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News from Mrs Hey

Dear Parents,

This is the last newsletter for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support in what has been an unusual year. We have been reflecting on the year with the students and hope you enjoy these reflections which will be coming home with their reports.

Due to Covid restrictions this year, a number of events will need to be modified. Our end of year Mass will not be able to take place in the usual format. As a result, we will be holding an outdoor prayer liturgy for *students only* on Friday 11th December. We will record this event and post it on Seesaw. This prayer liturgy will be an opportunity to celebrate the amazing year that we have had and to give thanks to our Lord for all his blessings. We will also take this opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful partnership between home and school of our Christ Centred community that has achieved so much this year, particularly in the face of such adversity.

Our Christmas concert will also look different this year. The children will be performing an item in their class/ grade groups which will be filmed. Children will be asked to wear Christmas gear on the day of their filming. This will be advised via Seesaw. The link will be sent so that you can dress in your Christmas gear and watch the concert together at home as a family.

The joyous Christmas season is upon us and last Sunday was the start of Advent.

During the First Week of Advent, we watch and pray, awaiting the Lord's coming. As we enter the Church's new year, the season of Advent reminds us that we can look forward to and prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. It is a season of so many things: of expectation, reflection, hope and trust. We are constantly in a state of expectation, always in advent, so much so that we can miss the present moment where, inevitably, God will be.

Kind regards,
Cathy Hey
Principal

End of year school reports

Semester 2 reports will be going home next week. If you would like to discuss your child's report, please make an appointment via the office to meet with the class teacher.

Students to meet their 2021 teacher

Children will have an opportunity to meet their 2021 teacher on Tuesday 15th December. At this meeting they will be given information about the resources they will need for next year and also the MAI appointment information.



Evacuation Drill



Each term we hold an emergency drill to ensure our procedures are smooth in case of a real emergency. Our Term 4 drill was held last Friday where we were able to safely evacuate the entire school to the Emmaus oval within 5 minutes!

Year 6 end of year celebrations –

- ◆ Wednesday 9th December is the year 6 Fun Day followed by the disco from 5pm-7pm.
- ◆ Tuesday 15th December (6:30pm) is the Year 6 Graduation Mass at Holy Spirit, St Clair church. Please remember to send in the list of the attendees as soon as possible.
- ◆ Wednesday 16th December at 12 noon is the Farewell Circle. This year it will be held outside with Year 6 parents only in attendance. At the conclusion of the Farewell Circle, the Year 6 students may leave with their parents.

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2020

COVID—19

COVID 19 Important Self Isolation Information Advice about how to manage self-isolation, particularly with siblings, is available from NSW Health and from the Western Sydney Local Health District Community Resources website. Importantly:

- A student should not come to school if they are unable to isolate from a sibling or family member who is a confirmed close contact of COVID-19.
- Where families find it difficult to isolate siblings from other family members who are a confirmed close contacts of someone with COVID-19, the sibling should not attend school during the period of isolation;
- If a parent/carer is unable to isolate effectively from a child identified as a close contact, they should not attend work during the close contact's isolation period. Family members of close contacts are asked to keep a very close watch for COVID-19 symptoms and follow medical advice.

COVID-19 symptoms



Fever



Cough



Sore throat



Shortness of breath



Loss of smell



Loss of taste

Stay Safe



Clean your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser



Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or your elbow. Put the tissue in the bin and wash your hands

M.A.I Mathematical Assessment Interviews

At the beginning of the 2021 school year the teachers at Trinity will again be administering the Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI) from Year 1 to Year 6. This is a 1:1 interview with a student and takes approximately 30 minutes. The information gathered from this assessment will assist the teacher's knowledge of where the students are in their understanding of number. Later this term, families will receive a login code to use with the school interview online booking tool to organise an appointment time. The MAI interviews will take place on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th January 2021. Please note that all interviews will be held in the 2021 learning spaces. Any child who is not assessed at one of these opportunities will be assessed as soon as possible in the first weeks of school.

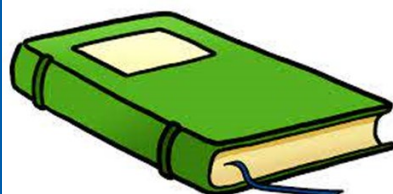
Notification if moving from Trinity

We have healthy enrolments for most classes in 2021 and now have waiting lists for some classes. In fairness to these families we ask you to let us know, in writing, if you are changing schools for 2021. If you know of anyone considering a Catholic school education for their child at Trinity from 2021, in any grade, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible to assist us with our planning.

Readers and Library Books

Please check at home for any overdue books.

Could all Guided Readers, books from class Browser Boxes and all Library books please be returned to school by next week. This will allow Mrs Micallef to ensure that all resources are ready for next year.



Last Day of 2021

The last school day for students for 2020 will be Wednesday December 16th. Staff will attend school on December 17th and 18th for professional learning.

