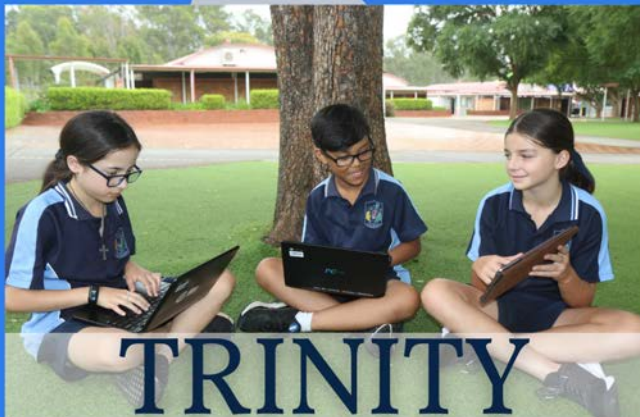




NEWS FROM TRINITY

MARCH 2022 / MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first of our monthly newsletters for 2022. We have an exciting few weeks coming up. Next week (week 7) we celebrate Catholic Schools Week and will have our annual Open Day for new enrolments. Catholic Schools Week is a celebration of our faith, our school and our community. It is a special time which encourages schools to showcase the many learning opportunities available to students, and celebrate our unique Catholic schools. Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools - students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community.

If you know of someone interested in a quality Catholic education for their child, please let them know about our Open Day on March 10th and the evening on March 14th. Word of mouth is the most powerful reference, so please spread the word about our wonderful community.



I hope you have all had the chance to look at the Parent Information videos that were shared with you on Seesaw a few weeks ago. If you have any questions the classroom teacher should always be your first port of call. I commend the teachers for their professionalism, creativity and dedication in preparing these presentations.



NEWS FROM MRS HEY

The Opening School Mass last week was a lovely celebration. We appreciate Fr Peter for celebrating such a beautiful Mass and for his blessings upon the year ahead. Thank you to Mrs Calderwood, our Religious Education Co-ordinator (REC) for coordinating our celebration and to the Trinity staff for their efforts in making the morning so special.

Congratulations to the Year 6 student leaders who were inducted into their leadership roles at this Mass. It was a delight to welcome our Year 6 parents on site for this celebration.

NUT AWARE

We have several children at Trinity who have severe allergies to nut products and therefore we request that parents do not send any food with nuts to school. Thank you for your support.



MAMRE MEETING

Our first Mamre meeting for the year will be on Monday 21st, March at 6.30pm via zoom. The Mamre meeting is for parents to come along and be involved in the school in various ways. We have a number of fun social and fundraising events that can only happen with the help of parents and we are always looking for new ideas and volunteers. At the Term 1 meeting we will discuss the Mothers' Day stall and proposed social events such as a bush dance or games night for later in the year. This is a great way for parents to get to know each other, and attending doesn't mean you will be stuck with a job to do!

ASSESSMENT

At Trinity, assessment of each child's learning plays an important role in ensuring that teaching is matched to their learning needs. When assessing, the teachers collect, analyse and record information about the children's progress in their learning. While assessment occurs across all grades throughout the year, we place a particular focus on the early years of their formal schooling. Over the first few weeks of this term, teachers have been assessing the children's literacy and numeracy abilities. Kindergarten and Year 1 children also complete the Literacy Early Years Assessment (EYA) during term 1. These assessments allow the teachers to individually assess each child, learn about how they think, and to find out what they know and can do in literacy and numeracy. The information gathered from these assessments assists the teachers to plan learning experiences that best support the children's abilities and needs

WHY IS MY CHILD'S TEACHER OUT OF CLASS?

