Sunday of Advent

Last Sunday we celebrated the start of Advent – the season of waiting. Advent is a season of preparing, of ‘getting ready’. Advent is not just a season of sitting down and waiting; Advent is a season of getting up and getting ready.

Advent is the church season that runs for the last few weeks before Christmas. It starts four Sundays before Christmas Day so in 2020, it begins on Sunday, 29th November.

Advent lasts a different number of days each year because it always starts on a Sunday but Christmas Day falls on a different day of the week each year.

Here are some things you can do to prepare for Advent....

- Light a candle on an advent wreath each day
- Read a book about Advent or Christmas
- Go to Reconciliation before Christmas
- Do nice things for people.



Regards,

Jo Davies

Religious Education Coordinator

MERIT AWARDS

Kinder	Pippa Taylor, Skylar Watts
Year 1	Heidi Jewitt, Faisca Wilson, Olivia Charlesworth, Skyla Newton, Koa Mullavey, Rocco Biasin
Year 2	India Edwards, Lachlan Markey, Isabella Giddings, Xavier Saroff, Chelsea Hope, Jinty Lubke, Caleb Warburton, Judd Murphy, Annabelle Nagle, Amelia Church
Year 3	Charlie Thomas, Charlie Taylor, Rory McCarthy, Harry Lubke, Jaxson Brown, Mia Harding, Liam Mooring, Daisy Irving
Year 4	Lyla Pizzey, Max De Wit, Jyden Newton, Isla O'Brien, Flynn Lafferty, Princess Strauss, Anton Huerta, Ashleigh Barr, Benji Butler, Jamieson Comte
Year 5	Cameron Effting, Ebony Heinjus, Arthur Schneider-Fuller, Edith Honeymoon-Taylor, Emmett Holmes, Lachlan Burt, Logan Russell, Amelia Fry, Lili McLachlan, Sophie Church, Logan Swan
Year 6	Sienna Thomas-Bottrell, Amelia Brigden, Zachary Clohesy, Isabella Hartles, Blaise McGlynn

2021 CLASSROOM TEACHERS

KINDER	Mrs Maree Brosolo	Mrs Eleanor Pearson
YEAR 1	Mr Mark Moore	Mrs Emily Poynter (3 days) & Mrs Diana Voss (2 days)
YEAR 2	Miss Grace Shephard	Mrs Joanne Davies (3 days) & Mr Nicholas Turner (2 days)
YEAR 3	Mrs Sarah Dunlop	Mrs Nicole O'Farrell (3 days) & Mrs Raelene Harding (2 days)
YEAR 4	Mr Erik Hamilton (4 days) & Mrs Zoe Hehir (1 day)	Mrs Brooke Collins (4 days) & Mrs Zoe Hehir (1 day)
YEAR 5	Mrs Hollie Ackerly	Mr Brett Sanson
YEAR 6	Mr Andrew Flores	Ms Michelle Tankard

SPECIALIST ROLES

LIBRARY	Ms Sue Hayhoe	READING RECOVERY	Mrs Tanya Peverell
PE	Mr Nicholas Turner Mr Matt Kean	EALD	Mrs Sophie Reid
MATHS	Mrs Raelene Harding Mrs Cheryl Brigden	IDLT	Mrs Nicole Hickey
LITERACY	Mr Sean Michael	CREATIVE ARTS	Mr Simon Goss

HOLY SPIRIT IS An Allergy Aware SCHOOL

Please refrain from bringing nuts and food containing nut products.

Year 4 Excursion to Holbrook!

On Thursday November 19, Year 4 and their teachers went on an excursion to Holbrook. During our time, went to the Submarine Maritime Museum and walked on the HMAS Otway Submarine. We had some morning tea at the Holbrook Bakery. While we were there, we engaged in a number of writing pieces to reflect on our different experiences on the excursion.

The team at the museum were very informative and the interactive hologram was amazing. We would definitely recommend a visit to Holbrook!

Recant by - Millah Braybrook and Adena Manibod



Year 3 Excursion to the Great Aussie Resort

Year 3 experienced a terrific day of fun and activities at the Great Aussie Resort!

Many of the morning tasks were challenging and required perseverance and teamwork. The students were up to the challenge.

The afternoon was spent cooling off in the water park and having some fun on the playground and jumping pillow.

We all enjoyed our dinner together followed by some tips on table manners and cleaning up from Mr Kean.

The teachers are so proud of the way all the students represented our school.

A fabulous day was had by all and it was a lovely way to finish the year!

