



Holy Family School Newsletter

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From the Principal's desk

Julie David

Dear Families,

It is great to see that things are slowly getting back to normal. The sun is shining and we are free to move around our wonderful state of Victoria. On Sunday my family and I went for a drive to Olinda to have a bite to eat and enjoy the sunshine!

I hope you and your family also had the opportunity to have a relaxing weekend.

Father Pearce

On behalf of our school community I would like to wish Father Pearce all the best on his new appointment as Parish Priest of St. Michael's North Melbourne and his chaplaincy role at the University of Melbourne.

Father Pearce has been a wonderful support for our school staff and many families in our school community during his time as Parish Priest. It has been a pleasure working with someone who has a passion for building community. On Monday at assembly a few of our students shared their memories of Father Pearce and presented him with a gift from our school community to say thank you.



We will miss you!

NAIDOC Week

Our students have acknowledged NAIDOC week this week. Our school leaders mentioned the importance of this week at assembly and our teaching staff have been given access to activities to use with our students.



The theme for NAIDOC week is 'Always Was, Always Will Be' recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this country for over 65,000 years.

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday our school community acknowledged Remembrance Day with a prayer service led by myself and Miss Considine. At the end of the service all classes logged on to the live streamed service from the Shrine.

I would like to thank our students for being so prayerful and reverent during these services.



St. Vincent de Paul

Over the last couple of weeks we have continued to ask for donations to support those in need. I would like to thank all of our families for your amazing and continued generosity. I would like to acknowledge two students in our school who have used their pocket money to buy items for those in need. Last week their mum drove to school with the back seat in her car down to make room for all of the amazing donations from her family - this is a true example of Social Justice and looking out for someone else!

Values of the Week

Since our students have returned to onsite learning we have gathered remotely each Monday morning for our whole school assembly. During this assembly our Social Justice Leaders introduce a value for the week which is linked to scripture. Our value for this week is 'charity' and the scripture reference comes from the Gospel of John 13:34 -

***'A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another;
even as I have loved you,
that you will also love one another.'***

This week our students are invited to 'charity' towards others by donating personal items to our St. Vincent de Paul hampers.

Families are encouraged to send along soap, shampoo, handwash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, ...

Book Week 2020



Congratulations to all of our students who dressed up as their favourite book character to celebrate Book Week last Friday. Thank you to Mrs Gleeson and Mrs Williams for organising such a fun day!

Prep 2021 Transition

We were so excited today to be able to welcome our Prep 2021 students onsite for their second transition session. Our students attended sessions throughout the day in small groups.

We hope that each of our new students had a fun time in Prep Land!

Prep 2021 Parent Evening

The parents of our 2021 Prep students are invited to attend an online session by Carley McGauran (psychologist) which supports parents to assist their child with school readiness. This session will be held on **Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm**. Information has been shared with these parents.

School Closure Day

On Friday 27th November we have our final closure day for 2020. On this day our staff for 2021 will work in their planning teams to look at student data and begin to plan for 2021.

Year 6 Celebration Day

Our Year 6 students and teachers are busy preparing for their Graduation. On Friday 20th November our Year 6 students will be involved in a number of activities to celebrate their 7 years of primary schooling.

Education Board AGM

The AGM for our Education Board will be held remotely on Wednesday 18th November. At this meeting reports for the year are tabled by the Parish Priest, Principal, Deputy Principal, Learning and Teaching Leader and Parents and Friends Association. No new business will be presented at this meeting.

Parents and Friends AGM

Our Parents and Friends Committee will meet for their AGM on Tuesday 24th November at 7pm. This meeting will be held remotely depending on government restrictions at the time.



Use your Gifts

This year has really tested our patience. The lack of vision out of a pandemic while being bombarded with at a time of media saturation is frustrating at times. All our plans where placed on hold not knowing when we would return to a normality. Yet throughout all this spare time what did we learn? How did we use our time?

This Weeks Gospel is about not wasting the talents we have been given. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. I wonder what talents you discovered about your family during 2020? I wonder how these were nurtured? Most importantly I wonder how you will allow these talents to be nurtured as we continue to revert to a covid normal.

