18 JUNE 2021 - WEEK 8

All Saints Catholic Primary School NEWS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL Liz Keogh

Dear Parents, Families and Friends of All Saints,

Reports:

In the last week the teachers have been working to finalise the children's end of semester reports. These reports will be available to families in Week 10. If there are any questions that arise from your child's report, I really encourage you to contact your child's teacher to clarify or celebrate with them.

Remember to celebrate your child's learning with them as well. Children thrive on the acknowledgement of their learning by their families.

All the children who have been involved in Intervention Programs across the school will have also completed an end of semester assessment to ascertain the growth of learning achieved. This way we can monitor what's working and what might need to change.

Leave:

Just a reminder that I will be on study leave for 4 weeks, commencing in Week 10. Today Ms Trish O'Toole visited the school for a tour and handover of information. Trish will be Acting Principal, ably supported by Megan Lovering, Stephanie Crowe and Lou Whitehouse until I return on August 9th.

On my leave I will be visiting several schools in Western Australia, as well as attending a Principal's conference. You can contact Trish on totoole@allsaints.catholic.edu.au or through the school office on 8327 0020.



Receptions:

This week we welcomed 22 new Reception children and their families to our school. It was fantastic to see the children's excitement and engagement with the orientation morning. We are also pleased to welcome Stephanie Schetter to our staff to lead the learning in the Reception class.

Staffing:

As mentioned, we welcome Trish O'Toole for 4 weeks and Stephanie Schetter for the Reception class. We will also welcome Caitlyn Hawke in Year 6 whilst Fiona Graff is on leave during Term 3.

In addition, our Receptionist Tanya Allen has accepted a position in Emergency Dispatch, so we welcome Hayley Mundy back to the Front Office. We thank Tanya for her wonderful work in welcoming families, children and visitors to our school and we wish her every success in her new role.

I wish you all the best for the next few weeks and will see you when I return on August 9th.

With every best wish, Liz Keogh

Talk about, learn about and think deeply about God.

We're a Catholic school, that helps children learn about life and relationships from a Catholic perspective. It's not just another thing to learn about - our approach helps our community understand the world around them and make the world a better place for all of God's creation.

FROM THE ACTING APRIM Stephanie Crowe

Wear Your Pyjamas to School Day:

³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me," Matthew 25

Last Friday we dressed up for a cause. Each person donated a gold coin to the St Vincent de Paul Society. The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded by a 20 year old student named Frederic Ozanam in 1833. It was established by like-minded individuals who wished to put their faith into action. This compassionate outlook, enthusiasm and vision continues today in Australia. There are thousands of people who every day share their time, care for humanity and energy to make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged people all around Australia. (taken from St Vincent de Pauls' website) What a wonderful sight, seeing the children and staff in their PJs and putting their faith into action.

Thank you to people who have also collected their old clothes and blankets and placed them in the St Vinnies Bins outside the office. We are getting some new bins and these bins will be at school until early Term 3.

You will find here a list of services St Vincent DePaul offer.

Refugee Week:

Next week at All Saints we will be celebrating Refugee Week. The Year 6 classes will have some guest speakers coming in to talk to them about refugees and answer some questions. Each class will be engaging in prayer focusing on refugees, listening to music from different cultures and engaging in learning activities in their classrooms.

The aims of Refugee Week are:

- to educate the Australian public about who refugees are and why they have come to Australia;
- to help people understand the many challenges refugees face coming to Australia;
- to celebrate the contribution refugees make to our community;
- to focus on how the community can provide a safe and welcoming environment for refugees;
- for community groups and individuals to do something positive for refugees, asylum seekers and displaced people, within Australia but also around the world; and
- for service providers to reflect on whether they are providing the best possible services to refugees.











Year 1 Liturgy: On Thursday the Year 1 children celebrated a Liturgy in the SEM.

Together they thanked God for the gift of creation and shared ways that they can care for our common home.

God Bless, Stephanie Crowe



PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We have one more gathering before the children involved in the Sacramental program receive Confirmation. We will meet at St Luke's Church at 6pm on Wednesday, June 23rd with our sponsors.

Please bring your Saint posters with you.

Confirmation is the sacrament of maturity and coming of age. Confirmation is a sacrament of empowerment. It gives the strength to follow Jesus and to become involved in the mission which Jesus left to the Church.

The workshops are as follows: Workshop 3 - Wednesday 23rd June 6pm – Sponsors are to attend this session at St Luke's Catholic Church, Noarlunga.