Like professionals in other fields, all teachers are required to keep up to date with current thinking on best practices and new developments in all curriculum areas. From time to time teachers are required to attend professional development opportunities to learn about changes to curriculum, new methods of teaching and learning and other ways of integrating technology. These sessions sometimes occur during the day, after school or in the school holidays. Teachers are also given time at the beginning of the year to conduct assessments to pinpoint your child's learning needs

Some teachers also have additional responsibilities which benefit the whole school. At times, teachers are also required at diocesan events etc. Teachers also have entitlements such as sick leave, long service leave, maternity leave, bereavement leave, jury duty etc. Consequently, there will be times when your child's teacher is absent from the classroom. On these days the teacher's program and day plan is followed. Teachers on a grade work closely together allowing the grade partners to liaise with the casual teacher so that good teaching and learning continues and routines are kept. We thank you for your support in this area.



SCHOOL CAPTAINS



Ahlynka



Zachery



Larissa



Matthew

HOUSE CAPTAINS

MATTHEW

Gabriella
Finn

MARK

Amelia
Joseph

LUKE

Charisma
Nathan

JOHN

Marissa
Beau

IT TEAM

Gabi, Dylan, Bodell, Ashton, Mia,
Alexis, Justin & Kobe

MISSION TEAM

Anthony, Scarlett, Ezekial,
Ella, Owen, Abigail, Sabrina & Mario

ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM

Chantel, Chanel & Jasmine



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS WITH MRS CALDERWOOD



Welcome to the 2022 school year! I look forward to working in partnership with yourselves and your children this year. With the beginning of a new school year, we are reminded of our mission within the Trinity community. Each one of us brings unique gifts and talents that together bring love and compassion to this wonderful community. I encourage you to be actively involved in opportunities to grow our faith and work in partnership with the school and our Parish in order to continue to build and maintain strong relationships and connections.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS WITH MRS CALDERWOOD

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

Our Opening School Mass was celebrated on Friday 25th February in our hall by Father Peter. Due to the wet weather, only Years 5 & 6 attended to pray for God's blessing on the school year and welcome Kindergarten, new staff, and students from across the grades to Trinity Primary School. The theme of our mass was based on the Gospel reading of "The Mustard Seed". This seed is one of the smallest, yet the tree which grows from this seed is one of the largest. Just as tall trees from tiny seeds can grow, so can we all contribute to the lives of those around us - through small acts of kindness and love - making a difference so large we may not even recognise.



COMMISSIONING OF STUDENT LEADERS

The Year Six Leadership Ceremony was held at the end of the Opening School Mass. At this ceremony, the Year 6 leaders were presented with their badges and inducted into their 2022 leadership roles. We ask for God's blessings as they undertake this important role at Trinity

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS WITH MRS CALDERWOOD

SHROVE TUESDAY

Today, the 1st March is Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Tuesday) is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. It's a day of penitence and a day of celebration as traditionally it was the last chance to feast before Lent began. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So traditionally Shrove Tuesday was the last chance to indulge yourself and to use up the foods that weren't allowed in Lent. In the old days, there were many foods that observant Christians would not eat during Lent: foods such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on a Tuesday and eat up all the foods that wouldn't last the forty days of Lent without going off. For this reason, pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats, and milk in the house with just the addition of flour.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS WITH MRS CALDERWOOD

ASH WEDNESDAY

Tomorrow, Wednesday 2nd March is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The Season of Lent is the 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included in the count) and is a time of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday is the day for us to take stock of our spiritual lives and we are encouraged to attend Mass on this day in order to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. As Lent begins, we should set out specific spiritual goals we would like to reach before Easter and decide how we will pursue them – for instance receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To celebrate the beginning of Lent all students will attend an Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word.



During the liturgy the ashes, which give Ash Wednesday its name, will be distributed. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. While the ashes symbolise penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. The distribution of ashes, is a tangible reminder of our own need to focus on being better people. Through acts of penance comes a change of heart – a coming back to God. Our personal Lenten journey should be marked with reflection, prayer and penance. Throughout Lent we should strive to model the actions of Christ. As the prophet Joel wrote: ‘Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart.’ The theme for Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion this year is “For All Future Generations”. During Lent we will engage as a school community in fundraising for Caritas. (More details to follow).