Vinnies Drive

We would love to say a massive thank you to the school community for all of their support during our food drive. Your donations have been very generous and we know they will help people in our community to have a brighter Christmas season this year.

With one week to go- don't forget to dust off your Christmas spirit and donate something festive to help build the Christmas season for those in need.

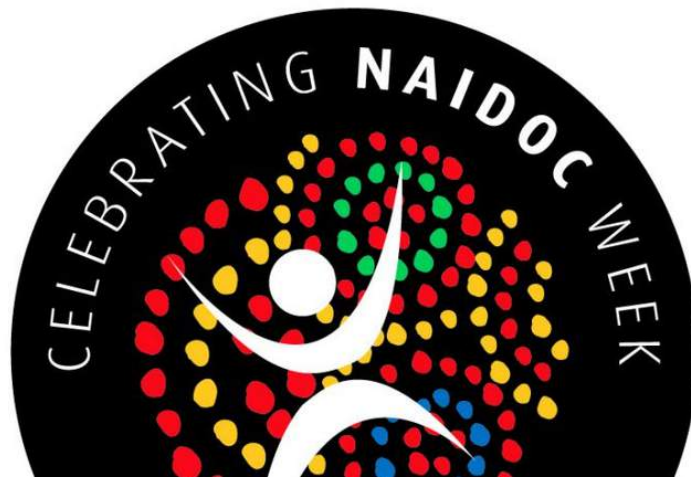


Christmas Joy

Christmas Cakes,
Christmas Puddings,
Christmas shortbread
Christmas Bon Bons
Packets of children's
lollies

