



Mini-Newsletter

Wednesday, 12th August 2020 (Term 3, Week 4)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



2020 SA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN WEEK

This week we are celebrating Open Week across the state, over 100 Catholic schools are joining in. We are celebrating that our Catholic school offers:

- An excellent education
- Personalised learning
- Care for your child's wellbeing and learning
- An invitation to develop a loving relationship with Jesus
- Working in partnership with families
- A solid grounding for life-long learning

We launched Catholic Schools Open Week at our Monday morning Assembly.

This morning we have had our Open Morning and I have been amazed at the number of families that we have had visiting the children engaged in their everyday learning activities. We had 37 families visit our school! Thank you all for your support of your children and our school.

A huge thank you to all of our teaching and ESO staff for making this possible and welcoming you all in.

5/6 CLASS ASSEMBLY

This Friday the 5/6 class will host our first class Assembly since Term 1.

Parents and carers of the students in the 5/6 class are invited to attend the Assembly they will host, this Friday morning at 9.00am in the MPLA.

Visitors for the 5/6 Assembly are asked to:

- Come in through the Front Office and sign in
- Use the hand sanitiser provided
- Practise physical distancing of 1.5 metres with other adults

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

This Saturday 15th August, we celebrate the Catholic Church Solemnity of The Assumption Of Mary. Mary has a special place in the Catholic tradition because she is the mother of Jesus. The Catholic belief is that having completed her earthly life, Mary's body and soul was assumed into heaven.

WHAT'S THE BUZZ? SENIOR

Thanks to Lisa Caffyn who has been preparing to start up some groups for Year 5-7 students to complement the social and emotional learning that takes place in the classroom. Lisa will run What's The Buzz? Sessions for senior students on Friday mornings, starting this week. We are pleased to be able to offer these groups as well as the What's The Buzz Junior groups with Paula Northeast. Thank you to Lisa and Paula.

BOOK WEEK – NEXT WEEK

The Book Week theme this year is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'.

A reminder that next week we will have activities throughout the week for Book Week.

Our whole school dress up day will be Wednesday, 19th August, we will commence the day with a parade, enjoying the costumes that have been put together. Parents are able to stay for the Parade, observing the requirements above (as for 5/6 Assembly). We will have a free sausage sizzle lunch. If your child/children do not want a sausage lunch, please send along packed lunch for them as usual.

Start thinking about costumes related to the theme of Curious Creatures, Wild Minds. We invite all students to participate positively in the day and that everyone dresses in some way according to the theme:

Just A Few Ideas: unicorn, dinosaur, combination of animals/creatures, Wild Thing (from Where The Wild Things Are), giant squid, The very Hungry Caterpillar, Green Sheep, dragon, The Gruffalo, Grug.

Other activities that we will be involved in will be:

- Tuesday: Class visit to Wallaroo Museum to see the curious creature – giant squid
- Visit Wallaroo Playground – and go wild!
- Make creature bookmarks with buddies
- Reading The Gruffalo and complete an activity sheet
- Reading and listening to the shortlisted books for the Book Week 2020 awards
- Visiting our own fantastic school library

DIRECTOR VISITING

Next Tuesday we will be welcoming Nichii Mardon who is the Director of Catholic Education for the Port Pirie Diocese. Nichii is visiting our school to meet with staff and visit the children. Nichii is a very passionate supporter of our school and loves to come and visit us as often as she can. We will look forward to welcoming her.

Blessings for the week ahead,

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OPEN MORNING PHOTOS

