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Mini-Newsletter – Week 10 Wednesday, 2nd April, 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

AUSTRALIAN BOOKS FOR CHILDREN OF AFRICA

Recently Sharon and Annette have had a tidy up of our books and there were some that do not suit our needs any more. Along with books left over from the 4/5 class book stall, these have all been gathered up and sent interstate and from there, they will be sent to Durban in South Africa where they will be very much used and appreciated by children who do not have the same resources that we do. Thank you Annette for this initiative.

YEAR 7-9 CAMP

We wish the Year 7-9 students, Lisa Caffyn and Josh Champion a wonderful time away on their camp at Mylor this week.

2/3 SLEEPOVER

We hope the two Year 2/3 classes have a great time on their sleepover at school this Friday night!

PUPIL FREE DAY

A reminder the first day of Term 2, Monday, 28th April, will be a Pupil Free Day. OSHC will be available, a booking sheet is included in today's newsletter.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Ms Michelle Miller PRINCIPAL

CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

It is a powerful reminder of the inner strength we can draw from our faith. No matter the challenges ahead, with Christ, we have the ability to overcome and achieve.

PROJECT COMPASSION



It was wonderful to see the Reception and Year 1 students, parents and staff serve ice-creams at recess.

I thank the parents for their generosity of donations of ice-cream, cones and toppings.

The money raised will go towards Project Compassion.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION

HOLY WEEK



Next Monday afternoon at our Assembly we will have a focus in our prayer time on Lent and Palm Sunday. We will reflect on the season Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday. During this time of Lent, we were asked to use our hands, our hearts and our voices to turn back to God.

We will then begin our remembrance of Holy Week with Palm Sunday events, prayers and songs.

On Friday, we will remember the events of Holy Thursday when Jesus had his Last Supper, followed by Jesus going into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.

Finally we remember the suffering Jesus endured on Good Friday when Jesus was crucified, and taken down from the cross, and placed in a tomb.

When we return from holidays, we will celebrate Easter Sunday when Jesus rose to new life.

PRAYER FROM A DAILY CUPPA WITH MARY AND JULIAN:

Our good God sees the heart. MM 1871

How easily does the heart begin to close when we feel threatened.

The following questions show us how to bring everything back to love. These are the "real questions":

Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face?

Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment?

Did I forgive? Did I love?

Our most useful asset is not a head filled with knowledge, but a heart filled with love.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;

Everyone who loves in born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7

Mrs Francesca Tully
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

P & F NEWS

SUBWAY LUNCHES

Subway orders for lunches on Friday, 11 April, are due at school tomorrow (Thursday, 3rd April).



P & F NEWS

ONLINE AUCTION

We are excited to let you know the total amount raised for our Online Auction is \$2921. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Parents and Friends Online Auction. The money raised will go towards a new shade sail for the oval playground.



POP-UP PICNIC

The **Pop-Up Picnic** is set to be a lovely relaxed evening with live music and lawn games available. Don't forget to put the date in your calendar.



PARENT INFORMATION SESSION



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPDATE



The Year 4 students received new laptops last week. The laptops they had been using were given to the Year 2/3 classes, which they were very excited about.

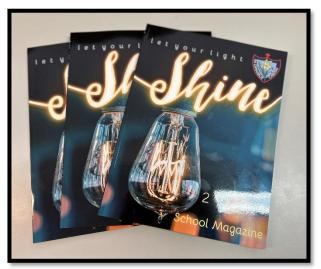
The Reception to Year 2/3 classes have 1:1 dipads with the 4/5 to 7-9 classes having a bank of 10 devices in each class.

Mrs Francesca Tully IT ADMINISTRATION

2024 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Let your light shine! The 2024 School Magazine has arrived! Over 90 pages of memories from 2024. If you pre-ordered your magazine it will be sent home tonight. If you would like to purchase a copy, they are \$25 available from the front office.





PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday, 28th April, will be a Pupil Free Day. Outside School Hours Care will be available from 8.00am to 6.00pm. Light snacks are provided, children will need to bring packed recess and lunch. Child Care Benefits will be paid accordingly at a cost of \$60.00 per child. Please return the reply slip by **Wednesday**, **9**th **April**, if your child/ren will be attending.

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OSHC BOOKING FORM – PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY, 28th APRIL Return by Wednesday,9th April

Family Name:	Signed:
Children requiring OSHC	Year
	Year
	Year

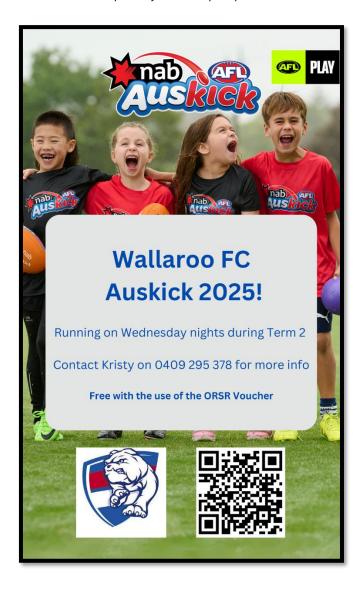
Bookings

Priority 1 – Children who are permanent Monday after school.

Priority 2 - Children of parents/carers who work this day.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The services and events contained in Community News are in no way connected with the school and are included in this newsletter for your information only. Parents and caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children. Notices will be placed if time and space permits.



COPPER COAST SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TIMETABLE						
MONDAY 14/4	TUESDAY 15/4	WEDNESDAY 16/4	THURSDAY 17/4	FRIDAY 18/4		
KINDERFUN 10.30-11.30 AGES 0-5 YEARS \$8.00 PER CHILD	SWIM AND PLAY 10.30-11.30 UNDER 5'S \$8.00 PER CHILD SWIM AND PLAY 11.30-12.30 OVER 5'S \$8.00 PER CHILD	SWIM AND PLAY 12.00-1.00PM ALL AGES \$8.00 PER CHILD	KIDS BOOTCAMP 11.00AM-12.00PM AGES 5-12 YEARS \$8.00 PER CHILD SHOOTING HOOPS- CASUAL \$3 PER PERSON ALL DAY	GOOD FRIDAY CENTRE CLOSED		
MONDAY 21/4	TUESDAY 22/4	WEDNESDAY 23/4	THURSDAY 24/4	FRIDAY 25/4		
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