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS WITH MRS CALDERWOOD

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Parish-based Sacramental Program will begin this year with the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) for Year 3 or above students who have been baptised and would like to enrol in the Sacramental Program. Bookings for the Sacrament of Confirmation for Year 5 or above students will be available from 1st March 2022. Bookings for the Sacrament of First Communion for Year 4 or above will be available from 1st June 2022. Bookings can be made through the Parish website - www.holyspiritstclair.com.au - For all enquiries contact the Sacramental Coordinator at Holy Spirit Parish 9670 8222 or 0451 279 934. Email: sacraments@holyspiritstclair.com.au

WEEKEND PARISH MASS SERVICES

Saturday Vigil
6pm (Children's liturgy)

Sunday
8am, 9.30am (Children's liturgy) and
6pm

It would be wonderful to see our Trinity families at the weekend Masses.

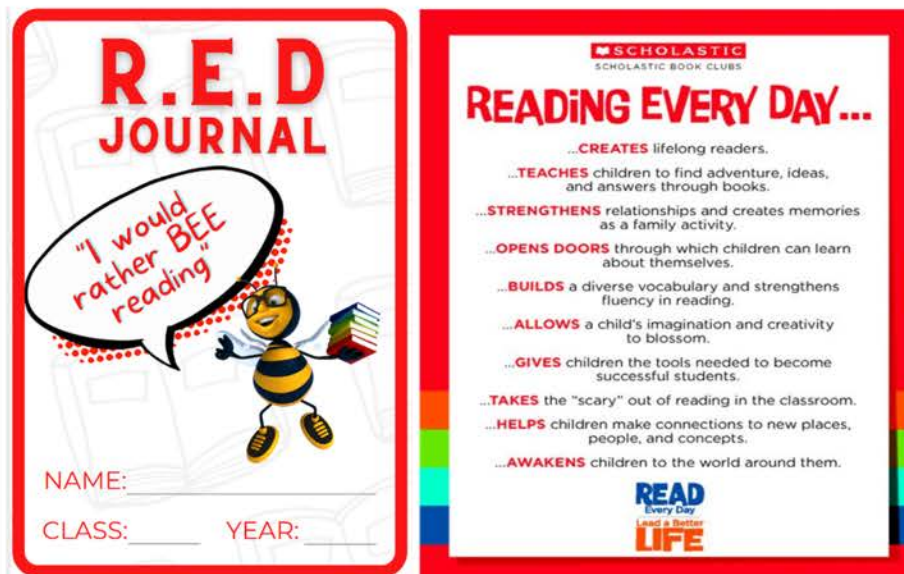
SOCIAL JUSTICE

Last year our social justice efforts were amazing and the hope is that we will be able to continue and even improve our efforts this year. New families to our school may not be aware that a large part of our mission is to support the marginalised in our community and the world at large. This support comes in many ways ; service, money and donations. We support through social justice : Catholic Mission, Caritas Australia, St Vincent de Paul and other disaster relief agencies which may need our help during the year.



LITERACY NEWS

R.E.D JOURNAL



Every child at Trinity has been issued a Read Every Day Journal. If you have not yet seen your child's **RED** Journal please contact your child's classroom teacher. At the end of each semester, your child's classroom teacher will allocate a 'Reading at home' grade based on the evidence collected from their **RED** Journal. So it is important that this information is accurate and up to date at all times. All students at Trinity are expected to read at home every day for at least 10 mins. Please sign your child's **RED** Journal every time they read at home. Students are permitted to read any text they wish (e.g. school reader, novel, magazine, digital text, etc). Students will also earn pawsitives for every ten entries and a RED Journal Mamre Award will be given when they have completed their **RED** Journal (i.e. 120 entries). Please read and sign the second page with your child which outlines the expectations

**1st - 18th February
2022**

Congratulations to the following students who have recently received their **RED** Journal Mamre Award.

