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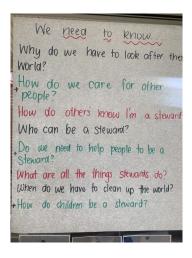
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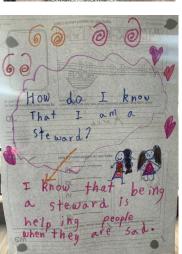
This term in Religious Education, Year 1 are focusing on the driving question:

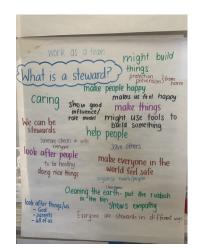
Why am I a steward for the world?

We have had Mr Baker come in to help us with our KNOWs and NEED TO KNOWS.









Click <u>here</u> to see the embodiment of us showing you our driving question.

We have had Mr Ken, a video from Carmen, Mr Nelson, and a few teachers from other schools share how they are stewards. These visits are helping us answer 'Who can be a steward?' as well as 'how do we care for other people?'

We have learnt SO much already and are really excited for the learning that we will do in the future as well!



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From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Successful Return to school

It has been wonderful welcoming the children back to school for face to face learning. It is clear to see from the expressions on both the teachers and children's faces just how much they appreciate being back together in their classrooms.

It has also been so wonderful to see the children meeting up with their friends and connecting with each other after such a long time. Since the students full time return to school, I have been overwhelmed by their positive attitude towards the learning that they have been engaged in at home and now back at school.

It is well known that there are two ways to look at life, positively or negatively. The choice is ours and there is always a choice, provided we take charge of our attitude. This COVID-19 context we are all experiencing together, has certainly put this to the test for us all. I would like to say a huge thank you to teachers and parents for your wonderful spirit and support of each other. Of course, I also say a huge congratulations to the students for their resilience, grit and 'have a go' attitude over the last months. COVID-19 has certainly presented teachers and parents with the opportunity to demonstrate for our children how we can maintain a positive and hope-filled attitude in adverse circumstances. Our attitude towards life determines life's attitude towards us. Attitude is contagious and when we have a positive attitude it gives energy to you and to those around you. This pandemic has made each of us feel vulnerable but at the same time it has invited us to appreciate a more simplified and pared back lifestyle, as well appreciate the importance of our social and family relationships.

As we start to move out of isolation and towards less restrictive socialisation, I wonder how we will continue the great work that we have done in building our children's positive attitude to life in 2020?

These suggestions may be of help:

- Are we offering our children encouraging and hope-filled thoughts?
- Are we leading our children to read and view positive material that will inspire them rather than worry them?
- Are we encouraging our children to be outward and hopeful in their thinking?
- There is much more to think about in life than themselves. Are we encouraging our children to focus on the 'good things' they have in life and to be content?

"May you arise each day with a voice of blessing whispering in your heart, that something good is going to happen to you. May you find harmony between your soul and your life. May there be kindness in your gaze when you look within.

May the presence of the Almighty be forever in you. Amen."

Surveys

Since our return to face-to-face teaching we have been surveying all our community stakeholders, students, teachers and parents in regards to their experience of remote on line learning so that we can learn from the experience and build upon the new learnings of students and teachers. A huge thank you to all our parents who have completed the survey. If you have not already had the opportunity to access t6he survey you can do so on the link.

Remote Learning Online

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Rock Garden

To celebrate our return to face to face teaching and the 'new normal' we wished to acknowledge that the students of Holy Family are the light within our school community, without their curious minds we would not exist. Each child and teacher across the school painted a rock to create a rock garden at the front entrance of the school with messages, symbols and colour to recognise that we all belong together at Holy Family. Keep watching Facebook for our posting showing the completed garden.

Semester One Reports for 2020

For Semester One, students will receive a report statement on Thursday 2nd July (second last day of Term 2) in-line with the guidelines from the NSW Government. Teachers will report on English, Mathematics and Religion and then supply a statement based on your child's learning dispositions. In Term 3 Parent/ Teacher interviews will be available for parents to further discuss your child's progress. Teachers will continue with face-to-face teaching and learning activities that include formative assessment opportunities.

Staff Development Day

Our next Staff Development Day or **PUPIL FREE DAY** is **Monday 22nd June 2020**. There will be no supervision of students on this day. We have been able to secure time with Mr Anthony Maher, resident theologian working with CEDP unpacking with staff the new draft Religious Education curriculum.

Sacramental Programs

I spoke to Fr Andrew after enquiries by some parents regarding the Sacramental Programs for 2020. Due to the current circumstances in regard to Covid-19, all sacramental programs have been postponed indefinitely until further notice. Together we wait in hope and prayer.

If you require any further information, please speak to John Portelli at the Parish Office. On 0497 190 444

Book Week

Every year children and adults all over Australia celebrate a week of children's literature with the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book Week. This week is set aside to recognise the awesome work that our Aussie authors and illustrators do to instill a love of books and reading in our children. This year the event will take place in Term 4 instead of Term 3 due to the impact of COVID-19. The new dates are October 17 - 23. The theme of Book Week this year is "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds". I encourage you to have a conversation with your child/children about the theme and what it could mean.

