



The Evangelist

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Term 2 Week 3

Wednesday 13th May 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for supporting the learning of their children in this very complex environment that we are living through.

A GLOBAL PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,

You are the God of all compassion and comfort. We thank you that you listen to our prayers.

We pray today for our world, our nation, our city and our church as the Coronavirus spreads.

Please bring help to all our communities according to their needs.

Heal those afflicted and strengthen all who have the responsibility for care.

In your mercy, please provide a cure and give wisdom to those seeking to develop a vaccine for this condition.

We pray, too, for ourselves. Enable us to walk by faith.

Help us to be careful and wise in taking whatever precautions are necessary to limit and contain the spread of this virus.

Strengthen us to remain calm while vigilant; responsible citizens seeking the welfare of others above ourselves.

At times of uncertainty and anxiety, help our world to look to security in your Son, Jesus Christ.

And give courage to Christians as we point others to the One in whom there is always hope.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



This week we began the next phase of our staged return to 'at-school' learning: Phase 2

As outlined in the CEDP Term 2 Transition: A Framework, that was previously communicated to our community, the expectation is that most learning will still take place remotely and with a single mode of delivery during Weeks 3 - 5. This phase of transition to school saw the introduction this week of students attending school on designated days. Our plan involves students attending school aligned with their 'House colours.' At the same time we continue to support the 'essential workers' in our community, vulnerable teachers and teachers supporting remote learning of their own children.

It is anticipated that during Weeks 6 - 10, most learning will be delivered face-to-face. A further communication about arrangements for these weeks will be released in week 5.

We have been asked by some parents and carers if they are able keep their child at home on a day when onsite attendance is available and to continue with remote learning. In this regard we respect parent choice. Students can continue to follow their remote learning timetable. These students will be marked as attending (flexible) if they engage with remote learning and complete learning tasks.

Parent and Carers are reminded that students are to be dropped off and picked up from the parish carpark. Teachers on duty will supervise student's entry to and exit from the school site. I also stress that social distancing protocols must be exercised by all community members at all times.

Posters outlining the protocols are displayed in the carpark area. These protocols will remain in place until we are advised otherwise by CEDP and Government authorities.

I ask our parents and carers to support our school in maintaining a healthy work environment for both students and staff. Please keep your child at home if they have any of the following symptoms: cold, runny nose, cough, temperature or a general feeling of being unwell. Please be aware if a child presents at school with a fever parents and carers will be contacted to collect their child from school. Clearance from a doctor should be obtained for the child to return to school.

This is a gentle reminder to our families that students returning to school must wear their **full winter uniform**. If you are not aware of the dress code and the school's expectations in regards to grooming I refer you to the uniform policy on St John's website. Some parents have advised the school that they have been unable to purchase the girls winter dress and tights. Today we have been advised by Lowes that a delivery of uniforms is expected in the next week. Girl's tights can also be purchased from Big W and Target.

Keep safe and keep well,

God Bless Patricia



REMINDER

PARENTS, CARERS AND VISITORS NO ACCESS TO ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be advised that as per instructions from CEDP and The State Government, Social Distancing Protocols must always be adhered to. PARENTS, CARERS AND VISITORS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ENTER OUR SCHOOL SITE until further notice.

On Tuesday 28th April, parents and carers were advised that when they drop off their child/children they must use Kiss and Drop Zone or accompany their child/children to the gate when dropping off in the morning. **Please ensure you drop-off your child/children on time in the morning before 8.50am.**

Parents and carers will not enter the school site and are asked not to congregate around the drop off zones for the safety of all students and staff. (Please follow Social Distancing Protocols).

Furthermore, for safety and health reasons teachers on Kiss and Drop will not open car doors.

Afternoon Dismissal parents and carers are asked to park in the parish carpark and remain with their cars.

- A teacher on duty will call out the family name.
- Parents/Carers proceed to the gate to collect their child/children and leave the site immediately.
- **Children must be picked up on time; school finishes at 2.50pm**

Parents will continue to be informed at a school and system level as to when the determination has been made that students should return to face-to-face learning in a full-time capacity.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORM ITEMS/SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

Parents and Carers are asked to contact the school office either via email or telephone to request the item/items required and then payment can be taken over the telephone by Miss Hurst with eftpos/credit card.

Items will then be sent home with your child/children or alternatively items can be picked up from the school gate when organised with the school office.

