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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another Term which appears to remain uncertain about a number of things. The students and teachers are all very excited to be back in as normal a way as is possible.

With trying to keep things normal we are planning on going ahead with a COVID Version of our Athletics Carnival on 21st August. Of course this could change in the next couple of weeks if we hear new restrictions etc. One of the most important aspects of this year's carnival is that we cannot have spectators present, however we will need a few approved parent volunteers. Events such as Discus, Shotput and High jump will not take place at the carnival. The Primary students will however complete Discus and Shotput during sport time. We hope to be able to give out ribbons and have age champions etc. The 800m will be run at the usual time and parents are asked to drop their children off and leave. More information and permission is waiting in compass for your approval

As communicated already we are continuing with the staggered pickup times; parents dropping off children and not coming onto the playground in the morning; no whole school assemblies and not attending the parish masses. Our liturgical celebrations this term will also be different as we are trying not to have the whole school in attendance together.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will also be different this year with phone interviews instead of face to face. A Compass note was sent home yesterday so if you could complete this as soon as possible so that we can organise for teachers to make contact with those parents who wish to speak with their child's teacher.

Changes to receiving the Sacraments

Parents would also have received the information from the Bishop, in regards to changes made to the receiving of sacraments. There will be no Confirmation this year for students. Children who received Confirmation last year will continue with preparing for Reconciliation and First Eucharist this year. Enrolments close for First Eucharist on 27th July.

From 2021 Students in Year 3 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and Students in Year 4 will receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

School Photos

At present school photos are still going ahead on Thursday 20th August. This will look very different this year as well as no class groups, family groups etc will be taken. All photos will have to be paid online. When we have more information from the photographers we will forward this to parents.

Cancelled Events

Father's Day Celebration -This year we will not be able to celebrate Father's Day as we have in the past. We will look at what we can do.

School Concert - The school concert has also been cancelled for 2020.

Thank you for your continued support.

Cheryl

Family Mass

Children's Liturgy every 9am Mass
except in school holidays

P & F Meeting

Once a term

Next meeting 28 May 7pm in the LARC

Victoria St Campus

Other dates are:

27 August

12 November

St Patrick's Hall

Enquires and bookings please call the
school office

Outside School Hours Care

E: eastgosford.oshc@dbb.org.au

or phone 0408 165 671

or visit the school website

The Uniform Shop

phone 0412 087 696

opening hours during school terms

Tuesday

8.30am – 10.30am

Also 1st Friday of every month

2.00pm – 4.00pm

The uniform shop can be contacted

outside of business hours by email

stpatricksprimary@alinta.com.au

payments can be made direct to

Alinta Apparel in the form of cash,

credit card, or debit credit card

NO CHEQUES

uniform price list & online shopping

available at

<http://www.alintaapparel.com.au/alinta/>

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Open during Assembly Friday 2pm fortnightly or as advised.

Contact Louise 0407 100 433

Canteen

Infants: Wednesday & Friday

Primary: Wednesday & Friday

Rostered volunteers please give

24 hours' notice if you are unable to
attend

FROM OUR RELIGIOUS CO-ORDINATOR Ms Bolton

By: CJ Peterson

They say that a "man can live about forty days without food, about three days without water, about eight minutes without air, but only for one second without hope." Hope can be the difference between success and failure. You can withstand so much if you know you have people who support you and are looking out for you. You can face just about anything, as long as you don't lose the hope that you can succeed. Even hope and faith as tiny as a mustard seed can produce mountainous amounts of blessings.

Now, does that doesn't mean that you will be successful in all things. As **Ralph Nader** said, "*Your best teacher is your last mistake.*" If you continue to persevere, learning from your failures, you will eventually succeed. Whether it's running, walking, or crawling...progress is progress. Persistence and hope are both keys to success and combined with prayer, they become really powerful. This is so important for our children to learn.

This week in Year 4, we have been reading/watching a poem called "And the poet says be hopeful..." The students took a while to really understand the difference between hopeful and grateful, but once they grasped the idea, they could verbalise what they hope and wish for in spite of the abnormal things that they have witnessed and experienced this year.

Here are some of their responses....

The poet says be hopeful.... that everyone is kind today

The poet says be hopeful....

