

**ADVENT**

This coming Sunday, November 27th, is the first Sunday of Advent. The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new Liturgical Year in the Catholic Church, and continues for 4 weeks prior to Christmas. The four candles of the Advent Wreath represent the four weeks of Advent. They represent the period of waiting for the birth of Jesus. There are three purple candles and one rose candle. During Advent we prepare for the symbolic and spiritual coming of Christ into our world and into our lives. The readings are all orientated towards expectation and hope. This week we light the first candle (purple) which is the Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope. We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God!

**PRAYER FOR THE ADVENT WREATH**

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.

He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.

He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord,

let your blessing come upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in His holy name.

Amen.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week has been a quieter one at Holy Rosary which has allowed classes to knuckle down and continue with their solid teaching and learning. The children are very settled and enthusiastic to learn.

The staff have spoken in depth about how our children are acting on the playground and in general the nature of play is very good. However there is an element of children consistently stepping out of line by their poor use of equipment, disrespect for other children or at times disrespect for staff members. As a school we have very high expectations for behaviour and engagement which takes into consideration the needs of all of our students.

Respect and joy are values that enable our students to be successful and safe at our school. Please have a chat to your child about our school expectations.

Be Safe
Respect for Self
Respect for Others
Respect for the Environment

Scholarship success

Congratulations to Miss Mitchell who has been granted a very prestigious Sandhurst Scholarship, the Bishop De'Campo Leadership Scholarship. This is always a very competitive field and applicants are judged on their quality of leadership, ability to lead in a school and in broader networks and a commitment to Catholic Education.

It is a great honour to Lauren that she will now study at Harvard University, Boston USA for two weeks next year as well as engage with educational communities in Boston. We are very proud of Lauren and wish her the very best for this enormous opportunity.

A love of learning, a passion for sharing and a commitment to best practice learning and teaching drives Lauren and this is a great reward for her great professionalism as our Leader of Learning.

Wellbeing Worker 2017

I am very pleased to announce that our Wellbeing Worker for 2017 is Mrs Catherine Hodder. Catherine has been working in Catholic Education for over 15 years as a curriculum support person and as a Wellbeing Worker. She is currently employed part time at St Therese's Kennington and will be with us for one day a week in 2017.

Catherine will bring experience, expertise and passion to our school and our children will be very well supported in their time of grief and concern. The well being of our whole community is very important and Catherine is the right fit for our needs. Welcome Catherine.

Thank you to Prue Harris who has stepped into this role for an extra day to assist us in this time of transition. Prue as always has been a great support to our community.

Congratulations Sophie

I am very proud and excited to announce that another of our 'young ones' Teaching Assistant, Sophie Rehberg has gained full time employment at St Joseph's Primary Kerang. Sophie will make a wonderful teacher and St Joes is very blessed to have her on board. I have spoken to Sophie's new Principal and he was very impressed with what Sophie was able to share about her year at Holy Rosary in regards to teaching and learning as well as student behaviour and engagement. Well done Sophie on your new career.

Parents and Friends AGM

Please feel free to join the Parents and Friends committee for their AGM meeting at 5.30pm on Thursday 8th December in the O'Dee.

Our condolences to the Hearne family on the recent loss of Maureen's sister Margaret. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Final School Mass and Graduation

On Thursday 15th December the whole school will gather for our final school Mass in the church at 11.30am. All welcome.

Grade Six Graduation will be at 6.30pm in the O'Dee Centre. I would encourage as many families to come along to these events as possible. It is a great way to farewell our Grade 6 students after their time at Holy Rosary.

Arrangements for the final day.

Friday 16th is the final day for students. School finishes at the normal time of 3.15pm

Timetable for the day will be:

1.45am (Recess) Special visitor

1.00pm – 2.00pm Lunch (early)

2.00pm – 3.00pm Assembly, musical performance

3.15pm Dismissal as normal

Know someone heading to uni in 2017?
Applications for our 2017 Scholarship
program open 1st December.