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GRADUAL/STAGGERED RETURN TO SCHOOL WEEK 3 – WEEK 5/TERM 2

Please refer to the plan below which informs you of the day your child/children can attend school

WEEK 3 COMMENCING 11TH MAY 2020

MONDAY - LARKS (RED HOUSE)

TUESDAY – DOVES (BLUE HOUSE)

WEDNESDAY – EAGLES (YELLOW HOUSE)

THURSDAY – LARKS (RED HOUSE)

FRIDAY – TEACHER PLANNING DAY/ONLINE LEARNING AT HOME FOR ALL STUDENTS

WEEK 4 COMMENCING 18TH MAY 2020

MONDAY – DOVES (BLUE HOUSE)

TUESDAY – EAGLES (YELLOW HOUSE)

WEDNESDAY – LARKS (RED HOUSE)

THURSDAY – DOVES (BLUE HOUSE)

FRIDAY - TEACHER PLANNING DAY/ONLINE LEARNING AT HOME FOR ALL STUDENTS

WEEK 5 COMMENCING 25TH MAY 2020

MONDAY – EAGLES (YELLOW HOUSE)

TUESDAY – LARKS (RED HOUSE)

WEDNESDAY – DOVES (BLUE HOUSE)

THURSDAY – EAGLES (YELLOW HOUSE)

FRIDAY - TEACHER PLANNING DAY/ONLINE LEARNING AT HOME FOR ALL STUDENTS



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Tips for parents and caregivers

Some tips from the Department of Education

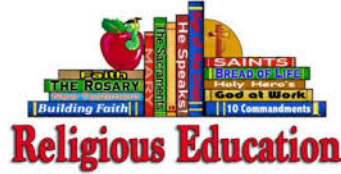
Through everyday activities and play situations children will naturally use numbers. Young children are very capable of sharing out things such as lollies so that each person has a fair share or adding a friends' collection to his or her own and finding the total. We need to help children discover quick and easy ways of using numbers.

How do children learn to use numbers? When first learning to use numbers, children will need to have the objects with them in order to add, subtract, multiply or share equally (divide). They will go through a process of needing to see and count each thing, one at a time. We need to help children learn to start counting from a larger number and add or subtract a second number. We also need to help children build mental images of a group or quantity so they do not always have to rely on seeing the objects. Helping children to mentally "see" groups of things will also help them with understanding multiplication and division before they learn the "tables".

What can you do at home?

- Play board games such as Snakes and Ladders with two dice and encourage your child to add the two numbers rolled. Show them how to count from the larger number.
- Play card games such as 21 or bust. In this game, two cards are dealt to each player who adds the numbers together. Each player may ask for more cards from the "kitty" with the aim of being the person with the highest score that does not go over 21.
- Ask your child to help you work out how many more items are needed when you are shopping. I have six apples here, how many more will I get to make ten?
- Look at house numbers when going for a walk. Ask your child to guess what the next number will be.
- Go for a drive and point out the signs that indicate the distance to the next town. In the country the numbers on the kilometre signs go down by 5. Ask your child to work out what number will be on the next sign.
- Ask your child to share out items fairly with others.

Judith Murphy Assistant Principal



Join us in praying for all affected by the Covid-19 Virus

Those who are ill and all those caring for them;

Those who are vulnerable and worried;

Those who have lost their livelihoods.

May they experience peace and healing during these difficult times.