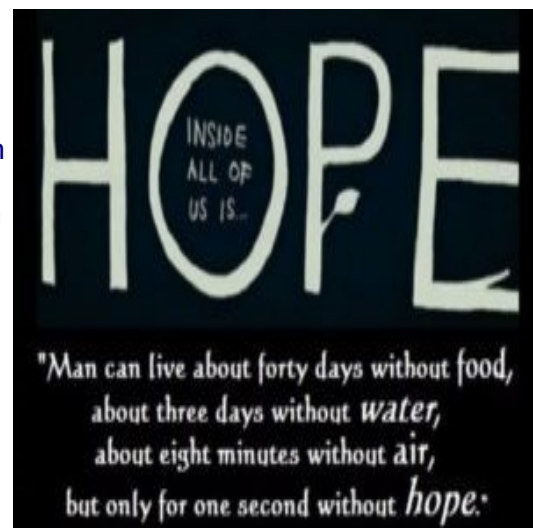
that everyone stays safe especially my mum and dad who are health workers.

The poet says be hopeful....things will return to normal soon

The poet says be hopeful....everyone will have a good day

The poet says be hopeful....that my grandparents will stay safe.

The poet says be hopeful...and one day we'll be glad we were.



School/Parish News

You might or might not be aware that Bishop Randazzo has announced permanent changes to the Sacramental Program beginning next year. Covid 19 has disrupted the course of Sacramental Preparation Programmes in all parishes, especially the Sacrament of Confirmation which will not be conferred at all this year. Formerly, children receiving this sacrament were seven years old and typically in Year 2. For all future celebrations of this sacrament, children will need to be at least 8 years old and in Year 3.

In regards to the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, they will go ahead as planned this year with Year 3 children receiving the sacraments. However, starting next year, only children who are in Year 4 and are 9 years old and over will be eligible to receive these 2 sacraments. The Bishop has moved these sacraments as he feels that children who are older are more able to appreciate the significance of their Christian Initiation.

In summary children in who are in Year 2 this year will receive the sacrament of Confirmation in Year 3, 2021 and the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will follow in 2022 when they are in Year 4. Please note that the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will not be celebrated at all next year. 2021, as the children going into Year 4 will have already received them this year. Please notify the parish if you require further information.

Important Dates:

27th July: First Eucharist enrolment forms due in at the Parish Office.

6th August at 7:30pm: Compulsory Parent First Eucharist Information Night via Zoom.

"Women's Faith Circle"

An opportunity to explore our faith, to reflect, pray and build community.

9am, after school drop off

2nd and 4th Thursday of the month

School Terms only

Contact Jane Eager 0417 660 078 for further details"

A VERY PERRY AFTERNOON

Yesterday afternoon I had the pleasure of teaching Kindergarten Gold a Religion Lesson. We participated in a Guided Meditation where the children took Jesus to their 'special' place and shared a beautiful time chatting and playing with him. They were all so sincere in their meditations that I thought I would share a few with you.

Oliver – I took Jesus to McDonalds and He ate a Big Mac but I only had a Happy Meal.

Violet – I took Jesus to the Zoo. He like the elephants best.



Pashtana – I took Jesus to the Gold Coast. He likes the scary rides!

Byron – I took Jesus to the Library because He wanted to read a book in the quiet.

Elayna – I took Jesus to Yoghurt Land. His favourite was strawberry.

Serah – I took Jesus orange picking.



Cooper – I took Jesus to the Rainforest and we climbed trees

Faith – I took Jesus home and we played games like Pokemon.

Fallon – I took Jesus to the park and we played together.

Jackson – I took Jesus to the zoo and He liked the lions the most.

Annlia – I took Jesus to the beach and we collected shells and found seaweed.

Arisa – I took Jesus to Candy Land and we ate lollies and saw unicorns.

Samson – I took Jesus to the park and He pushed me on the swings, so high I went around and around!

Michelle Perry, Assistant Principal



FROM THE LADIES OF THE OFFICE...

Parents of Year 5 & 6 please look out for a survey about 2020 School Camps. Please complete and submit by Wednesday of next week please.



School Banking

Thankyou to our parent helpers for once again volunteering to assist with School Banking.

