

The Holy Herald

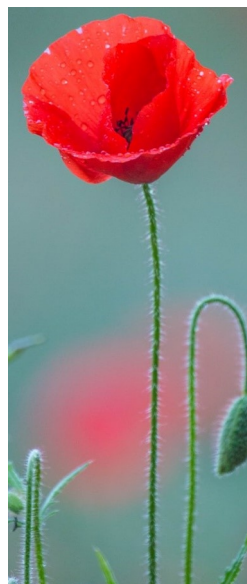
Holy Spirit School Newsletter



Term 4 Week 6 – 18th November 2020

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First Reconciliation



LIVING THE BEATITUDES IN 2020

Our experiences in 2020 will be ones that live with us for the rest of our lives. We have heard this year being described as a year of challenge and we have also heard this year as being an opportunity to grow and reflect. As I have said many times throughout the year, as a Principal, I cannot be any prouder of all members of the Holy Spirit School community with how they have coped with these many challenges. The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) is an opportunity for each one of us to reflect on ourselves and our own beliefs and actions. I came across the following reflection of the Beatitudes this week that is a guide for all of us.

The Beatitudes & their meanings

- Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Be satisfied with what you have. Share the good things we have with others because God wants us to.)
- Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. (Comfort those who are suffering. Help others feel better about themselves after a loss.)
- Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. (Humility - a true sense of who you are. Get the ego out of the way.)
- Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. (Do what is fair for everyone.)
- Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. (We forgive those who are unkind to us. Look for ways to show kindness to others.)
- Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. (We do what is right just because we know it is the right thing to do.)
- Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (We try to bring God's peace to the world. We control our behaviour so people can see Jesus in us.)
- Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (We are willing to stand up for God's laws even if we are teased or insulted)

Take a moment this week to consider how blessed we are to be living in our beautiful state with a bountiful number of blessings we are able to celebrate.

Matt Kean
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 4

Nov 17th, 24th and 1st Dec - Kinder Snapshots (9:30-11am)

Dec 8th - Kinder Orientation (9:30-11am)

Nov 25th - NAIDOC Day Celebrations (*Following Covid Protocols*)

Nov 30th - Dec 4th - Year 3 & 4 Swimming

Dec 7-11th - K- 2 Swimming

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

Dec 14th - Carols (*TBC due to Covid Restrictions*)

Dec 15th - Year 6 Graduation

Dec 16th - Last Day for Students

SCHOOL DATES WEEK 1 & 2 2021

Wed 27th Jan - Pupil Free Day

Thurs 28th and Fri 29th Jan - MAI (Yr 1-6) and Best Start (Kinders)

Mon 1st Feb : Students Resume (Yr 1-6) and Best Start (Kinders)

Tues 2nd Feb: Best Start (Kinders)

Wed 3rd Feb: Kinders start school

Thurs 4th Feb: All students K-6 on site

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).

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.



Saturday Mass- Thank you

Thank you to the students who helped celebrate the school Mass last Saturday evening: Eliza Robertson, Charlotte McGlashan, Levi Mahoni, Amelia Mahoni, Zara Besford, Chloe Ackerly, Callum Davies, Jack Irving, Oliver Ackerly and Daisy Irving.

First Reconciliation– Friday 13th November, 2020 – 2pm

Congratulations to those Year 2 children who made their First Reconciliation last week.



Confirmation —27th November

Confirmands and Saints' names

Amelia Brigden – St Ava

Callum Davies – St Andrew

Allira Graham – St Genevieve

Annabelle Grundy – St Angela Merici

Jyi Milburn – St Nicholas

Sinead Ni Earcain – St Anne

Michael Tants – St Damien of Molokai

Angelika Nalzaró – St Anne

Oliver Ackerly – St Nicholas

Chelsea Alvey – St Brigid

Zachary Clohesy – St Bean

Chloe Harris – St Elizabeth

Isabella Hartles – St Elizabeth Rose

Lauren Jewitt – St Angela Merici

Dylan McCarthy – St Francis Xavier

Sienna Nicholson – St Anne

Lacey Smith—St Anne

Aliera Tucker – St Teresa of Calcutta

Sienna Thomas Bottrell—St Elizabeth



Important Dates

Friday 27th November— Sacrament of Confirmation 6:30pm in Holy Spirit Church

Tuesday 15th December—Year 6 Graduation beginning at 6pm in the Church followed by presentation in the school Hall.

Regards,

Jo Davies

Religious Education Coordinator

MERIT AWARDS

Kinder	Gargi Malik, Oliver Corby, Oliver Cook, Jake Menhenett, Lachlan Phillips, Bobin Sahni, Emily Doorman, Leyla Woods, Zander Widdgett, Levi Mahoni
Year 1	Taiya Hurst, Marlie Williams, Harshaan Bhullar, Balsharn Kaur, Indiana Byrne, Vinuka Amaranayake, Jackson Clark, Abel Luxton, Halle McGlynn
Year 2	Ruby Mullins, Levi Gosper, Mia Hunt, Tex PcPhee, Josiah Kotzur, Elijah Parkinson. Saxon Plaszewski-Anstis, Imogen Phillips
Year 3	Yashika Bahri, Mia Harding, Solomon Martin, Ruby Holmes, Harry Lubke, Ruhee Mohammed, Aiden Fry, Stella Post
Year 4	Harry Hawkins, Svend Jensen, Neve Jewitt, Emily Bullivant, Angus Drab,
Year 5	Thomas Besford, Yuvraj, Randhawa, Sam Frauenfelder, Hemant Bhattari, Monijo Salanguste, Zali Stieber, William Harrington
Year 6	Jack Heinjus, Sienna Nicholson, Chelsea Alvey, Koby Murray



2020 School fees are due for final payment by the 4th December as per Diocesan School Fee Agreement. This year monthly statements were emailed out. If you have not been receiving your statements, please notify the school office.



Refer to our website to see the sun protection times from the Bureau of Meteorology for the time of day that UV levels are forecast to reach 3 or above. Under the drop down menu heading Information, select Sun Smart.



Year 2 caring for the chickens!





2020 CANBERRA VIRTUAL TOUR: YEAR 6