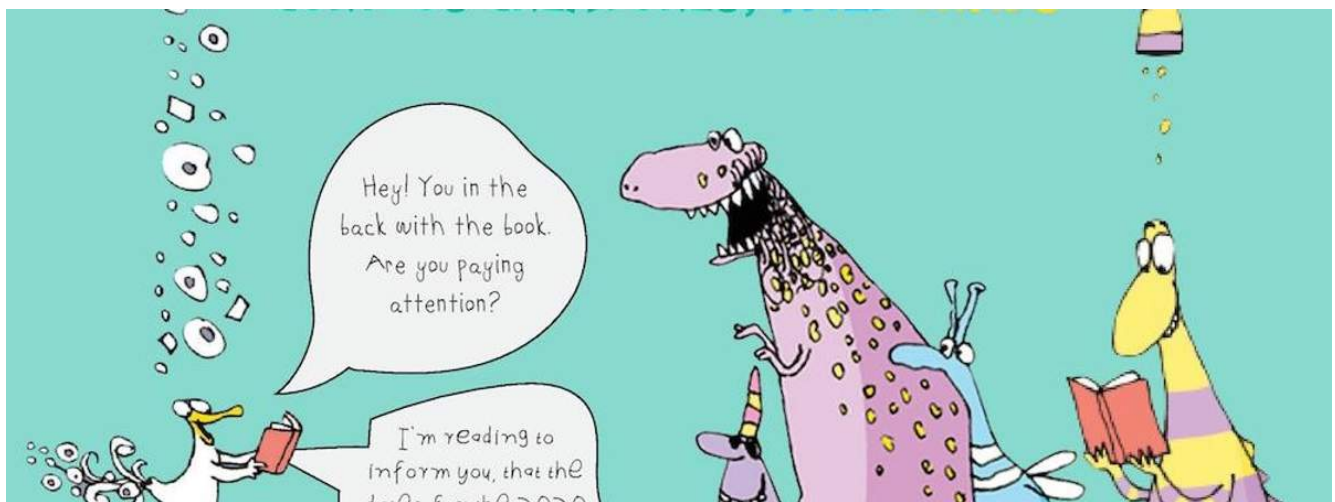
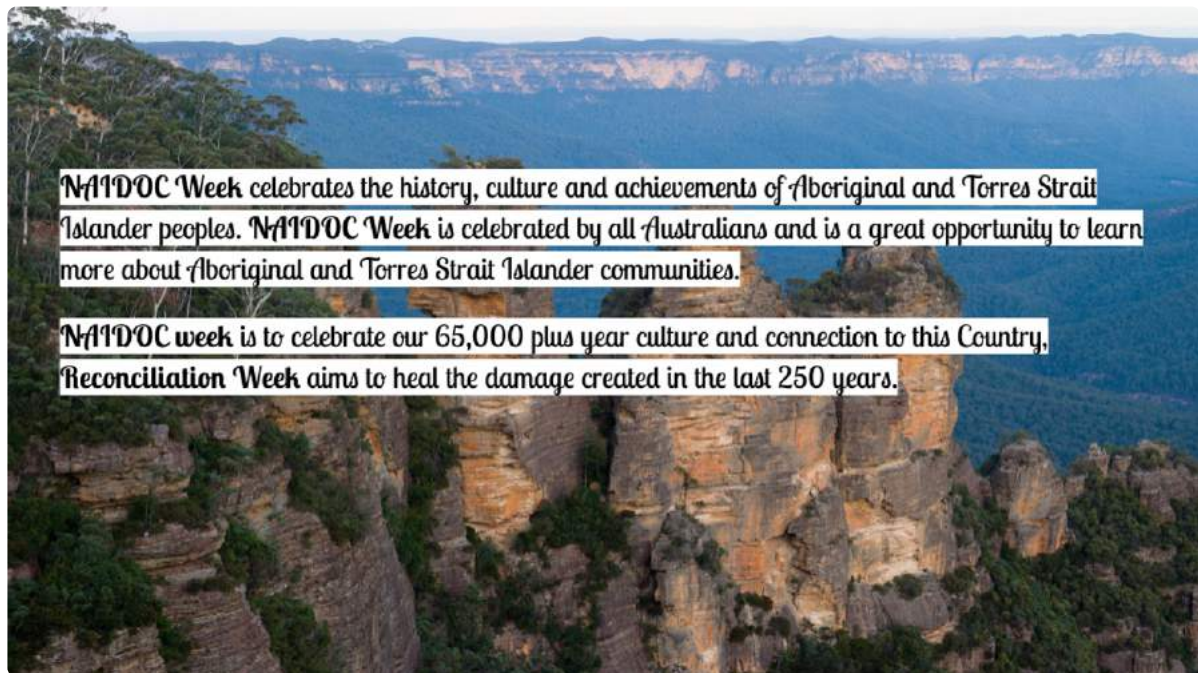
Value of the week

This week's value of the week is Charity. It would be incredible to talk to your children about what this word means at home. How can they help others in different ways not just through money to support those in need.



NAIDOC WEEK





BOOK WEEK DRESS UP FUN

The whole school had a wonderful celebration of everything books last Friday and it was exciting to see so many happy faces and fantastic costumes. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun and to you all for supporting your child to love books!. It really does make a difference when they see your support. Please enjoy some of the wonderful photos taken on the day.

Regards,

Karen Williams (Literacy Leader)

Susan Gleeson (Teacher Librarian)









Library News

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all families for your effort in locating books borrowed early in the year. It was a fantastic response with most books located.

The term is flying by so quickly!

The final week students will have the opportunity to borrow books from the Library will be in week seven (week beginning Monday 16th November).

All Library books will be due back to school the following week.

We thank you for your support in ensuring books are returned to the Library for all students to share.

Regards,
Susan Gleeson and Sarah Cuskelly





Congratulations to our award winners

Prep CS	Austin Miller - for following the morning routine and creating fantastic art pieces on his whiteboard during handwriting sessions.
Prep J	Cooper Shelley - for always giving everything you do a go! We are so proud of you!
1/2G	<p>Elliott Coombe for always being ready to support his classmates with challenging tasks. You are a champion!</p> <p>Lily Abbott for demonstrating resilience and choosing to have a positive mindset even when things get hard.</p>
1/2H	<p>Patrick Batty - For contributing to class lessons and being a kind friend to his classmates.</p> <p>Hudson Scamell - For putting in his best effort in all his work. Keep up the great work!</p>
1/2WK	<p>Mary Valastro-for an amazing effort when solving subtraction problems using the split strategy.</p> <p>Noah Wong-for sharing his love of reading 'Fantastic Mr Fox' with the class and superb learning in Maths!</p>

