



OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS AFTER THEIR CLASS MASS



*Respect
Compassion
Safety
Responsibility*

Wednesday 10 June 2020
Week 7, Term 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

PBS Pillars- Focus on Respect and Greeting Others

As you may know, we are a PBS school (Positive Behaviour in Schools). This PBS program involves us as staff actively teaching and modelling the behaviours that we expect from our students, as well as teaching routines and procedures that ensure an orderly environment where learning is the focus. Sometimes, as teachers (and possibly as parents) we are very quick to reprimand or punish children when they behave the 'wrong way'. This, however, has limited value if the child is not aware of a suitable alternative- we need to remember that children often need the better choice explicitly taught and demonstrated to them.

Our PBS is focused around 4 key 'pillars': Safety, Respect, Compassion and Responsibility. Each fortnight, as a school we focus on one of these pillars and a specific area of behaviour relating to that pillar. At the Monday Assembly, we discuss and model the expected focus behaviour, which is then reinforced and rewarded in class and around the school. This week, for instance, the focus is on the pillar of 'respect' and the specific behaviour of greeting others. We know that if a child arrives at school and is greeted warmly by many people they meet, they are much more likely to have a good day. Even as adults, if we are greeted warmly when we visit a business, for example, we are much more likely to purchase something and to return there, so there is real power in greeting others. The good news is, greeting people can be very simple to do! We teach the children that simple gestures like winking, thumbs up, high fives (or elbow taps in pandemic times) can have a big impact. We also encourage students to use people's names when greeting them and to not allow anyone to walk past them in the morning without a warm greeting. I encourage you to remind your child about this focus at home and even practice it as a family and in the community.

Condolences to the Ellis Family

Please keep the Ellis family in your prayers, as they are grieving the loss of Gavin, a much-loved brother and uncle.

Class Masses Return

We are very excited to be able to reinstate our Class Masses, with the easing of some of the COVID-19 restrictions. It will be fantastic to have the students be a regular presence in the Church again. Our Year 6 students attended Mass today. Coming up will be:

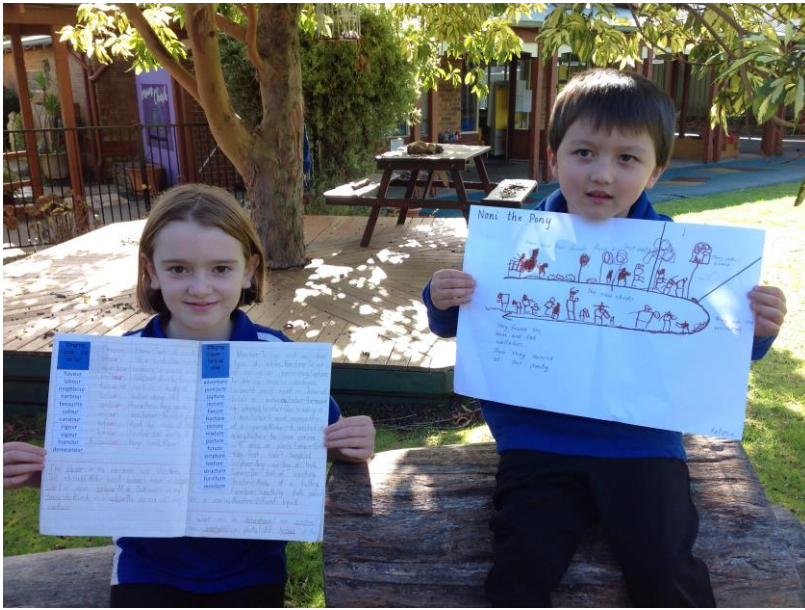
- Wednesday Week 8, 17th June: Year 3 & 5 Class Mass
- Wednesday Week 10, 1st July: Year 4 Class Mass and Reconciliation

We look forward to hopefully being able to celebrate Whole School Masses again next term.

God Bless,

Brett Wilkie

GOOD NEWS CORNER



Well done to Tessa and Kelvin, who are being acknowledged this week for some outstanding work! Tessa has been doing some extremely neat and accurate work in her Spelling book and Kelvin made this very detailed mind-map of the Noni the Pony story. Well done to both of you and keep up the excellent work!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Joshua Ebsary
Tuesday 16th June



IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

- **Canteen-** Canteen is back! Each Tuesday, students may now order their lunch. You should have already received a revised Canteen Roster for Term 3 and 4. Thank you for support of our Canteen.
- **COVID-19 Restrictions-** last week, you should have received a letter explaining the easing of some COVID-19 restrictions relating to schools. If you have any questions or didn't receive the letter, please get in touch with us.

Some recent school highlights:



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