On this night the children will also be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Rite of Confirmation Ceremony will take place on Tuesday 29th of June Our Confirmation will be celebrated at St Luke's Church, Noarlunga Downs at 7pm. Our celebrant will be Archbishop Patrick O'Regan.

If you are interested in your child participating in future Sacramental programs including Baptism, please contact me.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.

Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice.

Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them.

> As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love.

Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand.

Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example.

We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL Megan Lovering

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, this term we welcomed Cynthia Geldenhuys to our school. Cynthia is our School Counsellor and will be sharing with you over the year some useful information, strategies and tips to help you support your child when challenges may arise e.g., anxiety, anger, selfesteem issues etc.

This week, Cynthia has shared with me some information about anxiety. Please know that if your child feels anxious, s/he is not alone. Childhood anxiety is becoming more and more common and there are now around 4.4 million children between the ages of 3-17 who have been diagnosed with anxiety. This only includes those who have been formally diagnosed and does not include children who experience anxiety periodically or who have not been diagnosed. Because childhood anxiety is so prevalent, parents are frequently asking how to support their children when anxiety strikes.

Coping strategies for anxiety:

- Help your child start a gratitude journal. Gratitude is a great way to combat anxiety.
- Practise deep breathing together.
- Encourage your child to write or draw pictures about how they feel during this time.
- Find activities that help your child feel calm like reading, drawing exercising or connecting with friends.

Tips for parents:

- Talk to your child about how they are feeling. Acknowledge that their feelings are valid and that you are there to support them. Keep an open conversation about how they are feeling.
- Establish a time of the day or week to discuss what your child is worried about. When your child has worries, have them write the worries down and put them in a jar. You can then go through them together during the time or day you have chosen.
- Manage your own anxieties. Different life circumstances can leave us all feeling anxious. Our kids can pick up on this, so it is important to keep your conversations age-appropriate and reassuring.



What to say:

- "I am here for you."
- "Let's work through this together. How can I help you?"
- "I know this is hard."
- "You are safe. I am here."
- "What is your worry telling you?"

What not to say:

- "Stop worrying."
- "Get over it."
- "This isn't a big deal."
- "I don't understand what you're so worried about."
- "It's fine."

If you have any concerns about behaviours your child may be developing, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Best wishes, Megan Lovering

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Monday, 19 July 2021 Monday, 30 August 2021 Friday, 10 December 2021





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN Year 5 Burton

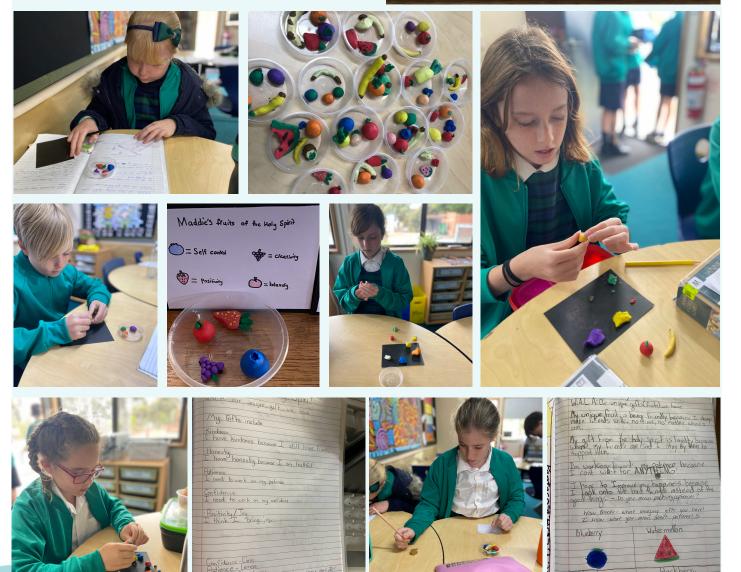
This term 5Bu have been learning about the Holy Spirit in our Religious Education lessons. As part of our learning, we have explored Galatians 5:22-23 - the Fruits of the Spirit. The Fruits of the Spirit are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Students were asked to consider which of the fruits they already demonstrate on a regular basis and which ones they may need to work on developing. They also talked about which of these positive traits they recognise in others.

Our final task was to make model fruits representing our chosen strengths.









At All Saints we believe in recognising positive behaviour and the children who meet our school expectations by continually demonstrating they are ready to:

BE A LEARNER BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL

Ms Keogh regularly celebrates with these children by sharing a drink and a chat together.

Congratulations, you are All Stars!



Reception - Year 2









THE SCIENCE COLLECTIVE

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