1/2SY	<p>Swayam Srivastava for his hardwork and dedication towards improving his reading.</p> <p>Alannah Cahill for her positive attitude towards her learning.</p>
3/4L	<p>Amelia Di Fede - for being a kind and caring member of our classroom, always looking out for her classmates.</p> <p>Jack Beasley - for persisting with every learning task this week. Well Done!</p>
3/4S	<p>Kiera Cahill for a fabulous effort in all areas of schooling! Congratulations Kiera!</p> <p>Charlie Abbott for wonderful contributions to class discussions. Well done!</p>
3/4M	<p>Charlotte O'Brien - for always entering the classroom with a positive attitude and being an independent learner. Well done Charlotte!!</p> <p>Arabella Gray- for being an independent and mature learner! Well done Arabella!</p>
3/4D	<p>Zoe Tsakmakis- continuously giving her best effort towards all her learning.</p> <p>Xavier MacFarlane- Thanks Xavier for your fabulous contributions to class discussions.</p>
3/4AG	<p>Estelle Thamnopoulos - For entering our class each day with a positive mindset and sharing your ideas in whole class discussions. You should feel so proud of yourself!</p> <p>Deklin Tran - For your positive attitude in all aspects of schooling and doing your best always. Well done!</p>
5/6BW	<p>Grace Kelly for her increased confidence within the classroom and for sharing her expertise and knowledge with others.</p> <p>Seth D for showing respect for others and for trying his best in everything he sets out to do.</p>
5/6D	<p>Matilda Looi- For being a stand out star pupil! Matilda you strive to achieve your</p>

best in everything you do and are kind and considerate to every person you encounter. We are so lucky to have you Well done!

Ilana Iannetta- Ilana you bring such positivity into the classroom each day. Thank you for approaching each learning task with a smile and determination. I am very proud of you.

5/6B **Emma Todd** - for working hard in Mathematics and showing determination in making improvements

Tristan Jiang - for making concerted attempts to produce his best work at all times.

5/6PW **Stella Valastro** for working like a trooper to the best of her ability and engaging in class discussions.

Isabella Delnigro for always helping others and approaching learning with maturity.



The Big Art and Expression Competition





Apple iPad Pro 11-inch 128GB
+ Apple Pencil (2020)



2ND

Wacom One 16"
Creative Pen
Display



3RD

Sphero RVR
Programmable
Robot



How to enter:

1. Download the 'All About U' template from campaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp
2. Let your child run free with their expression inside the template.
3. Upload your child's artwork at bigartcomp.com.au
4. Share with your friends and family. The top 3 entries with the highest votes will win a prize!

