

Family Mass

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

P & F Meeting

Wednesday 2 June 7pm

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

Fortnightly Friday 2pm
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 Principal Mrs Cheryl Walsh.....

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your understanding and support of our SDD/Pupil Free Day on Monday. I do understand that it was short notice but the Director of Schools, Danny Casey, did explain to parents the reasons why schools are holding these over the next week or so.

On Monday we will be looking at your feedback from the HBL survey and the Parent Teacher Interviews and Reporting Survey. This feedback will be used to enhance and make changes to our Home Based Learning.

We will also look at how we might be able to share the positive and other feedback with the community. It is quite hard to do this at the moment, as we are not able to have face to face meetings. I am also aware that many parents do not read the newsletters or Compass feeds and in the past Zoom meetings have not been well attended. If anyone has any other suggestions as to how we can share this information please let us know.

I am also looking at ways I can share feedback from the Parent Teacher Interviews and Reporting Survey as well as the Culture Survey. Once again if anyone has any other ideas please let me know.

We are all finding the restrictions in place and HBL very difficult, but we do need to try to be grateful for the many positives we have in our lives.

If we can support any family please drop us an email. We are here to help if we can.

Take care and God bless

Cheryl



EMPATHY

Empathy is:

Seeing with the eyes of another

Listening with the ears of another

And feeling with the heart of another

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Solemnity of the Assumption August 15, 2021

Today's solemnity celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics across the world. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The tradition that Mary, at the close of her life on earth, was assumed into heaven does not rest upon anything disclosed in the New Testament. We will look in vain, then, for any suggestion of it in the readings. What we do have, especially in the Gospel, is a scriptural indication that the ancient tradition concerning her Assumption has a certain appropriateness in view of what *is* said of Mary in Scripture.

The Gospel for this holy day ([Luke 1:39-56](#)) recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, *the Magnificat*. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favour upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel ([1Samuel 2:1-10](#)). It is within this Scripture that we are introduced and can embrace the Marian prayer of our tradition '*The Hail Mary*'.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognises Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all, the channel through which all the blessings of salvation will flow into the world.

The Gospel writer Luke spotlights Mary's faith, which enabled her to recognise the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation. [Source](#)

Prayer:

Hail Mary full of grace; Blessed Mary, you are perfect in your humanity

The Lord is with you; the Holy Spirit has breathed God's love

Blessed are you among women; you were chosen for this holy purpose

And blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus; to deliver the Messiah into the world.

Holy Mary, Mother of God; Mary, mother of Jesus and mother to all,

Pray for us sinners; I am imperfect, please pray for me

Now and at the hour of our death; on this day and every day of my life.

Amen





World Humanitarian Day
19 August

[#TheHumanRace](#)

"World Humanitarian Day recognizes those who dedicate their lives to serving others in difficult circumstances," according to Catholic Relief Services. Perhaps no one did this better than Saint Teresa of Calcutta, "she didn't just send people out – she did the work herself...We felt we were in the presence of a saint."

#TheHumanRace is a global challenge for climate action in solidarity with the people who need it most
A climate emergency is wreaking havoc across the world at a scale that people on the front lines and in the humanitarian community cannot manage. Time is already running out for the world's most vulnerable people — those who have contributed least to the global climate emergency yet are hit the hardest — and millions of others that are already losing their homes, their livelihoods, and their lives.

With most climate campaigns focused on slowing climate change and securing the planet's future, World Humanitarian Day 2021, will highlight the immediate consequences of the climate emergency for the world's most vulnerable people and ensure that their voices are heard, and their needs top the agenda at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in November.

Background

This day was designated in memory of the 19 August 2003 bomb attack on the Canal Hotel in Baghdad, Iraq, killing 22 people, including the chief humanitarian in Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello.

In 2009, the United Nations General Assembly formalized the day as World Humanitarian Day (WHD). Each year, WHD focuses on a theme, bringing together partners from across the humanitarian system to advocate for the survival, well-being and dignity of people affected by crises, and for the safety and security of aid workers.

