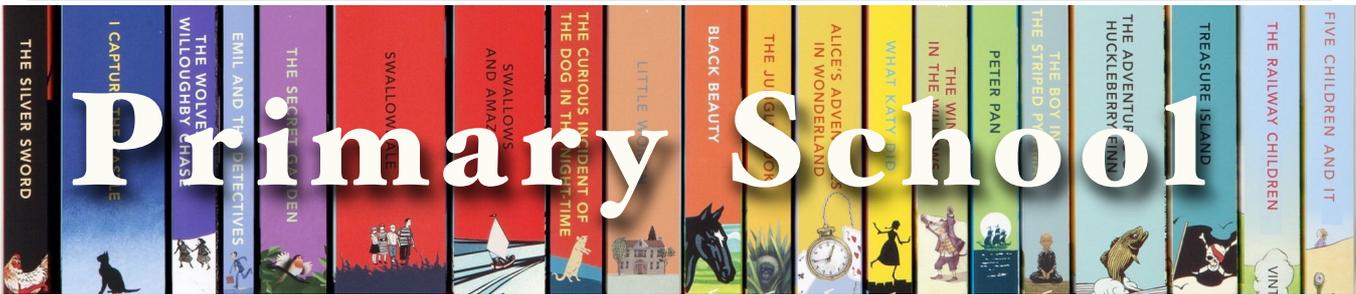


NEWSLETTER



From the Primary Principal

Dear Parents and Members of the Community,

Term 2 has been a busy and productive one. In addition to the usual schedule, we have had the KPF with Dr David Daintree, the cross country carnival, RAS Cross Country, NAPLAN testing, exams and Parent-Teacher Interviews.

Parent-Teacher Interviews were conducted during this week with most taking place on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to all the parents who attended these meetings as it is only through a successful partnership between school and home that we are able to maximise opportunities for students.

Today is the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The promises of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus to those who give honour to His name are very powerful. I encourage you to ask a priest to consecrate your home to the Most Sacred of Jesus and to give honour to Our Lord by placing an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home. Today we were blessed to celebrate this holy Solemnity with Mass, followed by an extended recess, heart biscuits (thanks to Dominique Morton) and a vintage movie afternoon. The Foundation and Year 1 students watched “Cinderella” and Years 2-6 watched “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang”. Thank you to the Sisters and others who organised the day, allowing all to mark it in such an appropriate and fitting manner.

With the holidays now upon us, I take this opportunity to thank all of our staff, parents and students for the work you have done this term. Please enjoy a well-earned break but make the most of the time by being productive for “you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.” James 4:14. The reality of our mortality was brought home to me again in recent days when my wife’s cousin died from cancer; he was only in his early 20s. Recently, another young Catholic known to our community died suddenly in an accident. How quickly life can come and go. I put these examples forward not to end the term on a sour note, but instead to encourage you all to live a life full of Joy, illuminated by Faith, Hope and Charity and the other virtues. For in doing this we can inspire those around us to come to know, love and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ and when The Lord does come, our lamps will be alight and we will be ready for Him. Have a great holiday and I look forward to seeing you in term three, if not sooner.

God bless,

John Burton
(P r i m a r y
Principal)



Important Dates

- July 22nd: Staff day
- July 23rd: Term Three commences

Notices

- School supervision begins at 8:20 am. Children should not arrive before this time.
- Jumpers: As Blazers cannot be worn during play, please ensure your child brings their black jumper with them to school.
- Thank you to all the families who collected the Earn & Learn stickers. This promotion has now finished. Stay tuned for updates on the equipment we have been able to purchase.

40 DIVINE DAYS SPENT WITH MY LOVING GOD

By Alen, Year 6

I would like to share my divine experience in which I spent 40 days with my loving Lord at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre in Kerala, India. The name of the school in which I spent these 40 days is 'Apostolic School' and there was a total of 105 students there – 70 boys and 35 girls.



Each day, the experience was different. During the retreat, we said prayers including the Rosary and Way of the Cross. When I was there, I saw Christ's face in many people, especially the volunteers who all looked after us without expecting anything in return. I thank the Lord for such wonderful people. Many times, I experienced the presence of Mother Mary at Mount Carmel.

At each moment of my retreat, the eternal Father was holding His Victorious right hand over me. My heavenly Father gave me an amazing chance to sleep under the same roof as the Holy Eucharist during these days, because all boys slept inside the retreat centre. Every day was special to me but the most unforgettable, memorable day was June 9th, 2019, the day of Pentecost, when I really experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit. I have never experience a more holy and divine 40 days.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mr Burton and Mr Aarts, who both have supported me a lot. I would also like to thank all the loving Dominican sisters, all teachers, school directors, office staff, and my friends for all of their powerful prayers which have supported me a lot. Please keep praying for me to live with my loving Lord. Thank you and God bless you all.

Year One Religion



The Year One Class has been learning about the key events in Redemption, and from Palm Sunday to Pentecost. They have added them to this Passiontide/ Eastertide Wreath. Finally completed, they hold them up for your admiration!



Around the Classroom

Foundation: Foundation students have been counting in multiples of two, five and ten. They have been adding and subtracting numbers to ten and exploring strategies to arrive at an answer quickly.

Year One: Year One have been reading and writing expositions in English and learning about time in Mathematics.

Year Two/Three: In Year 2/3, we have been illustrating the descriptions written this semester.

