



SMJ NEWSLETTER

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Caring, Learning, Growing: Every Child, Every Day

Dear Parents and Friends of the SMJ Community,

On last week's newsletter you would have noticed the code and instructions for booking a 'Student Led' Conference in the last week of this term.

For those who are new to our school this year, and maybe for some of you who have been with us for some time, I thought this week would be a good time to provide information that explains the advantages of these conferences.

From the time students join us in their learning journey in Prep, through to when they leave at the end of Grade 6, we aim to give the learner increasing responsibility and ownership for their learning. This is so they can develop into independent, life-long learners. One of the best ways we can involve students in their own learning is to have them conduct and participate in a 'Student-Led Conference'. This means that each child conducts a discussion with a family member/s and their teacher, and be part of the discussion group.

A 'Student-Led Conference' is an authentic way to encourage the students to take responsibility for their own learning, actions and decisions. This process also demonstrates to the students that we positively support their learning and acknowledges the value we place on their views and the respect we have for their opinions. It also clearly demonstrates that, together, we will support their learning and celebrate their achievements.

We also acknowledge that there may be some matter that parents particularly wish to discuss without their child's presence. If this is the case we ask that you make an alternate appointment with the teacher.

Yours in Christ
Andrea

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Student Led Conferences

Mon 24th to Wed 26th June

Please book your child's Student Led Conference on line following these Instructions:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au
and enter code **ssdj3**

Appointments with specialist teachers are available by appointment through the office.

Dates to remember over the next week...

Fri 14 th	Assembly Prep Mrs Haase
Wed 19 th	5/6 Miss Roll Mass 9.30am
	3/4 Mrs McKinnon Gifting Mass in Nhill
Thurs 20 th	Gifting Mass 11.30am
Fri 21 st	Assembly 1/2 Miss Murray

Sherman Learning Community (Foundation)

Yesterday we went to the Alpha performance of King Arthur. The children loved the experience. Here are some comments about their favourite parts:

Cooper- " I liked the sword fight because they pretended to fight."

Abbey- " My favourite part was when the girl was in the water."

Kensi- "I liked the kissing part."

Abel- " When the kid pulled out the sword."

Isobel- " When they kissed."

Jed- "When they had the sword fight because they pretended to stab Merlin."

Thomas - "When he pulled the sword out of the rock."

A reminder that Mrs Hasse's home group is on Assembly tomorrow and we'd love it if you could join us for it.

BRIGID LEARNING COMMUNITY (1/2)

We all arrived to school this week very excited to share our news about the long weekend. Yesterday we saw a performance about King Arthur. Some of the highlights from this were the colourful costumes, music and dancing. We are continuing to learn about place value in maths. We are learning about two, three and four digit numbers. Parents and Carers might like to play a dice game to see who can make the smallest or largest number. The following questions could be asked: What is the number before and the number after? What would be ten more or ten less? What would the number be if it was 100 more or 100 less? We are also learning more about fairy tales. One of our tasks is to write about what we might do if they were a king or queen for day? You could brainstorm a list of ideas with us over the weekend.

We hope you all enjoy the rest of your week!

LYNCH LEARNING COMMUNITY (3/4)

This week in the 3/4 learning community we saw the Alpha show, they performed King Arthur . All of us really enjoyed the live show ! We went over to the parish centre and waited for it to start, the show started at 9:15 and ended at 11:00 . There were sword fights , smoke machines and so much more . In maths this week we have been learning about subtraction sums and how to solve them. In reading this week we are reading the book Refugees and learning how the author uses words to show us what is happening. We have been collecting items for lunch in baskets for the Gifting Mass next week. We have started researching our science projects. We have written our questions and now using the computer or books to locate the answers.

By Elke, Claudia and Briely

MADDEN LEARNING COMMUNITY (5/6)

We have had a short but very full week. Some students have attended Hoop time, as well as Girl's Football.

In religion we have been comparing similarities and differences between Christianity, Judaism and Islam. This has linked to our understanding of rituals and rules to our church.

On Friday we are beginning our inquiry courses. We have selected a course - Technology, biology, engineering and health - and are excited to beginning the immersion into the topic tomorrow.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Riley M, Jewell B, Jett M, Ashlynnne O, Jack B, Summer C & Ben E

Series of the week ...

The dragon keeper (by Carole Wilkinson)

The multi-award winning books in the Dragonkeeper series, combine an enthralling mix of ancient Chinese culture and history, magic, myth and fantasy. The story is set during the Han dynasty of China, and follows the adventures of Ping and an aging dragon, Danzi.