Lord, hear our prayer

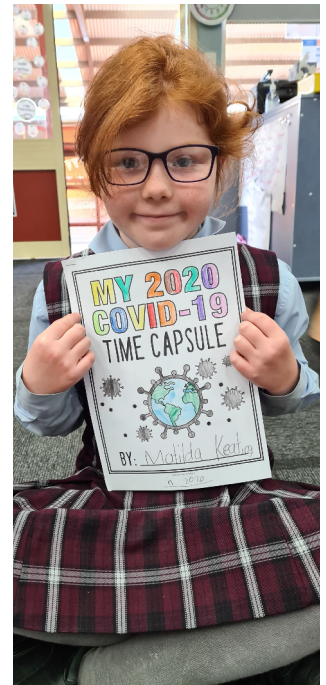
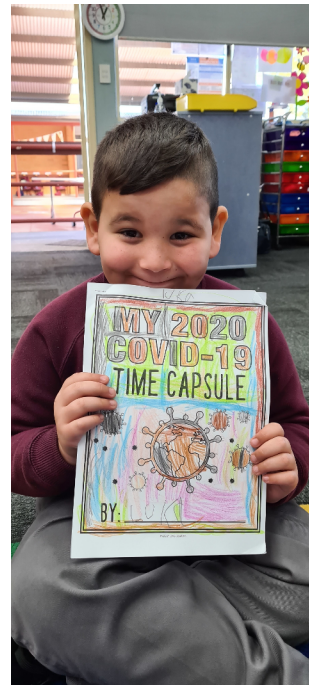
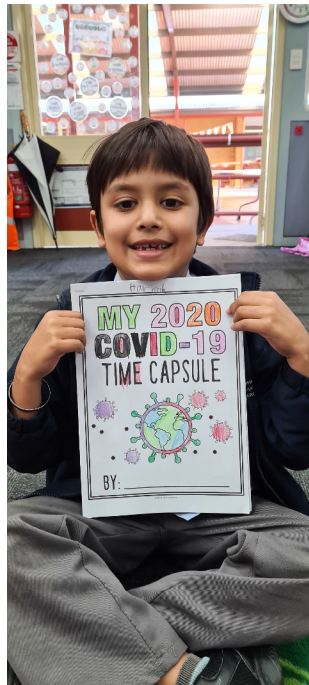
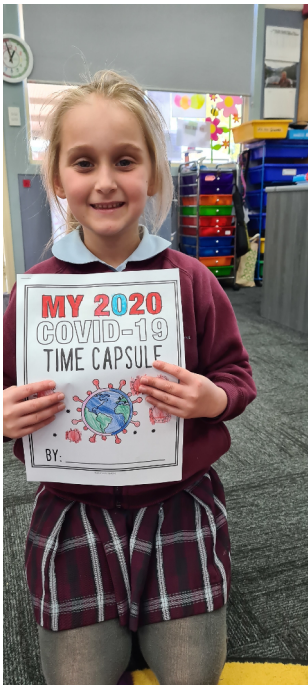


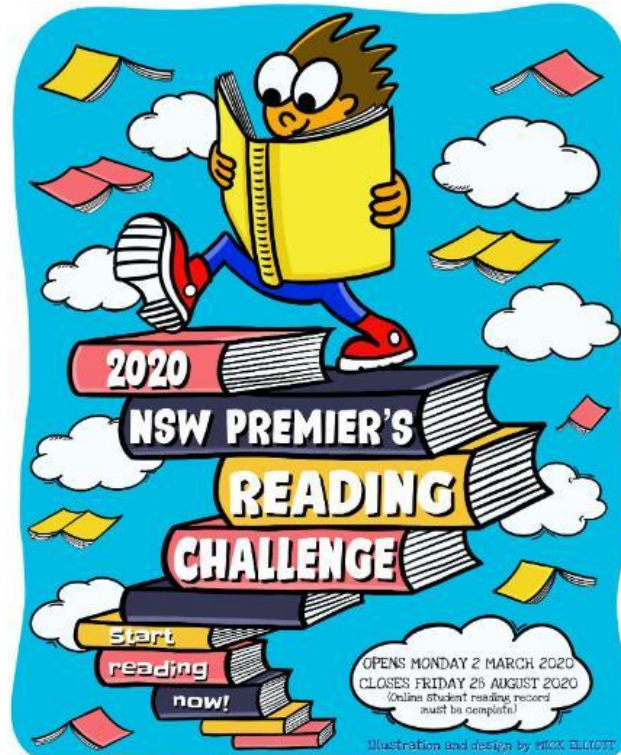
STAGE ONE

Stage One has been doing an excellent job learning online. We miss our teachers and friends. Our teachers miss us heaps too.

COVID-19 means we are living in very different times. As students are returning to school we have been making time capsules so in the future we can remember.

Written by Miss Jeffery and Marlee





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**OVERDUE BOOKS
FROM TERM 1/2020
NEED TO BE
RETURNED TO THE
CLASSROOM**



Mrs Abbott



REQUEST TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If your child needs to be administered medication at school (this includes any over the counter medications/creams), Parents/Carers are required to complete a '**Request to Administer Medication at School**' form completed and signed by the prescribing doctor (or a separate letter from the doctor can be submitted to the school office. The letter must state the child's name, class, type of medication, dose and the time it needs to be administered and be signed and dated by the doctor.

All medication must be in it's original labelled container.

'Request to Administer Medication at School' forms can be collected from the school office.

WE STILL HAVE A NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT HAVE NOT RETURNED THEIR UPDATED ASTHMA ACTION PLANS FOR 2020. THIS INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE SENT INTO THE OFFICE AS A MATTER OF URGENCY.

PARENTS/CARERS ARE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT ALL MEDICATION IS KEPT IN DATE AND THE OFFICE HAS A READY SUPPLY AT ALL TIMES

Thank you for your continued support

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How to install the SkoolBag app

instructions for parents and community

1. Get your favourite mobile device
2. Open the App Store/Play Store
3. Search for "SkoolBag"
4. Download the free app
5. Open the app and add your school(s)

for Apple users



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App Store

for Android users



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