



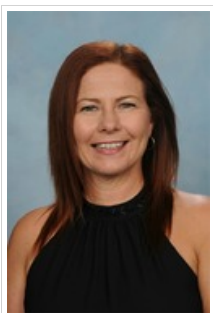
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Principals Report



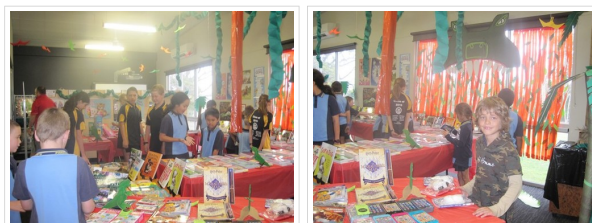
We are well into the last term for the year. This term we welcome the Schutte family with Christo and Tian in Year 2 and CJ joining our Prep students. Please welcome Rani, Neill and their 3 boys into our community. We have had many new families join us this year and I hope you will all be able to attend the Mutchilba Dinner

this Friday night so everyone has a chance to get to know each other.

The Canberra Trip was very successful and everyone has come back with plenty of learning and stories about the trip. This trip required extensive planning and organizing and I thank Ms De lacovo for all that she has done in preparation and travelling with the students to ensure the trip was a success. Also, we thank Mr Tomkinson for accompanying the group as our second teacher and his 3/4 class for allowing him to go. Mr T loves his history and thoroughly enjoyed the time in Canberra. Plenty of photos have been placed on Facebook as well as in this newsletter for you to see.



Bookfair was a huge success and it couldn't have happened without the guidance of Ms Lyn Szekely and her helpers. The theme of Dinosaurs was a hit with our students. We raised almost \$2000 which means that the school will receive approximately \$400 toward new books for the library.



Next Thursday we will be holding Transition Days for our 2020 Prep students over the following 4 weeks. The purpose of these short visits is to familiarize the children with our school surroundings, routines and staff while the parents gather vital information in preparation for a smooth start in 2020. Mrs Favaro, as our Learning Support teacher will be assisting myself and Catholic Education Staff with a variety of presentation for parents during these visits. Siblings are welcome to attend as we will keep the sessions short and to the point.

Students of The Week

Monday was the last P and F meeting for the year. Just a summary of what has been provided this year as I think it is fabulous that we have such a supportive parent group who always go above and beyond. Over \$10,000 has been put into the school in the following way.

- Whiteboard desks for the classrooms
- Trolley for the 5/6 classroom
- Big Books for the P12 room
- Contribution towards the Canberra Trip
- Excursion to Tjapukai for students and families
- Yearly photo album for the library
- Goal posts
- Library books

Please consider being a part of the P and F in 2020 as your work really does make a difference to the school.

Our last fundraising event will be the Mutchilba Dinner this Friday night. It is also a time to catch up before the end of the year with everyone. Please come along and be a part of our school. Each year unfortunately I have the Principals Farewell on at the same time but I will make every effort to get there even if it is a little late.

As you would already be aware, Mrs Rachel Gundersen and her husband, Ryan are expecting their first child very shortly. Under medical advice, it has been recommended that Rachel finishes the term earlier than expected.

Rachel has asked to take leave starting this Friday 1st November, for the remainder of this year. Leave was approved by Catholic Education Services yesterday and we are in the process of replacing Rachel for the next few weeks in the classroom.

During the year Ms Maria Ratumaibuca and Mrs Catherine Favaro have worked alongside Rachel in the classroom, providing the class with 2 teachers and a school officer. We have arranged for Maria and Catherine to increase their days in the classroom and continue the learning already established in the classroom.

We wish Rachel and Ryan all the best and can't wait for the arrival of their precious little bundle. We have thoroughly enjoyed having Rachel on our staff this year. She is committed to continuing her association with our school next year in some capacity once her family life has settled into a routine.

Have a wonderful week and see you all Friday night.

Your partner in Education,

Kath Porter
Principal



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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an extremely busy start to the term and I think we have finally caught our breath. The below sections will give you a glimpse into what has been going on and what is still yet to come.

Socktober

Thank you to our wonderful students who gave generously during the "Sock it to Poverty" month. Your contributions will go directly to Catholic Missions, who will help and continue to support the mission of bringing the love of God to the people in need. This year Catholic Missions is caring for the people of Ghana by building schools, providing quality education through teacher training and creating opportunities for the community to become self-sufficient. I know that the people of Ghana will be ever grateful for your kindness.