This year, we highlight the immediate human cost of the climate crisis by pressuring world leaders to take meaningful climate action for the world's most vulnerable people.

Vinnies is here to help

If any family needs help with food, bills and/or housing during this difficult time, please call our Helpline on

13 18 12 or call your local

[Vinnies Support Centre](#)

A message from Fr Greg

https://youtu.be/Yy0O697u3_g

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From the Library and LARC (Learning and Resource Centre)

Premiers Reading Challenge

With an extension of time for children to complete the challenge I know there are many children relaxing and reading during COVID lockdown to get the challenge done.

This week ALL of kindergarten completed the challenge with the help of their teacher's last term and this term through shared reading texts and library lessons.

Congratulation to all of KB: William, Sebastien, Leah, Ariella, Valentina, Neil, Zali, Eadie, Jax, Solanna, Johanan, Lillian, Stella, Harrison M, Fletcher, Madison, Harrison O, Caleb, Ashlyn and Michael; KG: Nathan, Macallister, Isabella, Tyler, Sayde, Mia, Jade, Eliza, Seraphine, Samuel, Jeon, Luca, Adam, Liam, Roisin, Jack, Elijah, Matthew, William, Lachlan and Neysa; KW: Chloe, Lincoln, Alessia, Ashton, Caleb, Elijah, Luca, Liam, Cassandra, Tania, Jude, Angelo, Jeremy, Olivia, Jack, Bronte, Aiyana, Finn, Anna, Lachlan, James and Hazel.

We also congratulate Benjamin in 1B and Joanna in 6B for completing the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Don't forget when you finish the Premier's Reading Challenge take a photo of the reading log, forward it to the office and I will be sent a copy to enter online for you.

Stay calm, relax, breathe and READ!!!!

Carmen Hartz, Teacher Librarian



NSW Department of Education

2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Key dates for students K-6:
Challenge opens Monday March 1
Challenge closes for student entries Friday August 20
Artwork by Dr. Briony Blackwell



Yoga workout for the younger students



12 minute video workout for students



Zumba workout for kids

WELL-BEING OF OUR FAMILIES

The wellbeing of our families is important to us and we understand the many challenges of lockdown and HBL.

We have created a new 'Well-Being' page on Google Classroom. We hope that these resources will provide you with some support and ideas.

<https://sites.google.com/dbb.catholic.edu.au/speg-home-based-learning-2021/well-being>

Please reach out to us if we can provide you with support in any way.

4325 1159 or speg@dbb.catholic.edu.au

AROUND OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



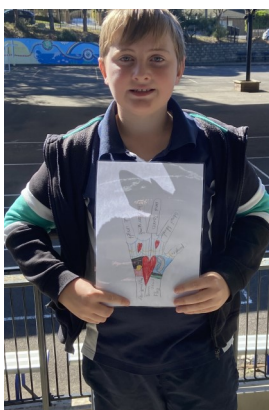
Year Three have been learning about the sun, moon and earth in Science and created this beautiful sun and moon artwork this week during art in HBL. Well done Year 3



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day (Children's Day) is our national day dedicated to celebrating our children. Children's Day is celebrated across the country each year on 4th August. On or around 4th August, all Australians have the opportunity to show their support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, as well as learn about the crucial impact that culture, family and community play in the life of every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child. The theme for National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day 2021 is: **Proud in culture, strong in spirit**

"When children sit, look at the sea that goes with the story, they capture all this message – it is not by accident when we teach our children about the land, about the sea, about the dance." – Rosemary Gundjarranbuy

Year Three have been making hand prints in support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children in our community. They are going to display them on their letter box or front door.