2021 Dates

Wednesday 27th January – Mathematical Assessment Interview by appointment

Thursday 28th January - Mathematical Assessment Interview by appointment

Friday 29th January – Years 1-6 start

Monday 1st February – Kinders start

News from the LARC

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



tudents can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, a piece of poetry, book, e-book or animated novel.

Taking part in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is easy! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of two Chromebooks or one of 30 runner-up gift vouchers to the value of \$30. Students can enter [online](#) by visiting the CEDP website.

Entries open on **23 November 2020** and close at 5:00pm on 1 February 2021. Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#).



OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

Please return any overdue library books to the LARC as soon as possible to avoid getting a late notice and fee.

Tech tips:



Helping your children stay safe while browsing the internet.

Set Rules - Create a standard for your child to know what kind of content they should be looking at/sharing while they are on the internet. Encourage them to use the same behaviour online that they would use in real life. Encourage your child to browse the web in a shared or visible place at home and explore the internet with them.

Teach- Teach your child how to deal with any inappropriate content or messages they come across using block or mute functions as well as reporting it. If necessary quit the webpage or shut down the device. This also includes teaching your child how to tell a trusted adult.

Remind - Remind your children about the importance of private information staying private online and how private information can be used to identify them.

R.E.D Journal Annual Collection

All RED Journals will be collected on Wednesday 9th December 2020, then they will be readministered next year. Please ensure that your child has their RED Journal in their school bag every day. During the school holidays, all students are encouraged to participate in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge. Reading during the holidays is important to consolidate gains made and maintain reading confidence. When children stop reading for extended periods they often take a few steps backwards in their reading improvement. For this reason it is important to encourage children to keep reading for enjoyment during the holidays. Please view the recent Reading Workshops posted on SeeSaw for further information about reading. These workshops answer common questions often asked by parents such as: Why is daily reading so important? How can I help my child become a successful reader? and My child doesn't want to read, how can I encourage them to read more?

Keep on reading,
Mrs Gauci
Literacy Leader

ICAS



Well done to all of the children who participated in the 2020 ICAS exams; John, Tamishay, Mehtaab, Zac, Jordan, Lucinda, Thomas, Sienna, Lucena and Chase. We achieved pleasing results in Spelling, English, Mathematics, Digital Technologies and Science ranging from participation, credits to distinctions. A special mention to Thomas and Chase for receiving distinctions in English and Spelling



Jeremiah	6	Aidan	9
Montana	7	Riley	9
Sienna	7	Jesse	10
Braxton	7	Millicent	11
Abigael	8	Olivia	11
Ella	8	Klara	11
Keira	8	Shailea	12
Indiana	8	Anastasia	12





St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Those who are generous are blessed for they share their bread with the poor. (Proverbs 22:9)

Christmas is fast approaching and it is a time of hope and joy for most families. However, this year has been particularly tough for some families.

To help restore some hope to families in need, we are holding a Christmas Hamper item appeal for the St Vincent De Paul Society. The students are asked to bring one or more items from the list below.

These will be put together in hampers for families in need to help them to have a happy Christmas Day

Please read the list below and donate any non perishable items to support the appeal

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Please check the expiry date of the items you send in and ensure that the items are unopened and not damaged. We will be collecting items until the end of week 8 Friday, 4th December.

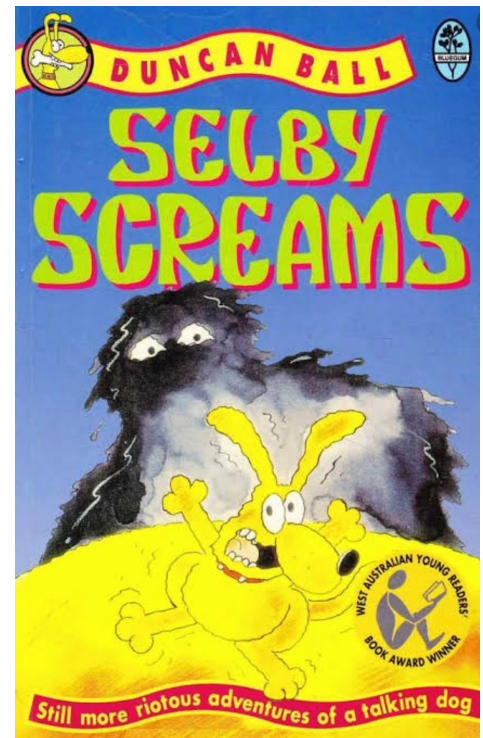
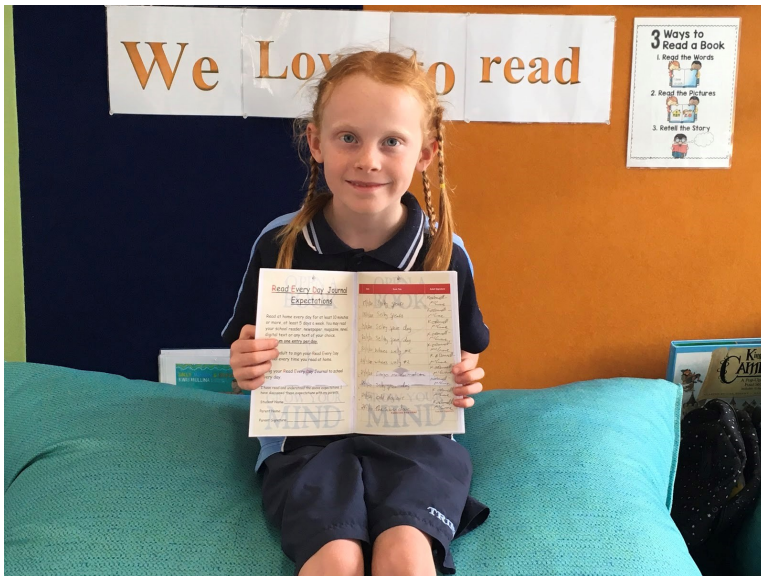
Thank you so much for your Support
Rina Hibbs
Religious Education Coordinator