READING STARS

Nixon Year 1
Ivana Year 1
Peter Year 2
Zachary Year 3
Ella Year 4
Anthony Year 6
Bodell Year 6

LITERACY NEWS

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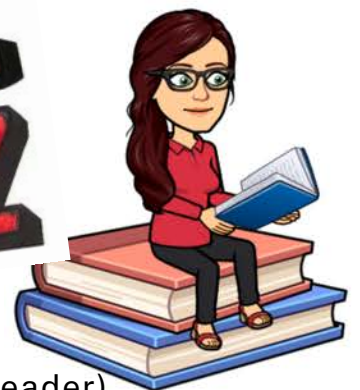
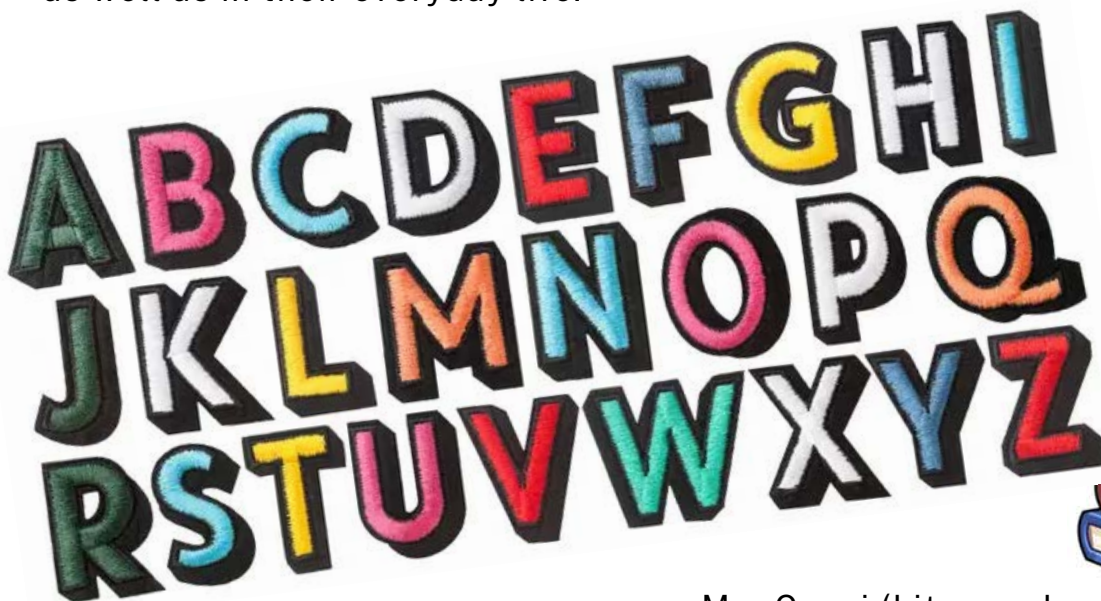
DOES SPELLING STILL MATTER?

The short answer to that question is “Yes”! Spelling does matter. This year the teachers at Trinity will be focussing on developing every child’s spelling skills through analysing specific assessments and targeted teaching within the classroom.

WHY DOES SPELLING MATTER?

Spelling, the art of correctly assembling words from their letters, is one of the essential components of successful writing. Being confident at spelling leads to confidence in all aspects of literacy. The ability to recognise the links between words of the same origin and understanding word relationships has been proven to aid comprehension skills.

Research has found that spelling, reading, writing and comprehension skills are all closely linked. A research study conducted by L.C. Ehri for the Scientific Study of Reading found that spelling instruction improves reading ability, as it builds a learner’s knowledge of the alphabetic system as it is used in reading. Teaching young spellers the strategies, rules and concepts to grow their spelling and vocabulary knowledge benefits them in all aspects of their learning, as well as in their everyday life.



Mrs Gauci (Literacy Leader)

IT TEAM

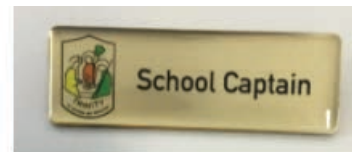


OPENING SCHOOL MASS



Our opening school Mass on Friday 25th of February was a very special day for our Year 6 community. The Year 6 leaders received their leadership badges for being a part of the Mission Team, IT Team, and Environment Team. The school captains and the house captains also received their leadership badges. Year 5 and 6 students attended the Mass as well as Year 6 parents were invited to come to our Mass led by Father Peter.