Year 5/6 Trip to Canberra

In week two the year 5/6 class embarked on an adventure to our Nation's Capital, where they were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The

following is a list and brief outline of the activities that our students took part in:

- **Visit to Mount Ainslie Lookout** (Students viewed Parliamentary Triangle, Lake Burley Griffin and the Carillon)
- **Australian War Memorial** (Orientation, DZONE, Guided Tour – students learnt about Australia's involvement in the War)
- **Parliament House** (Tour, Parliamentary Education Office – students learnt about the history and function of Federal Parliament and even watched The Senate and House of Representatives during talk time)
- **Drive around the Embassy** (Students viewed the Yarralumla Embassies, High Commissions and the Prime Minister's Lodge)
- **Indoor Rock Climbing** (Students participated in the challenge of rock climbing)
- **National Capital Exhibition** (Guided Tour – Students participated in an interactive centre which depicted the story of the birth of the National Capital)
- **High Court of Australia** (Students viewed court rooms and viewed a case in progress)
- **Australian Electoral Education Centre** (Students fostered an awareness of elections, referendums and participate in a representative democracy)
- **National Museum of Australia** (Students explored inspiring people in Australian History)
- **Royal Australian Mint** (Students viewed the minting process and even made their own coin)
- **Australian Institute of Sport** (An elite athlete showed students the AIS's world class facilities and participated in a variety of Olympic activities)
- **Questacon** (Students participated in hands on fun science activities and displays)
- **National Dinosaur Museum** (Students viewed 10 full size replica skeletons of dinosaurs)

Here are a few excerpts from what the children had to say about their experience:

"In the High Court we got to see a real argument in session...about gummy bears" Azali Mitchell

"We went to the Royal Australian mint where we learnt about the history of coins and how people made their own currency" Mia Gargan

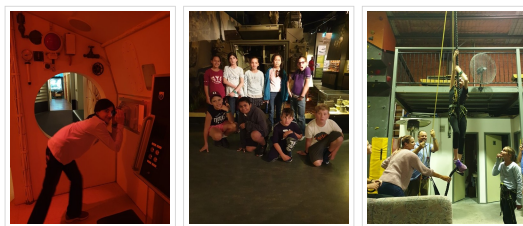
"We went to Parliament House and sat in the House of Representatives and saw Scott Morrison" Riley O'Shea

"We went to the Australia War Memorial and in there, we went to the discovery zone and got to hop in a real-life helicopter and submarine" Cayde Miller

"We headed to the National Capital Exhibition which taught us about the history of Canberra and why the city is designed the way it is" Rafael Lalabalavu

"We went to the National Electoral Education Centre where we learned about voting" Hazel Hobden

"During our tour in Sydney we saw the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House" Shayla Jerome



Remembrance Day

On Monday 11th November we will commemorate Remembrance Day by participating in a Liturgy, where we will pay tribute to all the service men and women who fought and were killed during the two World Wars and other conflicts. The Liturgy will take place at 10:30am and everyone is welcome to attend. Remembrance Day was once known as Armistice Day before it was renamed after the Second World War. It is also commonly referred to as Poppy Day, because it is traditional to wear a poppy. The poppy is associated with the remembrance of those who died in order that we may be free and of the poppies which grew in the Flanders Fields. At our liturgy, the following reflection will be read to our students and would also like to share it with you:

Did you know that the poppy serves as a reminder that today we honor the men and women who have served in the military and who fought to defend our freedom?

The poppy was chosen as a symbol for Remembrance Day because it reminds us of a place called Flanders Fields where many soldiers from the First World War are buried. The poppies grow wild there between all the crosses that mark their place.

We enjoy a lot of freedom. We are free to come to church and worship, we are free to choose what we want to be when we grow up, we are free to choose where we want to live, we are free to choose most of the things that affect our daily lives.

This might come as a surprise to some of you -- but did you know that freedom isn't free? Someone had to pay the price for us to have the freedom that we enjoy. There are students and staff here this morning whose relatives are among those who helped to pay that price. Some served in the military and many of them fought in wars. There are probably some people here this morning who had loved ones who gave their lives fighting for our freedom. These are the ones that we honor as we celebrate Remembrance Day.

In Flanders fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae (1872–1918)

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End of Year Liturgy

Just a reminder to all that the end of year Liturgy will take place on Thursday 5th December commencing at 6pm. This is a very special time for our school community where we celebrate and give thanks to our students, staff and families who will be starting a new venture in their life. Everyone is welcome, family and friends, to attend the liturgy and is also invited back to the Dimbulah Football Club for dinner and light refreshments. A note went home last week outlining the details of the event and we kindly ask that all families return their note by the specified date for catering purposes.

School Leaders

The students wishing to nominate for School Leadership positions next year will be delivering their speeches on Monday 25th November at 9:00am in the Year 5/6 Classroom. All are very welcome to attend this occasion.

Have a wonderful week and in the words of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop...

“Let God’s glory...absorb our thoughts”

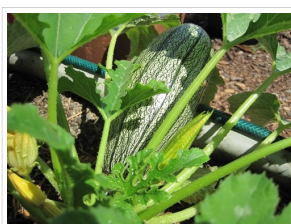
May God’s Spirit be with you always



Rachelle De Iacovo
APRE / Classroom Teacher

NGRMG Garden Club

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Community News