



Pentecost Sunday

The Coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-11)
 When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, "These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? We are from Parthia, Media, and Elam; from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia; from Pontus and Asia, from Phrygia and Pamphylia, from Egypt and the regions of Libya near

Cyrene. Some of us are from Rome, both Jews and Gentiles converted to Judaism, and some of us are from Crete and Arabia—yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!"



The great feast of Pentecost celebrates the birth of the Christian church. After Jesus' death and resurrection, Jesus' followers were afraid and alone – hiding from the Jews and meeting in secret. After the Holy Spirit came and filled them they changed and went out to the crowds and spoke bravely and with courage about all that Jesus had taught them. The same Holy Spirit continues to be alive in our church and fills us with the grace of God. The disciples had the courage to speak the truth about the Risen Lord - do we have the same courage to speak out in our world and at times be counter cultural?

Tongues of fire, flames of fire, lives set ablaze on the first Pentecost Sunday – and lives set ablaze to the end of time, while there are people open to the fire of the Holy Spirit, the "living Spirit...who resurrects and awakens everything that is..." (St. Hildegard of Bingen).

This time of year is full of rich feast days and celebrations within our church.

Trinity Sunday- 27th May

This marks the end of the many weeks which were taken up with the celebration of and reflection on the 'Paschal Mystery'. It began with Ash Wednesday, went through Lent, the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, the weeks following Easter and culminating in Pentecost and the handing on of Jesus' mission to his Church.

Traditionally the transition into ordinary time is commemorated each year by our celebration of the Feast of the Holy Trinity.

The doctrine of the Trinity is one of the most fundamental in our Christian faith but it is also a doctrine which many of us have difficulty coming to terms with. We often refer to it as a 'mystery' and therefore something which can be affirmed but is not to be understood and need not be explained. "Just believe it," is something people may be told. I always think about the Trinity in terms of water (God- life giving), ice (Jesus- changed in appearance, yet still water) and steam (Holy Spirit- changed in appearance again, and not always visible to us except through signs like the appearance

of condensation). These three states of existence are all present but they are the same substance- water.

The Body and Blood of Christ Sunday- 3rd June

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday or, as in Australia, on the Sunday following that feast.

This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ: the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist.

At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is

present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.

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Our Lady Help of Christians - 24th May

In 1815, the feast and special title were introduced by Pope Pius VII in thanksgiving for being liberated by Napoleon. It is also a special day of significance in Australia, because in 1844 the bishops nominated Mary as a special patron of our country under this title.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.

Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness.



Principal’s Message

Staff Development Day

A reminder to parents that Friday 8th June is a Pupil Free Day and parents will need to make alternative care arrangements for their children on this day.

Teachers will be engaging in professional learning to support the teaching of Religious Education

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

Each year, schools are required to report to the federal government, information on learning adjustments made for students. This data will be collected by our learning support team over the coming weeks. Please find a link to further information about the [Nationally Consistent Collection of Data](#).

School Photos are on Thursday, 31st May. Please remember to return your photo envelopes to school before the day. Students will need to wear their new uniform or the summer uniform if they are still in the older style.

Enrolments 2019

A reminder that Enrolments for Kindergarten in 2019 are now being accepted. If you have a child due to start school next year or know of a family with a child who may be ready to start school, please collect an enrolment form from the office and return it to the school as soon as possible. Enrolment forms need to be returned to the school by the end of May. We currently have over 90 application forms out in the community, which may mean that we will need to have a waiting list. We cannot guarantee places for families who do not have their enrolment forms in by the end of May.

National Sorry Day



“We apologise for the laws and policies of successive Parliaments and governments that have inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians...For the pain, suffering and hurt of these Stolen Generations, their descendants and for their families left behind, we say sorry.” Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, 13 February 2008

On our pathway towards reconciliation, Sorry Day on 26th May is an important moment to remember the past policies of forced child removal. Here, we reflect on the sad and painful history of the Stolen Generations and recognise moments of

resilience, healing and the power of saying Sorry.

Did you know?

- The first Sorry Day was held on 26th May 1998— exactly one year after the Bringing Them Home Report was presented to the Parliament.
- The Bringing Them Home Report was the result of an inquiry into the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, and recommends both an apology to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and reparations.
- The term “Stolen Generations” refers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians who were forcibly removed, as children, from their families by government, welfare or church authorities and placed into institutional care or with non-Indigenous foster families.
- The forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children began as early as the mid-1800s and continued until the 1970s.
- Tasmania is the only state that has introduced a reparation scheme specifically for members of the Stolen Generations.

“In true reconciliation, through the remembering, the grieving and the healing we can come to terms with our conscience and become as one in the dreaming of this land.” Evelyn Scott Chairperson, Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, 27 May 2000

REMINDERS:

- ◇ Photo Envelopes to be returned to school before Photo Day next Thursday, 31st May.
- ◇ Return K2019 Enrolment paperwork

Assistant Principal's Update

Uniforms

It's great to see so many of our students, with the support of their parents, working hard to consistently wear the correct school uniform. Well done, keep up the good work!

OLR Uniform Policy

School Attendance

In the Gonski 2.0 Report that was published recently one of the 3 priorities that were expressed in the recommendations for schooling in Australia was to **Deliver at least one years growth in learning for every student every year.**

In order to support this priority, as a school community, we can start with all our students being present at school everyday.