*Send in your banking on **Wednesdays**

*Due to Covid-19 and the handling of money there is maximum limit of 10 coins per transaction. (of whichever domination).

*Children who are eligible to claim a reward (have 10 tokens) can order from Terms 1, 2 and 3 choices.

Term 2 & 3 2020 Treetop Savers Rewards

The stationary set packaging is made from sustainably sourced paper and the contents are functional and multi-use. The ever-popular handball is back again, in new colours, and is ideal for outdoor activity.



Treetop stationary kit



Handball



Tomato seed kit



Magic mist drink bottle

Our Tomato seed kits are perfect for planting in early spring- towards the end of the term. The Magic mist bottle will be refreshing when the weather starts to warm up. All items were designed with multi-use and sustainability in mind

Also can you please make a note that the money may not be banked every week as we have limited cash pick ups due to covid-19

BOOK CLUB

Complete order online by 10 August—the catalogue was sent home today



CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING YOUR PRINCIPALS AWARD

We're supporting families as the impact of COVID-19 continues to be felt throughout our community. experiencing difficulties with school fees due to COVID-19 can be found here:

Our program to assist families who are <https://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/learning/Fee-Relief-during-Covid-19>



FROM OUR SPORT CO-ORDINATOR MR LEE SULLIVAN.....

It is fantastic news the school has once again been successful in obtaining funding from Sporting Schools Australia. Therefore, we will be running the successful Hot Shots Tennis Program in Term 3 (K-2) and Term 4 (3-6). Here are some photos of our excited Year 1 Hot Shots!!



2020 has been like no other year with so much activities being affected and in many cases cancelled. To try and keep things running as normal as possible, St Patrick's will be running the 2020 Athletics Carnival.

However, due to Covid-19 regulations the carnival will look and run slightly different to previous years. But the good news is the students will be able to take part in a wonderful school event.

The regulations mean changes, no parent spectators, limited approved parent helpers, for students taking part in the 800 metre they will be dropped off by 8am at the designated drop off point, no throwing events and high jump.

Unfortunately, no students will be progressing onto higher honours as these events have been cancelled. There will be championship points awarded to individual athletes and champions will be awarded from 8 years and older.

Thank you all for your understanding during these changing times.

Regards, Lee Sullivan

FROM OUR PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE.....

Welcome back!

We were scheduled to hold a meeting on Thursday, 27th August. Keep this date in mind and we will let you know if it still goes ahead. With restrictions still around, we have to be careful.

There is a zoom meeting anyone can log into on Tuesday 4th August. See photo below) I encourage anyone who is interested in sustainability within the school to attend. The log in information will be sent to us in the next few days. Please text Ange on 0409362217 if you'd like to 'come along' (from the comfort of your house!) Any P&F concerns/ideas you might have, please don't hesitate to get in touch via Ange's number above or email the school.

Broken Bay Catholic School Parents Term 3, 2020 – Events Calendar			
	Date	Event	Venue
Week 3	7pm Tuesday, 4 th August	Sustainability/Parent Engagement Grant Project Information Meeting For CSP Reps, P&F's & interested parents to find out more about the \$300 CSP Grant	Zoom Online Meeting Tool Link will be sent to Reps to forward on to interested parties
	7pm Tuesday, 11 th August	North Shore Primary Cluster Meeting For CSP Reps	Zoom Online Meeting Tool Details to be sent to Reps
Week 4	7pm Wednesday, 12 th August	Central Coast Primary Cluster Meeting For CSP Reps	Zoom Online Meeting Tool Details to be sent to Reps
	7pm Tuesday, 18 th August	Northern Beaches Primary Cluster Meeting For CSP Reps	Zoom Online Meeting Tool Details to be sent to Reps
Week 5	7pm Wednesday, 19 th August	Secondary Parent Team/P&F Cluster Meeting For CSP Reps of all Broken Bay Secondary Schools	Zoom Online Meeting Tool Details to be sent to Reps

- Canteen will be re-open on Fridays — **Lunch only**
- **No over the counter items will be sold**
- **Pre-order via Qkr! Only (no cash orders)**
- Orders will be sent to class

From The LARC (Learning and Resource Centre) and Library

Premiers Reading Challenge

With just 5 weeks to go children are reading furiously so that they can meet the deadline of the 24th August.