OUR READING STAR THIS WEEK IS:

Ella

Year 2



Interview with Ella conducted by Mrs Gauci.

Mrs Gauci: What books do you like reading?

Ella: I like books with imaginative stories inside. I really enjoy reading chapter books with no pictures inside, that way I can use my own imagination to create the pictures.

Mrs Gauci: Can you name a book that you recently enjoyed reading?

Ella: I have been reading the 'Selby' series by Duncan Ball. I loved the book 'Selby Screams' the most. Selby, the main character, goes on a lot of adventures. In this book, the postman is missing and hasn't been seen for a few weeks. Selby is going for a walk and the postman climbs out of a hole. Selby thinks the postman is a monster so Selby screams.

Mrs Gauci: What do you enjoy most about going to the LARC?

Ella: There are lots of great books in the LARC. You get to choose the books that you want, then return it and get a new book the next time you visit.

Mrs Gauci: Where do you like to read at home?

Ella: At home I like to read in the bedrooms - my bedroom or my parent's bedroom.

Mrs Gauci: Who do you like to read with?

Ella: I like to read by myself the most. Sometimes I read with my dad and my mum reads with my sister who is starting Kindergarten next year. When I was little my mum and dad read to me a lot and I loved that time, as it has made me love books now.

Mrs Gauci: Why do you love to read?

Ella: Reading helps me to learn new things and be what I want to be. I can imagine anything I want. Reading helps my imagination, but watching TV doesn't. When I read I get to use my imagination and create my own pictures in my head.



PBS4L



PBS4L stands for Positive Behaviour 4 Learning.
At Trinity we agree to 3 PBS4L expectations:

We are **SAFE**
We are **RESPECTFUL**
We are **LEARNERS**

Current Goanna goal: We are respectful.

As 2020 draws to a close we are having a focus on respect across the school. Excitement is in the air as Christmas and the end of the year draws closer so explicit teachings around what respect looks like has been important.

Each grade has picked a different focus area from the respect matrix to use as their Goanna Goal for the rest of the year. Year 1 have been working hard on 'We look after our own, our peers, and the schools equipment' as they build responsibility around their work environment as they get ready for Year 2.

It has been great to see more Mamre awards going out in the last few assemblies and we hope to see more awards tomorrow and next Friday too!

In the next two weeks, we will also be seeing our 2020 Gold Award winners having their morning tea with Mrs Hey and the winning house for Term 4 having their reward session for earning the most paw-prints cards.

Thank you to all the parents for your ongoing support of PBS4L at Trinity this year.

Thank You!



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

2021 Sacramental Preparation



Early bookings can be made online thru the Parish Website
commencing mid December 2020
www.holyspiritstclair.com.au

CONFIRMATION (Year 5)

- Parent Information & Catechesis - online link will be provided
- Preparation Sessions will be in February (3 weeks)
- Confirmation Masses: Sat 6 March (11.30am, 2.30pm) TBC ; 7 March (11.30am, 2.30pm) TBC

FIRST RECONCILIATION (Year 3)

- Parent Information & Catechesis - online link will be provided
- Preparation Sessions will be in May (3 weeks)
- First Reconciliation: 22, 24, 27, 29 May

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4)

- Parent Information & Catechesis - online link will be provided
- Preparation Sessions will be end July/August (3 weeks)
- First Communion Masses: 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 August

PLEASE NOTE : THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO ANY FURTHER COVID -19 RESTRICTIONS.

NOTE: Children with special needs are most welcome to join the preparation.

For all enquiries contact the Parish Office:

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Merry Christmas!

**COME CELEBRATE THE
REASON FOR THE SEASON**



Thu 24 Dec: 6pm, 8pm, 10pm, 12mn

Fri 25 Dec: 8am, 9.30am



Holy Spirit Parish

5 Todd Row, St Clair 2759 NSW

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. To register:

<https://holyspiritstclair.eventbrite.com.au>

*Eventbrite registration will close 24 hours
before the event*

All are Welcome!

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