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3 April Last day of Term 1



Term 1 Week 9

26 March 2020

THE GRAPEVINE

Taking Heart: We are all in this together.

Yesterday I gave one of my brothers a stern talking to. I asked him if he was isolating and when he hesitated, I knew he wasn't. He was surprised when I told him he was the most vulnerable person in our family. He had open heart surgery last year after which he was seriously ill for 6 weeks with a reaction to the drugs. All in all, I think he cheated death at least twice. And he still has health problems. So why hasn't he thought this through? I think because of the grandchildren. They are the joy of his life. His love of them made this a problem too hard.

I could only afford to 'smack him round the head' because I had a practical solution. I told him about a woman here in Yeppoon who is continuing to have play dates with her great grandchildren. They play on the lawn. She watches and encourages them from the front door. It works.

Many of us are coming up with bright and creative ways of dealing with the present crisis and we need to share these ideas far and wide. Put them on your Instagram page, put them on the school's Facebook page, put them on Snapchat. Sharing will give you heart in the midst of the stress we all share. This is the time when we can best experience our world's interconnectedness. No, not by watching Netflix but by caring for and sharing with each other the good things that work in our lives. Created in the image and likeness of God, we are meant to live in community. The irony is that as we are encouraged to isolate, we will discover how much we need each other. Take heart, be imaginative, share, share and share.

Loving God, as we isolate, we are discovering how much we need each other. Send us your wise Spirit to give us creative and loving ways of supporting each other. May we share our wisdom with each other. We ask this in Jesus' name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Parents

This week our students have shown resilience and engaged in a wide variety of learning experiences. Thank you to our teachers who have, throughout the past week arrived with a smile and provided positive learning experiences for our children. The global epidemic which is impacting on all of us has presented challenges and we are endeavouring to meet these with the best interests of our students, staff and community in mind. This week teachers have had some extra planning time to prepare for at home learning. You will have all received a letter today which outlines the plans St Benedict's has put in place for this to occur should schools be closed. Teachers will be sending home specific class information, passwords and resources as required so we are prepared for children to continue their learning at home.

Please be assured of our commitment to learning and keeping you informed with the latest information. We will continue to follow the direction of the Catholic Education Office and the Queensland Government. If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

We ask you to remember those who have experienced ill health, job uncertainty or any difficulties and we pray that our families and community will continue to be supportive, compassionate and understanding to those around them.

Wishing you all a great week.

Julie McLaughlin

Online Learning Information

All parents were emailed a letter today which provides information with regards to online learning for St Benedict's students. Teachers will provide further information tomorrow for specific classes. Please contact your class teacher if you have any questions concerning this information.

Device Availability

Teachers have been gathering information in relation to the availability of devices in homes. We are aware of some homes where this could pose a problem as there are no devices available. If this is the case please contact the school office, info@sbyrok.catholic.edu.au or see your class teacher so we are able to assist your child with their continued learning.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will not occur this term. Teachers will contact parents if they feel it is necessary next week. These interviews will be rescheduled at a later date.

NAPLAN 2020

Naplan 2020 has been cancelled for this year.

Masses and Sacramental Program

All Masses across the Diocese have been cancelled. The Sacramental Program for 2020 has been suspended. Attached to this newsletter is information from Bishop Michael McCarthy which gives further direction in relation to Church ceremonies and rituals. Thanks to Bishop Michael for his ongoing support of our schools and communities.

Prayer

In these difficult times it is important for us to keep our prayer and shared liturgy alive. Pope Francis has invited people around the world to pray the Our Father. At St Benedict's a Year 6 student will lead this over the school intercom system at 12:00pm each day. If in the event that school closes you may like to continue this ritual at home with your children.

Our Father

Who art in heaven

Hallowed be Thy name

Thy Kingdom come

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us

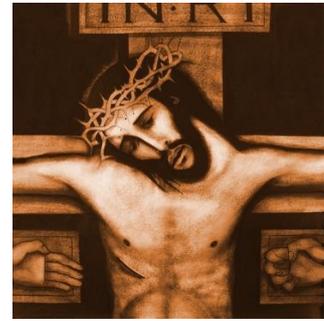
And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

Amen

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This week, classes have begun reflecting on the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross depict Jesus' final walk through the streets of Jerusalem, carrying his cross. These devotions commemorate key events on the day of Christ's Crucifixion. Each day students visit the Prayer Path to view artwork of each station. They pray together about the sacrifice Jesus made for us.



MASS

Mass will be streamed each day from St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton at 12:00pm. The following link will give you access to this mass.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

Caritas

In Malawi, 18% of the population are undernourished.

Tawonga is a 10-year-old girl, living with a disability. She lives in a village in northern Malawi in a region plagued by food insecurity and poverty. For most of her life, her parents have struggled to provide food for the family. Since participating in a Caritas Australia supported program, Tawonga's life has transformed. Her family now grows enough food to provide three meals a day, ending the struggle of malnutrition, and helping her thrive at school. With your help, this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them. Watch a short film about Tawonga's story.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7KANloqXQQ0&feature=youtu.be>

Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle has been Cancelled.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Jillian, Cameron, Clay, Ruby and Zara Neyland on the birth of baby Miles on Friday.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
THIS WEEK TO:

23 Mar	Jax Keating	7
23 Mar	Audrey Schlencker	8
25 Mar	Beau Robertson	7
26 Mar	Lane Holden	7
29 Mar	Zayne Lawrence	8