After analysing our attendance data for Term 1, this is an area for us all to work on. While we have a number of students across the school who had 100% attendance for Term 1,

congratulations to those students, 88.9% of students had some form of absence, which in turn impacts their learning.

We all need to remember that **ATTENDANCE = ACHIEVEMENT**
Research has shown that:

There is a direct link between attendance and achievement in all areas. Poor attendance is cumulative and has long term impacts. Decline in attendance often leads to early school exit, which is then linked to decreased life expectancy.

Attendance matters-Studies show that children who miss too many days in Kindergarten and Year One can struggle academically in later years, particularly if they miss 10% of school days. This can be just two days a month and can build up before you know it.

How can you help:

- *set regular bedtime and morning routines
- *plan family holidays during school holidays
- *schedule your child's medical and dental appointments before or after school
- *make sure your child/children come to school everyday unless they are truly unwell
- * have a backup plan for getting your child/children to school e.g. car pool

Make sure your child arrives at school before the bell at 8:55 and completes each day of learning, i.e. until the 3:15 bell in the afternoon.

As a school we are striving to improve whole school attendance with the support of the whole community: students, parents/carers and staff.

Religious Education Co-Ordinator's Update

Mother's Day Celebrations

We had a wonderful time celebrating all the special women in our lives. We hope all Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunties and the like felt special and uplifted by the Liturgy and special morning tea. A special thanks to Amber Trench for organising the yummy cupcakes, and the Year 2 grade parents for setting up and helping to serve morning tea!

National Reconciliation Week 27th May - 3rd June

This year during National Reconciliation Week, Reconciliation Australia invites all Australians to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories, to share that knowledge and help us grow as a nation. The theme for 2018, "Don't

Keep History A Mystery: Learn. Share. Grow" explores history hidden just beneath the surface, ready and waiting to be uncovered.

We will be celebrating Reconciliation Week with a special Liturgy during our afternoon assembly next Monday 28th May at 2:30pm. Please join us.

Gold Star Awards *(Please see Star Awards over the page)*

Oliver is a very kind and caring member of 4 Blue. He always greets you with a beautiful smile and is a wonderful classroom helper, always offering assistance to anyone in need. Oliver is a respectful responsible learner who always does his best. He is a wonderful role model to others and he should be very proud of his efforts.

Max is a valuable member of Year 3. He is a confident and conscientious student. He is a respectful, responsible learner who always makes good choices and is prepared to do his personal best in everything. Max is to be congratulated on receiving a, well deserved, Gold Star Award.

Lacey is a gentle and caring student who always speaks and acts with kindness. She is a wonderful friend to everyone, always helping others who are in need. Lacey knows and plays by the school rules and happily lets others join in her games. She makes good choices and is always prepared to do her best. Lacey is a positive role model for others and is a delight to have in 2 Blue.

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<i>My Behaviour Impacts the Learning of others</i>			
Term 1/2			
Week 5		Week 6	
Monday 28/05	Reconciliation Week Liturgy & Assembly 2.30pm	Monday 04/06	Yr 5B & 5G CARES excursion
Tuesday 29/05	Band DBB Cross Country Kinder 2019 Interviews	Tuesday 05/06	Band Yr 5R CARES excursion Kinder 2019 Interviews
Wednesday 30/05	Playgroup Kinder 2019 Interviews Debating @ Wyoming	Wednesday 06/06	Playgroup Kinder 2019 Interviews
Thursday 31/05	SCHOOL PHOTOS	Thursday 07/06	
Friday 01/06		Friday 08/06	SDD (Pupil Free Day)
Saturday 02/06		Saturday 09/06	Parish Mass
Sunday 03/06		Sunday/ Monday 10 & 11/06	MONDAY, 11TH Queen's Birthday Long Weekend

Star Point Awards



Molly P, Joshua V, Sonny P,
Declan A, Kai H

Imogen McK, Jai T, Easton R
Isabella Y, Ava W, Zaira K-W,

Lacey S, Oliver O'N
Max K-S

Canteen Update

CANTEEN ROSTER				
28 th May	29 th May	30 th May	21 st May	1 st June
Travis R Sarah F*	Lauren S	Joan C*, Robyn Mc Gillian R	Amanda B Brianna D	Priscilla P, Megan J Shannon M*
4 th June	5 th June	6 th June	7 th June	8 th June
Kelly G	Sharn S	Desley G-B* Kristie D*, Kristie S^	Jodie G* Kylie S^	Alicia O* Jo M, Jessica S
11 th June	12 th June	13 th June	14 th June	15 th June
Rebecca K	Christine E Jane H*	Joan C*, Gillian R	Sally G	Amber W*, Shannon M* Michelle R, Felicia W

Hi All

For this term we will have Mac N Cheese available for lunch orders for \$4.00,. This has always been a big crowd fav and a perfect warmer for cold tummies!



Please remind your children that if they have a toastie for lunch it must come in the lunch crate with the lunch orders in the morning,. We are unable to toast it if it has been in their bag all day.

Amber

Year 6 Canberra Trip
 Our Year 6 students, teachers and Principal headed off to Canberra early this morning. We wish them a safe trip. Have fun, enjoy learning all you can about our Government and our history and the time spent together. We look forward to hearing of your adventures when you return.

Forgiveness

Respect

Justice

Learning