Congratulations to the following children who completed the challenge just before and during the holidays: Johan in 1B, Christian 3G, Mia in 1B Philip in 5B and Joanna in 5G. Well done to all these fantastic readers. For all the children still reading you have 5 weeks left!!!!



Book Week

St Patrick's will celebrate book week with the theme "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds" this term. Throughout the term in the library and LARC (Learning and Resource Centre) we will be busy reading and discussing the wonderful shortlisted books for children for 2020.

In week 7, August 31st to September 4th, we will have our annual Book Fair and Book Character Parade. The Book Fair and Book Character Parade will be different to previous years due to COVID restrictions, but we will aim to make it just as exciting for all our students. More details will be given about how it will look closer to the date. We are going to have another exciting term in the library and LARC.



Mrs Carmen Hartz, Teacher Librarian

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM with Mrs Suzie Morris

HEADPHONES: it is really important that ALL YEAR 3, 4, 5 and 6 STUDENTS have a set of headphones or earphones for music this term as we are exploring staff notation and aiming for our keyboard licence. Headphones must have an MP3 plug (not blue tooth), be labelled and preferably in a bag/container to keep protect them.

LEARN THE KEYBOARD/PIANO or GUITAR: with all music lessons returning to face to face this term there are a few spots in our extra-curricular instrument classes. Chat to our teachers:

- keyboard - Anna Rott, private tutor
- keyboard - Sharon Hatton, Central Coast Conservatorium of Music, Gosford
- guitar - Steve Smilie, Central Coast Conservatorium of Music, Gosford

More information can be found on our Music webpage: <https://sites.google.com/view/st-patricks-music/home>

CHOIR: given the current COVID restrictions we have decided not to coordinate choir this term. We are planning on Term 4.

Suzie Morris

Teacher

Learn to play the keyboard

@ St Patrick's

*learn to play | read music
interesting repertoire | have fun | solo
ensemble groups | performances*

Contact the **Central Coast Conservatorium of Music** for one-on-one lessons with tutor Sharon Hatton:
<http://centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/contactus>



LEARN TO PLAY GUITAR!

Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced

Learn different styles of music including Pop Standards, Rock Classics, Blues, Funk, Country, Jazz and Reggae.

Learn from the Conservatorium's expert in fingerstyle acoustic guitar, Steve Smilie. Once you start, you never really stop learning guitar! Lessons are given in a fun and professional way.

In-School Program Guitar lessons open for Years 3 to 6. Only 3 students per group. Limited spaces available.

2020 Enrolments now open and close Friday 17 January.

Avoid missing out! BOOK EARLY!

For enrolments and info on In-school guitar lessons and for one-to-one lessons at the Con go to

<https://centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/music-teachers/steve-smilie>

Enquires P 4324 7477 E admin@cccmusic.nsw.edu.au

Learn to play

Fingerpicking

Strumming chords

Single-note melodies

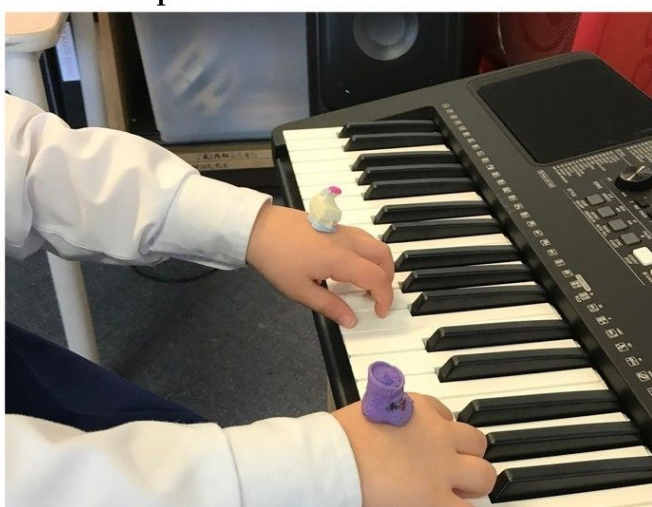
Sight-reading music

Get specific practicing strategies for learning how to get the most out of your practice time

Enrolments Now Open



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Anna Rott, Dipl. Teacher of Fortepiano & Concertmeister 0412046246