Year Four: In English, the Year Four class has been looking closely at the literary devices used in various poems and in Mathematics students have been comparing fractions, decimals and percentages.

Year Five: Finished reading "The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe" and watched the movie for comparison. They have also studied Subject and Predicate, Case and Finite Verbs in in grammar.

Year Six: Yr. 6 students continue their Term 2 History unit by studying the Age of Exploration which they began with Sr. Mary Catherine. They are currently reading about the Spanish Armada and England's explorations that followed those by Spain and Portugal.

Recommend Resource for Parents

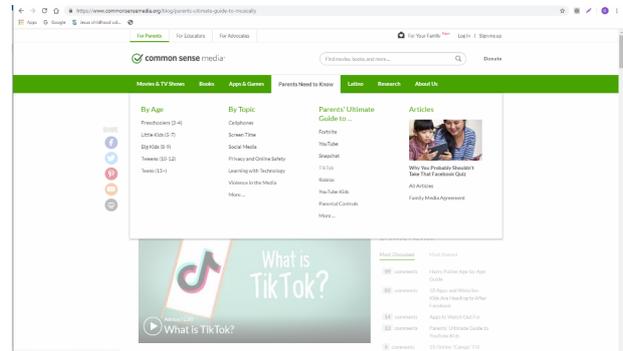
With the online world constantly changing, it is a tiring but necessary fact that parents need to keep abreast of the key changes in the virtual world. Although most of our school community protect their children from the inherent dangers involved in these sites, teenagers and parents need to know what the sites are, and how they work.

Common Sense Media has been recommended. Although it is not Christian, it provided insights into social media, apps, movies, books etc., that parents feel useful. It has a Parent section.

From Common Sense Media in Brief:

Instagram

Teens love Instagram; they can also keep tabs on their favourite celebrities, follow accounts that align with their interests, and, of course, maintain their own profile (or profiles) that present an image of themselves to their friends -- and sometimes to the world. As with all social media, these elements can also be breeding grounds for trouble. Depending on whom you follow or what you search for, you can find lots of mature content. And the comments on posts can be downright vicious, especially if an account is public. Then there's the pressure. Lots of kids feel that they have to maintain a perfect profile, so they're constantly scanning posts for likes and deleting ones that don't measure up. Instagram also has a commercial aspect. Embedded ads, celebrity endorsements, and links to buy products are all over kids' feeds.



Snap Chat

Has a lighthearted design, but other features pose some risks: Snap Map lets friends see each other's location on a map, which isn't always safe; Snapstreaks requires kids to exchange messages for as long as possible, which is a major time-suck; and Discover offers some age-inappropriate content.

According to the terms of service, users must be 13. You have to enter your birth date to set up an account, but there's no age verification, so it's easy for kids under 13 to sign up. Common Sense Media rates Snapchat OK for teens 16 and up, mainly because of the exposure to age-inappropriate content and the marketing ploys, such as quizzes, that collect data.

TikTok

Real Short Videos is a free social media app that lets you watch, create, and share videos -- often to a soundtrack of the top hits in music -- right from your phone. As with the lip-synching app Dubsmash, users can watch and record videos of themselves lip-synching to popular music and sound bites.

Common Sense recommends the app for age 16+ mainly due to the privacy issues and mature content. TikTok requires that users be at least 13 years old to use the app and that anyone under the age of 18 must have approval of a parent or guardian -- but there are plenty of young tween users

Check the 'Parent Ultimate Guide to Snap Chat/ Instagram/ Youtube/ TikTok/ Sarahah/ Kik etc. on Common Sense Media for the detailed reviews.

Read-a-Thon Success

A huge thank you to the Infant of Prague Fundraising Committee for this Term's Read-a-thon. This was a great success with the students, who borrowed over 500 books from the School Library to complete the challenge, raising over \$1,100 from generous sponsors. Children also won new books to add to their home libraries. This was a fantastic initiative which supports Saint Mary Mackillop's emphasis on literacy, and substantially increased the number of books read by our students over the holidays, providing a healthy and creative alternative to using technology for entertainment. We really appreciate the hard work that went into coordinating and preparing the Read-a-thon, and look forward to future Read-a-thons!



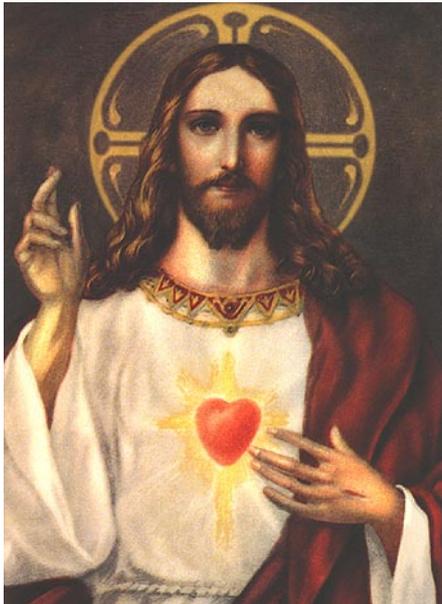
Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Today we were blessed to celebrate the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. We were blessed to celebrate the day with Mass, Heart Biscuits and other festivities. We encourage you to pray this act of consecration together as a family tonight.

Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

(Taken from EWTN)

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honouring and glorifying Thee. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to Thee, and to do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee.



I take Thee, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be Thou, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Thy Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in Thee, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Thine infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee. I beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants.

Amen.