Kind regards,

Let us remember that as many hands build a house, so many hearts make this school.

Mrs Cheryl Fortini Principal



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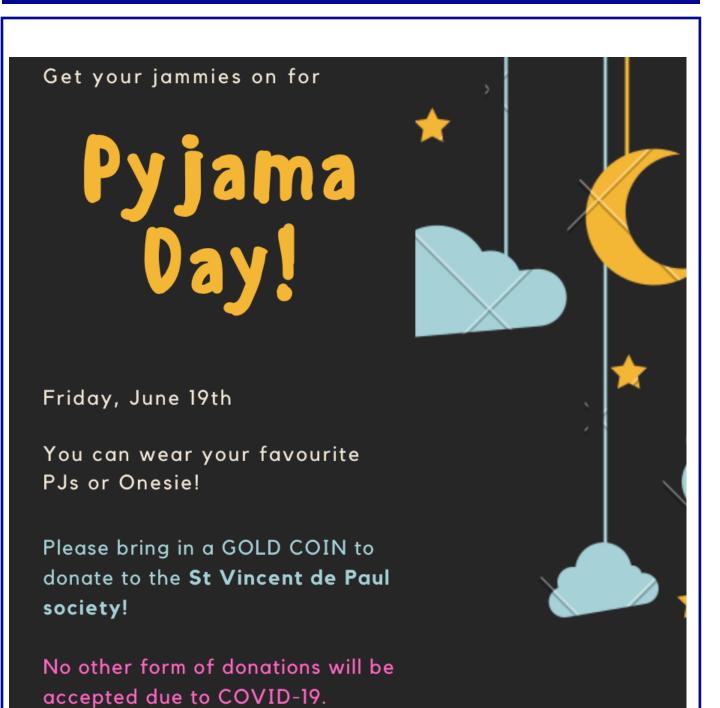
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STUDENT AWARDS

We congratulate Week 6 Term 2 Student of the Week Award recipients:

Kindy	Patrick Halabi	Kreesha Joshi
Year 1	Amelia Katrib	Oscar He
Year 2	Emelia Lum	Anthony El Boutty
Year 3	Jonathon El-Khoury	Cindy Chen
Year 4	Krista Kumar	Gabriel Aoun
Year 5	Tyson Vu	Ngor Mathiang
Year 6	Laura Spina	Taonga Tembo Siever

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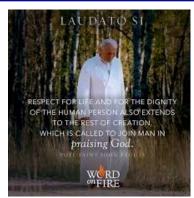
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Laudato Si Week

In Week 4 this term Holy Family celebrated Laudato Si week. Laudato Si is Latin and stands for "Praise be to You". These words are the title of an Encyclical that Pope Francis wrote in 2015 and in which he urges all people on this planet to look after the earth, our common home. He warns of the serious consequences if the pollution of air, water and land continues and calls for an 'ecological conversion'; this means that we should build a deep connection with nature so that we live in harmony with it, respect it and preserve it for future generations. In order to reflect on this encyclical all students of Holy Family participated in a prayer in which they reflected on the preciousness of the earth's resources such as clean water, clean air and the beauty of plants and animals.



This celebration of Laudato Si week provides a link to the topic of stewardship which all grades are exploring in Religious Education this term.

As part of the prayer students were engaged in an activity that demonstrates to them how precious water is.







"Make sure you don't spill a drop!"

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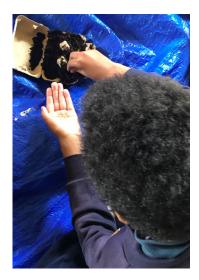


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They also planted some flower seeds which will be used in the school grounds once the flowers have grown.











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And we have a seedling!

Who can find it in the Picture?



Pyjama Day Friday 19 June, Gold Coin donations

School Photo Day has been moved to Term 4 Week 2

Any students leaving in 2020 must give 10 weeks written notice, a form is available from the office.

NEW Absentee Note System

Our new **SMS** absentee system has begun. If a teacher marks a student as 'Not Present' an SMS will go out to parents around 12 pm. Please click on the link in the SMS and follow the instruction, there is then no need to send a written note. If you need help please see Miss Keane in the office. Parents can also still use skoolbag app or send in notes with the student if they prefer or do not receive an SMS. All notes must be returned within **7 days** of the absence or the student will be marked as 'Unexplained, unjustified absence'.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday in June



Selemarie Anjoul	Gabriel Aoun
Jelina Boudolh	Anthony El Hayek
Tonia El Kadi	Jaycee El Kady
Sebastian Ghosn	Jacob Hallab
Michael Kamara	George Khawly
Izabella Khouri	Patrick Kpaka
Francois Marcos	Jack Nassar
David Niulala	Mel Isaac Palisoc
Ivana Pradhan	Anushka Raya
Liufau Saulala	Isha Shabbir
Amen Tewelde	Brianna Vu
Jordan Vu	Maddison Vu
Vinci Yick	Jing Yu
Dylan Zhang	Lucase Zheng

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