

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER** Term 2 Week 6 – 1 June 2020

## ACTING PRINCIPAL – Miss Kirsty Thorpe

Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost Sunday and throughout the week our students have been exploring the gifts of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost Sunday we remember and give thanks for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and followers of Jesus (Acts 2:1- 31). The Pentecost story in Scripture is not only a story of our beginnings, but a story of the ongoing empowering we are all invited to enjoy. With all the hardships people have endured already in 2020, it is so important that we are lifted up and ignited by the hope of the Holy Spirit and trust it will guide us forward out of difficult times.



**Thank you:** This week I wish to thank all the parents who are diligently following the social distancing guidelines and the recommendation to keep children home from school if they are unwell. We really appreciate families following these guidelines as it has dramatically reduced the amount of illness in the school which is very different to past Winters.

**Semester 1 reports 2020** As I mentioned last week, the Semester 1 reports will be different to past and future reports because of the extinguishing circumstances of 2020. Here are some of the changes you will see in the reports (available on Compass on the last day of the term - Thursday Week 10; 2nd July ). These changes are for Semester 1 only. There will be more changes communicated in next week's newsletter.

- Only Religious Education, Mathematics and English will be reported on.
- Students in Years 1-6 will be given an achievement grade, effort grade and a comment for Religious Education, Mathematics and English.
- Kindergarten students will be given an effort grade and a comment for each Key Learning Area (this occurs in every report for Kindergarten)
- Students will be graded on a 3-point scale - Working Towards, Working At, Working Beyond
  - **Working Towards:** The child is working towards achieving at the expected level for their grade at this point in time.
  - **Working At:** The child is achieving at the expected level for their grade at this point in time.
  - **Working beyond:** The child is achieving beyond the expected level for their grade at this point in time.

## COMING EVENTS

### JUNE

**Every Wednesday School Assembly via Zoom 8.50am**

**Monday 8 June PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**Monday 8 June Canteen re-opens for lunch orders**

### JULY

**Thursday 2 July Last day of Term 2**

**Friday 3 July Staff Development Day**

**Monday 20 July Students return for Term 3**

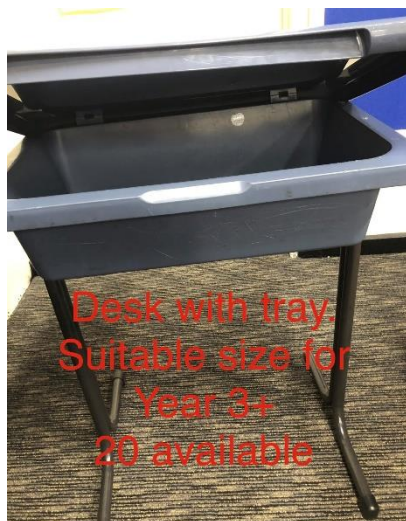
*Keep checking the school website under 'calendar' for possible changes to dates*

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**School furniture available for parents and friends - free of charge** If you would like any of the furniture below for your home or business, please email the school and we will arrange contact-free pick up. Please note some have already been picked up, so numbers may have changed.



## ACTING REC – Miss Camilla Brown

Thank You from JRS

Thank you to the staff and families at OLD Primary school for their wonderful support of the drive for the JRS Foodbank. Also to Pius X who will support the drive later this month.

Trish Wilson, Gillian Hawkins and Maureen Playdon are continuing to generously support this initiative by sorting, boxing and delivering the items. Gillian and Fernanda made the first delivery to Westmead last Monday. Zoe from JRS emailed thanks to everyone:

***Wow what a generous community! Thank you so much for supporting this amazing initiative. Your donations will go such a long way, especially during this time when our clients have been facing extra tough challenges during COVID-19. We really appreciate your support and kindness.***

**CASH DONATIONS:** If you can assist JRS with a much needed cash donation go to [www.jrs.org.au/donate-now/](http://www.jrs.org.au/donate-now/) or contact JRS on 9356 3888 or at [info@jrs.org.au](mailto:info@jrs.org.au)

**ITEMS FOR THE FOODBANK:** Items can be left in the St Peter meeting room on Sundays between 7.45am and midday from Sunday 24th May to Sunday 21st June. Thank you for your support.

### FOOD

- § Basmati Rice
- § Cooking Oil
- § Long life milk
- § Tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas & fruit
- § Biscuits & muesli bars
- § Oats & cereals

### TOILETRIES

- § Nappies (large)
- § Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- § Shampoo
- § Sanitary pads
  
- § Razors & shaving foam
- § Deodorant (male & female)
- § Soap

# AWARD WINNERS

## Week 4



*Book your school tour & enrolment interview today!*



CONTACT OUR SCHOOL OFFICE  
SCHOOL TOURS DAILY @ 3.30PM  
ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS: ONLINE DAILY

# Keeping Our School Safe!



## Student hygiene practices



1. Use of non-contact greeting methods
2. Clean hands with soap when entering the school and regularly during the day

3. Do not share personal items (school supplies or toys brought in)
4. Games where students touch each other directly or indirectly (through a ball) will be discouraged.



5. Avoid touching your face and cover your coughs and sneezes - use hand sanitiser after sneezing or coughing.

6. Students will not mix with students in other grades - we will have staggered break times and dismissal times. There are also designated areas of the school for each grade during break time and dismissal times.
7. students must use drink bottles that can be refilled rather than bubblers.

## Whole school practices

1. A hygienist has been employed to be at the school during the day (additional to our regular cleaners) to:

- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, desks, chairs, and railings regularly.
- Clean highly touched surfaces in the toilets after each break time.



2. Increase ventilation in classrooms by opening doors and scheduling outdoor lessons throughout the day
3. There will not be whole school events until further notice (such as assemblies or sporting events) where students from different grades mix.
4. At this point in time the canteen & 2nd hand clothing stall remain closed.



**Keeping our parents safe:** We must still restrict parents entering the school grounds. Please adhere to social distancing measures at all times, as well as the dismissal arrangements. There are marks on the floor that we recommend you use for social distancing when picking up your children. Please follow the signs on our gates so we can keep everyone as safe as possible.

## All students and teachers must stay at home if...



- they have symptoms of COVID-19, a cold or flu (students will be sent home if they exhibit any of these symptoms)
- they have a sick family member at home
- an additional sick bay has been created for students exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19
- temperature checks will occur for any child exhibiting illness at school



## Take care of your emotional and mental well-being

Outbreaks are a stressful and anxious time for everyone. We're here to support you! Reach out to [old@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:old@dbb.catholic.edu.au) if you need any support.

*Please visit our website for information about financial support or fee relief.*

***We appreciate your support with these health and safety measures.***