



OUR KINDY AND PP STUDENTS LOVING THE NEW HOSPITAL HOME CORNER



"Strength through Christ"

*Respect  
Compassion  
Safety  
Responsibility*

Wednesday 20 May 2020  
Week 4, Term 2

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

#### Mary Help of Christians Feast Day

The feast day of Our Lady Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia on 24<sup>th</sup> May since 1844, but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800s. Pope Pius VII was imprisoned by Napoleon Bonaparte in the early 1800s and swore that if he was ever released, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary. The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on May 24, 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome. Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24 May.

The infant Church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. In those early and mostly priestless days, it was largely the Rosary that kept the faith alive. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary, and was the first nation to choose her, under the title of Help of Christians, as Principal Patron.

Mary holds a special place in the Church for all Catholic Australians. To rejoice in Mary is to celebrate God's greatest creation - the vessel he fashioned to be his own mother, the woman who would bear him into the world. In the life of the "*handmaid of the Lord*," we learn what it means to say "yes" to life in the Lord and to discover in him the meaning of life. This Sunday, I encourage you to dedicate a special prayer to Mary on her feast day. To help you reflect, below is a list of 5 things we can learn from Mary.

1. To trust god completely
2. To be humble
3. The importance of perseverance
4. Kindness and unselfishness
5. To rejoice and be grateful

#### Casuals For Catholics Fundraiser

Thank you to all students and families for supporting our 'Casuals For Catholics' fundraiser yesterday. We have donated all money raised (\$81.00) to St. Vincent de Paul.

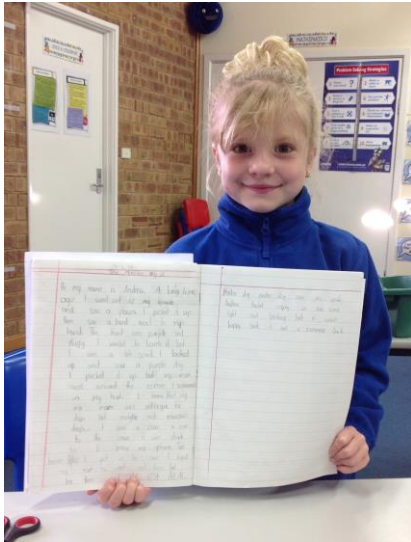
#### Milo Meeting

I enjoyed a fruitful meeting last week with three of our Year 6 student leaders (Alex, Lachlan, Dane). Topics of discussion included ideas for new playground equipment and some great comments that will help guide us in our review of our school values, which is underway. It is great to have students contributing ideas and suggestions through this forum.

God Bless,

Brett Wilkie

## GOOD NEWS CORNER



We have all noticed the tremendous progress that Sienna has made with her writing. This page especially caught my eye for being so neat, with correct punctuation. Well done Sienna!



Welcome to Rose and Mia, our newest members of the Year 3/4 Class.

Happy Birthday

Seb TODAY 20 May  
Trent Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

- **Seeking Donations-** if you have any of the following items and could spare them, we would love to have them for our early childhood play area: PVC pipes, nautical rope, shells, fishing nets, old buoys/floats, old crab nets etc.
- **Public Holiday/Pupil Free Day-** please keep in mind that we have a short week coming up soon, as Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June is a public holiday and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June is a pupil-free day.
- **Parents Restricted From Being On School Grounds-** a reminder that we are still required to request that parents do not come onto school grounds, due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Parents may come to the front office only and should observe social distancing requirements at pick-up and drop-off times please.



Students enjoying free dress for 'Casuals for Catholics'.

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