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From our Principal Mrs Cheryl Walsh.....

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that Well-being Week this week enabled you and your family some time to connect doing different activities and have some time away from the usual tasks associated with HBL.

As you are aware the Premier has given us a road map out of lockdown, what restrictions will ease a little etc and a road map for students to return to school.

Our Director, Danny Casey will be sending out communication to all parents later today or over the weekend via Compass. Can I ask that you keep a look out for this communication as it should detail what Catholic Schools NSW has planned for Catholic Schools.

I imagine that over the coming weeks there will be many changes, but for the time being we have HBL and only students of essential workers or those who need the service should be attending school. Parents are strongly urged to keep their children at home if they can.

Happy Father's Day next Sunday to our many dads, grandfathers and other significant males in families – uncles, cousins, good friends etc. We hope that the Father's Day Kit is something that the children together can make to surprise that special person in their lives.



27 August 2021

Please stay safe and take care

Cheryl

Wellbeing Week It's not your job

everything to everyone

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

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<u>P & F Meeting</u> Wednesday 2 June 7pm

<u>St Patrick's Hall</u> 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

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FROM OUR ACTING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION C0-ORDINATOR KERRY POWER

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B August 29, 2021 'Being Holy is about sharing love and living justly'.

Our readings this week encourage us to pay attention to the ways in which the word of God truly influences how we live our lives. Although we all too often fail to live up to the example set for us, we are none the less assured of an abundance of gifts, because of God's infinite love for each and everyone.

In the <u>Gospel</u>, Jesus describes the lip-service of the Pharisees, who, as foretold in the words of Isaiah, offer 'worthless worship'. Their adherence to human traditions and values takes their hearts far from God. Jesus insists, since holiness is primarily a matter of the heart if you want to know whether a person is holy or not, see what comes out of their heart. The list of vices towards the end of the reading is a kind of check-list – to which we could probably add a few more examples relevant for our time. By the same token, on the positive side, we could think of virtues that would demonstrate true holiness of heart. This week, we may want to spend some time reflecting, with the Lord's help, how closely our own lives reflect the ideals de-

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scribed in the Psalm, which speaks of the just dwelling in the presence of the Lord. We can then ask with confidence that God will show us the path that will draws us ever closer.



PSALM 14 (15) R/. The just will live in the presence of the Lord

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? Those who walk without fault; Those who act with justice and speak the truth from their hearts. Those who do no wrong to their kindred, who cast no slur on their neighbours, who hold the godless in disdain, but honour those who fear (are in awe of) the Lord. Those who keep their word, come what may; who take no interest on a loan and accept no bribes against the innocent. Such people will stand firm for ever. <u>Source</u>

Prayer:

God, who dwelt among us,

You reformed what it meant to be 'holy' to the people of your time, Allowing those who had been distanced and isolated to feel loved and accepted.

Holy One, You are a lamp before me, guiding me in this journey of life. In this challenging time, when 'touch' has become so difficult

Help me to reach out in ways that allow those who feel distanced and isolated to feel loved and accepted.

Amen

Vinnies Community Sleepout is going virtual!

The human reality of homelessness is told through the many people the St Vincent de Paul Society assists each day.

In 2019, the NSW Government Department of Communities and Justice Engagement Week Program identified the below statistics surrounding homelessness:

Of those sleeping rough on our streets, 57% in Woy Woy and 71% in Gosford identified with a high vulnerability score and needed ongoing assistance with housing and support services.

70 years of age was the oldest respondent sleeping rough and 24 years of age was the youngest, with an average age of 49 years.

The program identified that the average duration of time spent sleeping on the street was 5.16 years.

It is critical that we support those experiencing or at risk of homelessness in rebuilding their lives and reconnecting with the community. We also strive to address the causes of homelessness and disadvantage.

On the NSW Central Coast, the St Vincent de Paul Society provides assistance through three Vinnies Support Centres in Wyong, Gosford and Woy Woy.

These Support Centres not only connect those in need with Vinnies provided services, but also facilitate other agencies in the fields of homelessness and poverty to provide comprehensive support to those most vulnerable within our community.

How you can help

All funds generated from this event will go to supporting our three local Vinnies Support Centres, allowing us to continue providing essential services to the community with respect, justice, hope and joy.

Register or sponsor a participant to help us change lives and help shape a more just and compassionate society.

https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-community-sleepout-central-coast-region-2021/

Sleep out at home in your car, backyard or couch and join us online to help change lives in our community. Event details

Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2021 6:00pm

Venue: At home in your car, backyard or couch

Event Coordinator: Janice Stokes | janice.stokes@vinnies.org.au

Bring: We invite you to bring your warm clothes, a sleeping bag/swag and join us to raise much needed funds and awareness of homelessness

An evening with The Very Rev Dr. David

Topic: Sacrificial Love Talk Time: September 2, 2021 07:30pm Can/Mel/Syd Join Zoom Meeting

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71242736910? pwd=UHU2OWFuSWFoWWNRMXhlcHZPV2JJZz09

Meeting ID: 712 4273 6910 Passcode: hnsU3E



TONIGHT !!!!

Thursday 2 September Via Zoom

will you make a differen THE LIVES OF PEOPLE Join our Vinnies Community Sleepout or donate to help us rebuild lives for people experiencing homelessness **Vinnies** Friday 27th August 6:00pm we will be in our own h as and connect online with come of the ing ho To join or make a donation go to



(Link attached)

From the Library and LARC (Learning and Resource Centre)

Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Narthana in 5G and Antonio in 1B for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge during lockdown.

Exceptional reading!

The Challenge will soon close so please make sure you take a photo of your reading log and submit your challenge

so that it can be entered online.

Happy Reading!

Carmen Hartz, Teacher Librarian

PLAYGROUP—KINDER 2022

We hope you are all safe and well.

We are so disappointed that we have not been able to go ahead with St Patrick's Playgroup as planned this term due to the current Covid restrictions.

Please find a link to a St Patrick's Storytime video - <u>https://vimeo.com/590175152/5965294576</u> - and an activity booklet is attached to this email.

Whilst it is not as good as having you join us in person, we thought you may wish to share this

with your children at home. Please let us know if you would prefer to receive a hard copy of the activity booklet and we can post one out to you.

We would love to see the children working on the activities, so please feel free to send photos to us via email and we can share these with our school community on Facebook!

ALSO

If you would like to drop off a Spoon to our Spoonville we would love to reach out and include our Kindergarten 2022.

Our annual fundraising event has been rescheduled to **Saturday 16th October** at Terrigal Bowling Club. Of course this will depend on the restrictions in place at that time. Please pencil it in your diaries. Thank you **P & F Committee**







2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

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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.

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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.



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Jack McIvor has lost a sports hat and Jacket with name inside if you see it—please return to school