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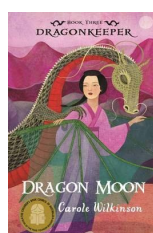
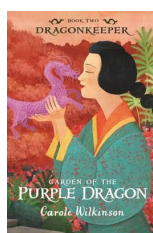
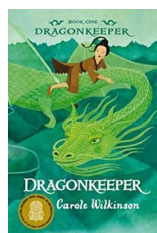
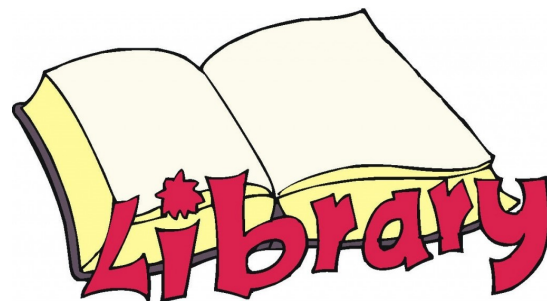
Tags: fantasy, adventure, dragon culture, myth and legend, magic

Reading level: 8+

Books in series: 5

Should you read in order: YES

Next release: Finished



EARN & LEARN

Thankyou to everyone who has been collecting Earn and Learn stickers. We have had an amazing response. Did you know all stickers collected go towards points to spend on educational equipment and resources for our school. Earn and Learn finishes on Tuesday 25th June so we have just under two weeks to go.

LOST:

**BRAND NEW WOOLLEN JUMPER.
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**St Brigid College 2020
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Please see the office if you have any concerns.



Sports News...

Junior Hooptime

Our 3/4 basketball teams played off against other Horsham Primary schools last Thursday at the Horsham Basketball Stadium. Our boys team made it through to the Grand Final but came up short against West 10-11.

Our Girls team fared slightly better, finishing the day undefeated after defeating Lutheran 17-6 in the Grand Final.

A big thank you to Tracey Pitts, Jackie Arnel, Penelope Manserra and Casey Plazzer for their coaching and management of the teams.

The girls team now qualify for the regional championships in Hamilton later this year. Well Done to both teams.

Our Senior teams are playing today so details will follow in next weeks newsletter.



RE NEWS

Gifting Mass, Thursday June 20th, at 11.30am

Our Gifting Mass is a chance for our children and families to donate to other families in need within our own community via the Christian Emergency Food Bank.

Each Learning Community has a mealtime or toiletry focus, as outlined below:

Prep Learning Community – Breakfast

eg. cereal, milo, vegemite, jam, tea/coffee

Junior Learning Community – Dinner

eg. rice, pasta, bolognese sauce, tinned tuna/salmon, tinned soup/stews

Middle Learning Community – Lunch & Snacks

eg. dry biscuits, spreads, baked beans/spaghetti, cheddar cheese, tinned soups

Senior Learning Community - Toiletries

eg. soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, face cloth, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant

We are collecting the items from now until Tuesday the 18th June.

Please leave items in the baskets in your child's Learning Community.

Many thanks in anticipation for your support.





Stay in your PJs and raise money for asthma.

Ss Michael & John's Primary School will be participating in PJ Day 2019.

Our last day of term lunch will be incorporating this fundraiser.

The day will cost \$5 per child or \$10 per family. This includes a hot dog, packet of chips, a fruit box and everybody can wear their PJ's for the day!

All profits made on the day will be donated to Asthma Australia.

**Our next Wheelie Wednesday
is on the 26th June**



DATES TO REMEMBER AT SMI

2019

JUNE		
FRI 14 th		Assembly Prep Mrs Haase
WED 19 th	9.30am	Mass 5/6 Miss Roll
		3/4 Mrs McKinnon's class celebrating Gifting Mass at St Patrick's in Nhill
THURS 20 th	11.30am	Gifting Mass
FRI 21 st		Assembly 1/2 Miss Murray
MON 24 th —WED 26 th		Student Lead Conferences <u>Please book online</u>
WED 26 th		Wheelie Wednesday
FRI 28 th		Assembly 3/4 Miss Walker
		PJ Day and Hot Dog Lunch \$5 per child/\$10 per family
	2.30pm	Last of Term 2 : 2.30 dismissal
JULY		
WED 25 th	4.30-6 or 7– 8.30	CEOB Strategic Planning Workshop in the Parish Centre
AUG		
12 th - 16 th		National Science Week
12 th - 16 th		Meals on Wheels
OCT		
14 th - 18 th		Meals on Wheels



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