

200 YEARS - FAITH IN THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

Almighty and all-loving God,
with gratitude for the endeavours of Catholic education in the past,
with confidence in our Catholic pre-schools, schools and universities today,
and with faith in their continuing contribution in the future,
we celebrate 200 years of Catholic education in this Great South Land.

As our Heavenly Father,
we thank you for your providential care for your children in this land
in inspiring priests, religious and lay people
to found and staff our schools in ages past.
Through them the Good News of your Son was brought to the young
even in colonial times – and ever since.

As Christ the Teacher,
you grace the staff and leaders of Catholic education today.
As they build on the achievements of their predecessors
direct them in their present efforts
to ensure that every young Australian has the opportunity
for an excellent education and formation in faith.

As our Inspiring Spirit,
you lead us into the future.
In the century ahead grant those teaching and
learning in our schools,
those planning and leading,
and the families and community that entrust
their young people to us,
a love of learning and a willingness to be the
face of Christ
in the world of tomorrow.

Pour out your abundant blessings upon all involved in
the ministry of Catholic education. Amen.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross – pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Patron of Catholic
Education in Australia – pray for us.

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Catholic Education
CELEBRATING 200 YEARS
Faith in the future



Dear parents and students,

As we arrive at the mid point of the school year and look back, we can see that the year has certainly not been quite as disrupted as it was at this point last year, but there nevertheless has been a couple of “bumps in the road.” I therefore want to congratulate the children on their efforts. They have by and large worked hard, despite the couple of home learning stints. I wish them all a couple of relaxing weeks break!

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the work of our staff. They have all worked hard to keep things running as smoothly and as normally as possible, particularly in recent weeks. I'm sure they will enjoy putting their feet up for a couple of weeks.

Earlier this term, our Religious Education Leader, Sonia Scott, took our R.E. and Social Justice Leaders and our school Captains and Vice Captains to St. Patrick's Cathedral to be present at a Mass to celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. Sonia has written a summary about the day:

This year Catholic Education celebrates 200 years of schooling in Australia. Earlier this term we were lucky enough to join together with students from parishes right across Melbourne to mark this important milestone. Students from the Religion and Social Justice team, together with our school captain and vice captains travelled to St Patrick's Cathedral to mark this special occasion. We were

led by Bishop Peter Comensoli in a lovely Mass where we heard about the history of schooling in Victoria. One of his main messages is that it is not only the first of something that is important, but the ones who come

after it and work to maintain and strengthen it. There was beautiful singing by talented students from local Catholic schools, and it was certainly special to be able to join with others to celebrate. Coming home this week is a prayer card which recognises the contributions of the past and our hopes for the future which you may like to pray together as a family.



The prayer that Sonia mentions is this one on the front page, and most children received their card yesterday or today.

Our next Parish Family Mass will take place over the middle weekend of the school holidays. This makes it a little tricky to coordinate, but Jemma Purdy (mother of Gabe in 3/4G) has kindly offered to coordinate the Mass. Jemma would love to have some support in the form of children to read during the Mass, bring up the gifts, etc. If you are in a position to be involved, please email Jemma - jepurdey@hotmail.com.

Just a couple of quick last minute reminders. Firstly, a reminder that Term 2 school fees were due a couple of weeks ago. If you have not done so, could you please arrange for the payment of any amounts ASAP.

A final reminder that students will return on Tuesday 13th July.

You should have received your child's school report on Wednesday. If not, please check your child's school bag. If you still have no luck, give us a call at the office.



Finally, while not one of our school staff, someone well known to many in our school community celebrated a milestone earlier this week. *OSHClub* asked Melina if she could come in for a

“meeting”. However, there was no meeting - the reason they wanted Melina to come in was so that they could acknowledge her 10 years of service with *OSHClub*. Congratulations Melina on your years of service. Many, many students over the years have got to know you, and I'm sure they would all wish you a “well done!”

Enjoy the break everyone - see you next term!

Matthew Davey

School Calendar

N.B.: These dates/events may be subject to change, and such changes will be published in future newsletters.

Religious Activities

School Closed

Items in red text are newly added or amended entries.

Term 3

July		
Mon	12 th	Pupil Free Day - Staff Professional Learning
Tue	13 th	Term 3 Commences
Sat	24 th	Yr 4. & Yr. 5 Students - First Holy Communion
Mon	26 th	Grandparents Day (TBC)
August		
Mon	2 nd	Yr 1/2 Camp
Sat-Fri	21 st -27 th	BOOK WEEK
Fri	27 th	Pupil Free Day-Professional Learning (PBL)
September		
Fri	3 rd	Father's Day Breakfast
Fri	10 th	Prep Camp
Thu	16 th	School Performance
Fri	17 th	Last Day of Term 3 - 1:00 p.m. finish
Term 3 School Holidays: Saturday 18 th September - Sunday 3 rd October		

Term 4

October		
Mon	4 th	Term 4 Commences
Mon - Wed	4 th - 6 th	Yr 3/4 Camp
November		
Mon	1 st	Pupil Free Day - Staff professional Practice Day
Tue	2 nd	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
December		
Fri	3 rd	Pupil Free Day - Staff Planning for 2022
Wed	15 th	Last Day of Term 4 for students - 3:30 p.m. finish
Thu - Fri	16 th - 17 th	Staff Professional Practice days
Summer School Holidays: Thursday 16 th December - Thursday 27 th January		