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IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

Thursday 1 st	-	Pupil Free Day – Staff Spirituality
Friday 2 nd	-	Pupil Free Day – Staff Spirituality
Tues 6 th	-	Orientation Day (Whole School)
Tues 6 th	-	CCB Transition Day (Gr 6)
Wednesday 14 th	-	Reports go home
Thursday 15 th	-	Gr 6 Graduation Evening
Friday 16 th	-	Last Day Term 4

JANUARY

Tuesday 31 st January	-	First Day Term 1 2017
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ORIENTATION DAY

On Tuesday 6th of December, the children will transition into their 2017 classroom. This will take place from 9-10:30am. During this time, the students will have the opportunity to meet their 2017 teacher and find out who the other children are that will be in their class.

Students who are attending CCB in 2017, will travel to the La Valla campus in Junortoun to participate in their Transition Day. These students will be at CCB for the whole day.

LIBRARY BOOKS



A reminder to students that all Library books must be returned to the school before the end of the year. If you have lost a book from our school library, please talk to Mrs Harris.

TRANSITION PROGRAM

During Term 4, Holy Rosary will continue to offer Transition mornings for students moving into Foundation in 2017. The goal of this program is to better prepare students through structured activities to help support the transition process.

Monday Nov 28	8.45am—11.30am
Tuesday Dec 6	8.45am—1.30pm



2017 SACRAMENTS

The Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish next year. If your child/children is in Grade 3 or above in 2017 and would like to receive these sacraments for the first time, could you please circle below the sacraments that they will be undertaking.

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Reconciliation

Eucharist

Confirmation

Should you have any questions in regards to the Sacraments, please feel free to see me. - *Liz Tobin (Religious Education Coordinator)*

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS



Ten activities will be provided each term focusing on key areas of oral language supporting literacy. During Term 4, these activities will focus on targeting your child's knowledge of story grammar. Feel free to adjust these activities according to your child's grade level. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Special Education Coordinator, Liz Tobin. Good luck and most importantly enjoy this very special time with your child.

7. Try some acting! Get your child to finish the following sentence by acting out the emotion and scene from the book: I felt _____ when _____. For example, I felt (scared face) when (act out wolf blowing down the house). Hopefully you can guess their sentence. Then swap and see if your child can verbally complete the sentence from your acting.

8. While sharing a story with your child, change a predictable part to something totally outrageous that does not fit with the story or pictures. See if your child notices and can suggest something more appropriate.

Safety Alert

Snake Safety

EASTMAN LYNCH:.....

If you live or work in an area where snakes are known to live, you must know what to do when you come across one.

- First thing you need to know is that the snake is **not** going to chase you so you need to be able to control any panicky feeling you have.
- You can stand perfectly still and you will be safe.
- Or you can just walk away from it.

What to do if bitten by a snake – First Aid will save your life.

- First make it a priority to get the victim to the hospital.
- Do not wash the bite. You will wash away the venom left by the snake which can be used for identification.
- Try to keep the victim calm.
- Immobilize the bitten body limb (with a splint, etc) and try to keep it below the heart.

DO NOT

- wash the bite
- apply the 'cut and suck' techniques
- add ice, a tourniquet, alcohol or aspirin
- pour turpentine into the wound

DO

- Wrap the limb in a pressure bandage to localize the venom.
- Only bring in the snake for identification if it is easily captured. **Do not risk a second bite** - because the snake may not have been venomated during the first bite (20 to 40 percent of all snake bites are "dry" bites).
- Finally, when at the hospital **encourage them to call poison control** for advice as many medical personnel do not have experience treating snake bites.



Even if you do not like snakes it is important to not harass or kill them. Snakes in Australia are listed as protected which makes it illegal for them to be killed, trapped, held in captivity, or traded without a permit.

Keep the environment in which you work free of clutter, rubbish and long grass. These environments provide the perfect place for snakes to take refuge. Be aware but not afraid. A snake does not want to hurt you and only sees you as a big predator. If you see a snake, just watch it. It will move away from you.

Massive Murray Paddle

Heathcote's Night CWA join the Yarrawonga CWA Team for
The Massive Murray Paddle/Marathon
November 21-25, 2016.

Rowing begins in Yarrawonga & finishes at Swan Hill ,
covering a distance of over 400kms in the CWA relay team=

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Summer IN THE Parks

This summer Bendigo's beautiful parks will come alive with a range of fantastic music, movies and other great free or low cost events.

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