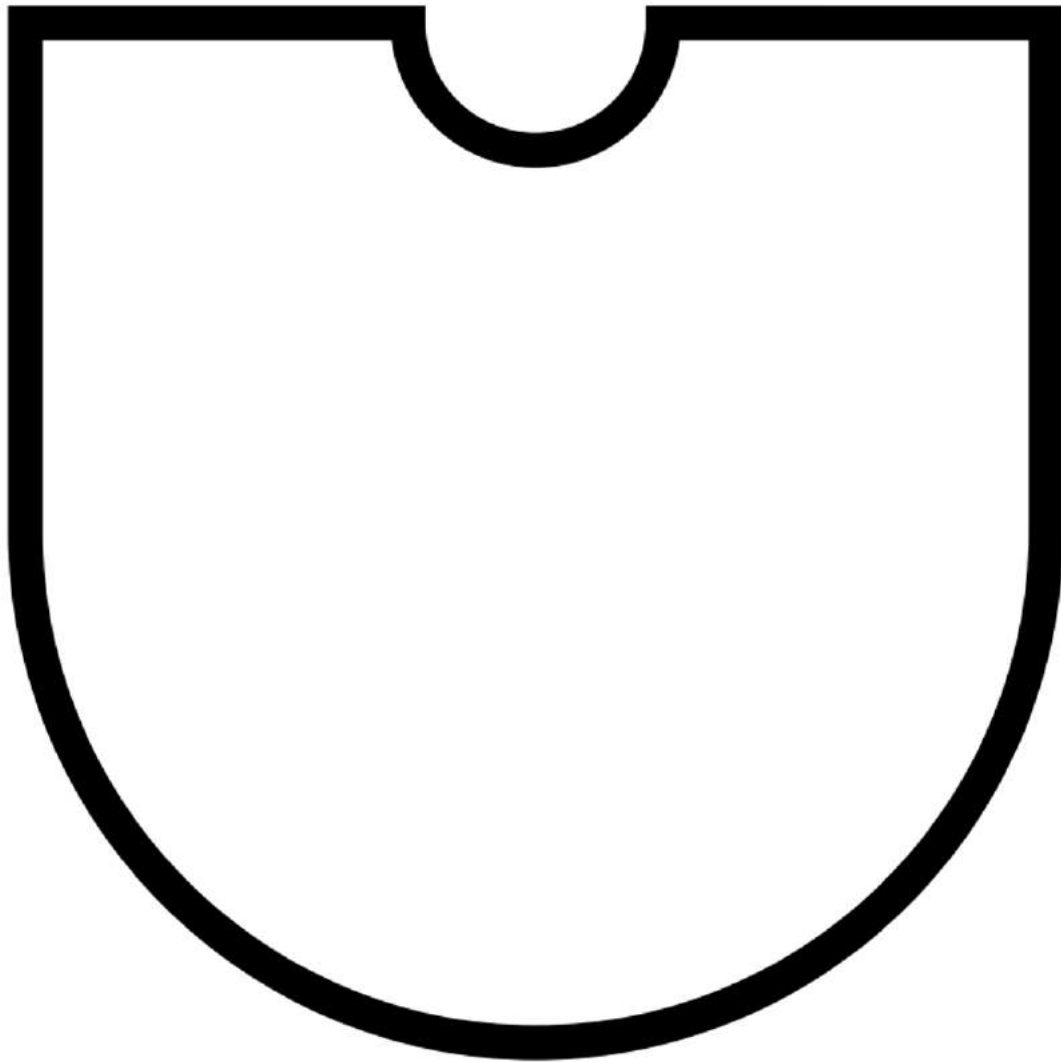
**WIN BIG
PRIZES**

Open to all Camp Australia families. Register with us now, for free!

Enter now at campaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp

Terms and Conditions apply: visit campaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp for more details.
Entries close Wednesday 18th November, 2020





HOW TO ENTER

1. Your parents or guardians can take a photo of your masterpiece in the template, and upload it at campaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp
 2. Remember to tell your family and friends, so they can vote for you to win!
 3. The competition closes on Wednesday, 18th November and the 3 pieces of art with the highest votes will each win a prize.
- Visit campaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp for more information.

This competition is all about *you*.

In the U provided, fill in the space with colours, patterns and shapes that best describe you. Use your imagination and create a masterpiece.





COMMUNITY NEWS

Woolworths Cricket Blast introduces kids, aged 5-10, to Australia's favourite sport.

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CRICKET BLAST

Come and join the fun at
Salesian Old Boys Cricket Club
Starting January 10th
Sundays 9am-10.30am

- Two programs – Junior Blasters 5-7yo and Master Blasters 7-10yo
- Ten sessions costs \$99, which includes your Blasters Pack!

- Fun, safe, social and active program
- Enjoy parent participation
- Have all equipment supplied
- Learn basic cricket skills/develop team values

● Now including Under 11s
(starting November)

Join the Blasters Crew – who are parents, ex-Salesian students,
current players and have a current WWCC –
at Salesian College – 10 Bosco Street, Chadstone, 3148

For more information or to register, contact
Brian Xerri or **Mark Fernandez** through Facebook
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