By Dylan & Justin (IT Team)



MARISSA/PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN TOUCH SELECTION

IT team: "Why do you love football?"

Marissa: "Because you get to meet a lot of people and get exercise from playing football."

IT team: "What position do you play?"

Marissa: "I play middle."

IT team: "How many girls are on your team?"

Marissa: "There are 12 people in the team."

IT team: "What inspired you to play touch?"

Marissa: "I just like playing it, it's really fun."

IT team: "Congratulations on making the Parramatta Diocesan Team"

Marissa: "Thank you."

By Alexis & Ashton (IT Team)



IT TEAM



PROJECT COMPASSION LAUNCH

On the 17th of February, the mission team of Trinity Catholic Primary school participated in the Project Compassion launch. These year 6 students learnt about what Caritas does for less fortunate people in the country and the world.



Anthony shared with us that "Caritas doesn't provide communities with everything they need instead they give them tools to help. Caritas helps them plant the seed and the communities learn how to grow the seed."

Another student Zeke shared with us that he was "affected by the story of a poor girl working hard to look after her family"

The theme for project compassion is For All Future Generations.

Let us give generously.

By Mia and Bodell (IT Team)



PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



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#projectcompassion

IT TEAM



BEST FINISH OF THE DAY

On the 15th of February, Trinity held the Twilight swimming carnival after school hours. A small group of brave students participated in the carnival (Amelia, Isabel, Ella, Vivvy, Natalie, Lala and Gabi). Here is an interview with a participant from Year 6, Ahlynka Button.

What was the best thing that happened at the carnival?

The best thing that happened at the carnival was cheering the other contestants on and swimming in the chilled water under the hot sun



What were the different races at the carnival?

- Breaststroke
- Backstroke
- Freestyle
- Butterfly

Have you competed at different swimming carnivals?

Last year in Yr5 I competed in the swimming carnival against a few older students but I still enjoyed it.



Written By Kobe and Gabriel (IT Team)

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

We are SAFE
We are RESPECTFUL
We are LEARNERS

Welcome back to 2022! We have had a amazing start to the 2022 school year at Trinity as we make new friends and get to know new teachers. Each grade is currently teaching their PBS4L 'booster' lessons for each area of our PBS4L matrix and procedures. This involves a daily lesson with the students, discussing why we have these expectations at Trinity and allowing the students to practice the procedure or matrix expectation. This is a great way for our new students to settle into Trinity and have a clear understanding of what behaviour is expected.

Each day the students watch videos of what each area of the matrix does not look like and what it does look like. We filmed these videos in 2019 with the teachers cast in the role of students to demonstrate the non-example, what we don't do at Trinity, and different grades creating videos to show the examples of how we do behave at Trinity.



Office procedure non-example



Office procedure example

The students love to see the teachers being purposely disrespectful and unsafe so they can gleefully explain the way they should be behaving. Students who display the daily goanna goal focus consistently can earn their first goanna of the year.



We also have procedures of how to behave in different areas of the school such as the canteen, toilets, office, bus lines, LARC and assembly.

Trinity Assembly Procedure

① We walk up and down the stairs to get on or off the stage.



② We show the 5Ls when listening to the presenter.



While we have Covid restrictions in place, we also have two Covid specific procedures to help students understand how to keep themselves and others safe at school. This also ensures that during Slow and Go we can keep all students safe while in close proximity to moving cars.

Trinity Covid Procedure

We use hand sanitiser when we arrive at school.



We use non-contact greetings.



We ask teachers to repeat instructions if we don't hear them clearly



Trinity Covid Procedure

We wipe down surfaces in the classroom when the teacher asks us to.



We speak clearly and respectfully if we are wearing a mask.