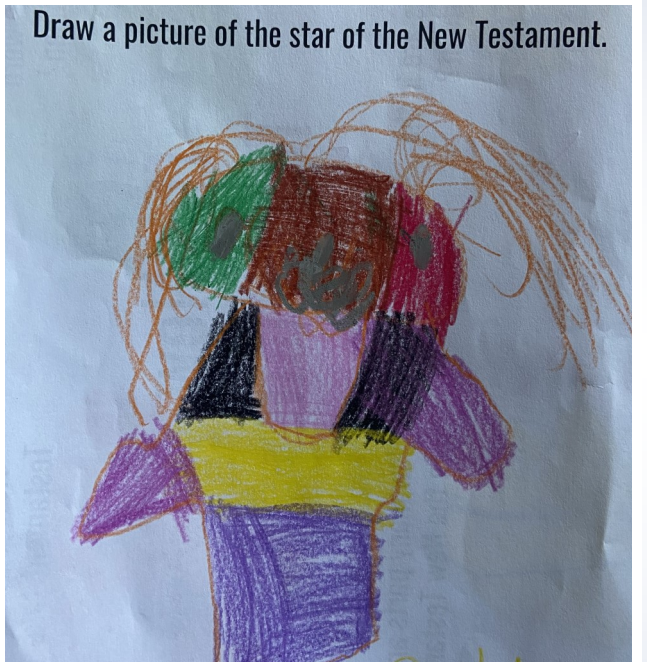
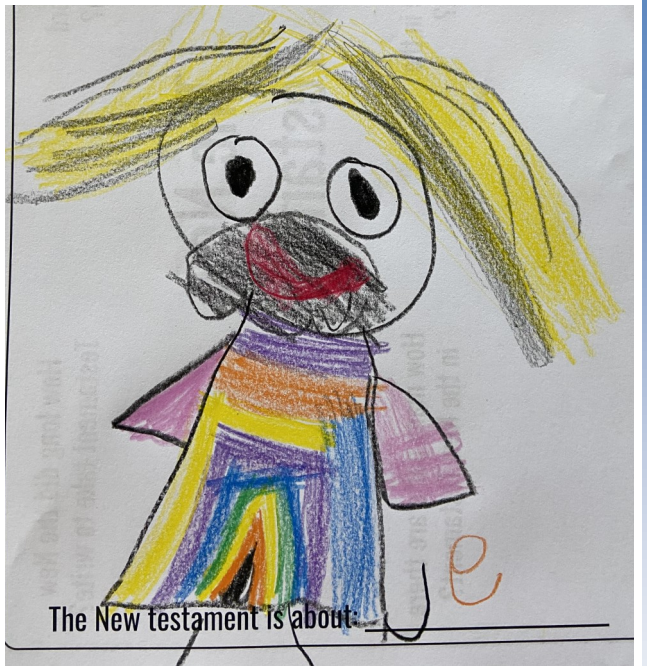




WHO IS THE NEW TESTAMENT ABOUT?

Children in Kindergarten where asked to draw a picture of the star of the New Testament

'JESUS' WAS THEIR ANSWER



Our Fundraising Partner Ritchies IGA, are launching their new Ritchies Card, incorporating the Community Benefit Program and this will not only benefit St Patrick's Primary School, but also all our members.

The program now has an App for both IOS and Android smart devices. For those members who don't have a smart phone, or would like a physical card, this option is also available and can be linked to the App.

Every month, St Patrick's will receive 0.5%* of our members' spend in Ritchies Stores PLUS our members will receive special offers and member only specials via the App.

*T&C's apply see <https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchiescardterms>
Featuring monthly promotions, cheaper prices for you, Collect and Win, as well as games and lots more fun things to do, this is a great opportunity to support our school.

You can download the Apps by searching for Ritchies in the Apple App Store or Google Play.



Not only are you helping your club, school or charity, you'll also get extra benefits.

BENEFITS:



Supporting clubs, schools and charities made easy



Special offers and savings exclusive to members



Digital Ritchies Card with an easy-to-use app



Free to join - start saving instantly