We tell a teacher if we are feeling sick.



Trinity Slow & Go Procedure

We follow the slow and go procedure.



We listen to and follow all teacher instructions.



We sit in our family groups and use quiet voices.



At Trinity, we proactively teach students the skills needed to be safe, respectful, learners. As a school we recognise that positive reinforcement is the most powerful behaviour change. By encouraging and reinforcing students for following the expected behaviours we foster a positive school climate as well as reduce the need for engaging in time consuming disciplinary measures. The PBS4L expectations are clearly displayed in every learning space.

You might have heard about your child earning a paw-sitive already this year which is fantastic news! This year they underwent a resign to identify the Trinity house each student belongs to. This helps us to make sure paw-sitive cards go into the correct house box to count towards the term reward.



Paw-sitive Cards and Goannas in the Garden are used as free and frequent rewards at Trinity meaning students can earn them regularly. Paw-sitive cards are individual rewards. When students are seen being safe, respectful, learners they are rewarded with a pawprint. When they receive ten paw prints, they are rewarded with a prize.

The Goannas in the Garden are a whole grade reward. When students are seen making a positive choice as a grade, they are rewarded with a goanna. When the grade earns ten, they receive an agreed upon class reward. We share these rewards on Seesaw and in the Transmitter to celebrate the students achievement.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

Elsa
Zavier
Bryden
Kuei

Evie
Geordan
Anthony
Lily
Temperance
Yasmine
Scarlett
Patrick
Paige
Mia
Charlotte
Gwenda
Natalia
Youhanna
Tyras
Temidire
Tamishay

Alliah
Richard
Robeen
Chloe
Zachary
Abbhilash
Savannah

Kaisen
Miracle
Amelia
Jasmine
Cierra
Milton
Sophia
Grace
Emily
Jude
Bodell
Jaycob

March

Myles
Joseph
Bolos
Charbel
Evelyn
Natalie
Nixon
Tobie
Mario
Chanel
Brody
Natalia
James
Isabelle
Elaine
Maddison
Adam

February

SCHOOL FEES

2022 School Fee statements have now been posted to all families. If you do not receive a statement in the mail by Wednesday 2nd March please contact the office on 8856 6200 and a statement can be printed for you.

There are several payment options available to families:

1. Per term (3 terms only) - Term 1 payment is due 16 March 2022
2. Flexible Payment Plans - via BPAY, BPOINT, Post Billpay or EFT through the office, - These can be paid monthly, fortnightly or weekly. Details on how much to pay on a Flexible Payment Plan and links on setting up these payments are available with your fee statement.

If you have any questions about your school fees, do not receive information about the flexible payment options or are experiencing financial difficulties please contact Michelle Moulds in the office on 8856 6200 or email: mmoulds@parra.catholic.edu.au as early as possible.

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 1st March: Year 5 & 6 'Space' incursion.
- Thursday 10th March: 9:30-11 am. New enrolment Open Day.
- Monday 14th March: 6.30 - 7.30 pm New enrolment Open Night.
- Monday 21st March: 6.30pm Mamre meeting via zoom
- Tuesday 22nd March Year 1 Excursion - Australiana Pioneer Village.
- Friday 25th March Kindergarten Excursion - Calmsley Hill City Farm.
- Thursday 17th March: St Patrick's Mufti Day.
- Tuesday 24th March: School Photos

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CATHOLIC COLLEGE KEMPS CREEK

OPEN DAY 8 March
8:45am-10:30am





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All staff
vaccinated.

ON-SITE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE



Children forming new friendships this month.

Children enjoyed using teamwork and problem-solving skills to push our trolley to and from the recycling bin. When at the recycling bins we also had a nice little discussion about recycling - why we recycle, where paper comes from, and what we can make from recycled boxes.

Baking – children put the turn-taking skills to good use and they worked together to make some valentines day cookies for their families.





MARCH
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IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY!

ST PATRICK'S DAY MUFTI DAY

Come dressed in green
to celebrate
St Patrick's Day.