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Caring, Learning, Growing: Every Child, Every Day

Dear Parents and Friends of the SMJ Community,

Welcome to Term 3!

This week has been a reminder that we are in the season of Winter. While the rain is welcome, the cold not so much! How wonderful though to see the rain and especially water laying in paddocks which is in stark contrast to the outback of NSW where there is dust drifting across the roads, and one wonders just what it is that the many animals can find to eat. While we are relishing the prospect of a good season here in Horsham and the Wimmera, please keep those farmers who are still experiencing severe drought conditions in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for your support of the current situation with lunch orders. We are currently seeking an alternative. Information will be sent out via CareMonkey as soon as a decision has been reached.

Our school webpage has had a revamp and is now live. It provides a one-stop place for school policies, parent handbook and annual reports, located under the Policies and Reports tab. Please keep checking back for any updates or additions over time. Check out the History page for some wonderful photos of the buildings of the past. This year we developed a new School Prospectus, and this is available for you to view via the Enrolment Page and highlights how amazing our school is! Thanks to Ange Watson for overseeing the development of the documents and the webpage.



You will have noticed the outside work that has been going on. Due to damage to the surface of the basketball courts that occurred during the installation of the basketball towers in 2012 and the shade sail in 2017 it became apparent that the surface could not be retained. By resurfacing, we have been able to (hopefully) address issues with drainage, especially the run-off from the paved area alongside and the puddle that formed on the highway side. The rain this week has certainly tested it, and it has come up trumps so far.

Yours in Christ, Andrea

Dates to remember over the week...

Tomorrow Assembly School Leaders
Thursday 25th CEOB Strategic Planning

Workshop ~ Parish Centre

Friday 26th Assembly 3/4 Mrs McKinnon



Sherman Learning Community (Foundation)

It has been a great first week of Term Three! The children have enjoyed sharing what they got up to over the holidays and are all enthusiastic about continuing their learning this term. We have some exciting new investigations in our space that the children have been exploring. We are desperately seeking more boxes for our Box Construction space if you have any. We will be seeing more exciting natural spaces as Miss Marr and Mrs C have returned from the Reggio Emilia Conference in Perth with many learning ideas. Stay tuned!

BRIGID LEARNING COMMUNITY (1/2)



Years 1 / 2 Naracoorte Caves Excursion Thursday 15th of August 2019 (Week 5) Depart 8am ~ Return to school by 5pm Winter school uniform Packed lunch, snack and drink bottle

LYNCH LEARNING COMMUNITY (3/4)

This week is our first week back from school holidays. We made bridges out of recycled objects but first we needed to work out our plans! We also went on Adobe Spark. Adobe Spark is a website where we can make posters and make videos. We made a poster about what journey means to us. We also did some cooking! We planned our dream houses, one storey or two storey. We designed and created a plan to scale. In Performing Arts we read a story about 'Sorry Day' for NAIDOC Week.

By Ivy, Olivia, Ruby

MADDEN LEARNING COMMUNITY (5/6)

On Monday we worked on a different shark tank innovation challenge where we had to develop an intention to fix a problem. Lots of ideas were presented including a decorative banner that contains a camera. This camera sends an alert to relatives of the elderly if they have a fall. Another idea was a life jacket that has a small system to convert seawater to drinkable water in case of an emergency. This challenge required teamwork, innovation, creativity and persistence.

On Tuesday we had our dress up hero day and talked about the qualities of leaders. We looked at Jessica Watson, Molly Steer, the divers that saved the boys trapped in the caves in Thailand and Dylan Allco. For our specialist day we worked on different mental math games including **HI LOW, FAST FACTS, 100 or BUST and DICE CRICKET.**

Today we learnt about NAIDOC week and completed a number of different activities about this. Tomorrow we are looking at different technology and working with our buddies.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Jonty, Abbey, Aíbel, Eva, Kobe, Aston, Harper, Stacy, Bethany, Xander, Tayla, Isabella, Allíra, Emma, Murphy, Olívía J & Gemma

Series of the Week ...

The Chook Doolan series (by James Roy)



Chook Doolan is a smart but nervous kid who just wants to be braver. With the help of family and friends, Chook will learn to navigate the new rules and challenges of primary school.











Tags: first chapter books, realistic fiction, school, friendships

Reading level: 5+ Books in series: 6

Should you read in order: No

50th Anniversary of the moon landing

Don't forget this Saturday 20th July marks the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. We currently have a display up in the library featuring a collection of new and old books to commemorate the anniversary.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 is now out and due back on Thursday 25th July. Just a reminder we can no longer accept late orders. This also includes LOOP orders. If you have any questions about Scholastic please contact our Librarian, Linda McCall.





MATH PROBLEM



What do you call an alligator in a vest?

(See next week's newsletter for the answers)



Neeve Kelly

Student of the week

Neeve presented a great shark tank idea where her business would provide quality sports gear whilst donating a percentage for under privileged students. What a great idea Neeve.



Teacher of the week

Miss Roll

For promoting teamwork with the shark tank innovation challenge.



Strategic Planning 2020 - 2024

Workshops for staff, parents, parish & community members

During 2019 we will be planning for our Diocesan Education Community 2020 - 2024.

A Planning team has been convened to lead us through this process. The Team will be led by Patricia Hindmarsh (former Director of Catholic Education in Tasmania) and will include Sr. Helen Nolen rsm, Eileen Rice, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Peter Morgan, John Meneely, Janine Hillman (Admin.) and Sandra Harvey.

To ensure that the strategic plan is representative of all communities we ask that you please encourage staff, parents, parish and other interested community members to attend the workshops that have been planned for your region.

Please note: Registration is not required. For enquiries, please contact Janine Hillman, Ph: 5337 7174, E: jhillman@ceob.edu.au

Strategic Planning Workshops

| ZONE | DATES | VENUE |
|---------------|-----------------------|--|
| ZONE | Tuesday | St. Patrick's College (Spring Board Room), Sturt St. Ballarat |
| Central Zone | May 7 th | 4:30pm – 6:00pm; |
| Ballarat | Ividy / | 7:00pm – 8:30 pm |
| Dallarat | Wednesday | St. Alipius Primary School, Victoria St. Ballarat |
| | May 8 th | 4:30pm = 6:00pm; |
| | May 8 | 4:30pm = 6:00pm; 7:00pm = 8:30 pm |
| Northern Zone | Tuesday | - Table - Tabl |
| | Tuesday | Ararat: Parish Function Centre |
| Ararat | July 23 rd | 4:30pm – 6:00pm; |
| Hamilton | | 7:00pm – 8:30 pm |
| Horsham | Wednesday | Hamilton: Parish Function Centre |
| | July 24th | 4:30pm – 6:00pm; |
| | | 7:00pm – 8:30 pm |
| | Thursday | Horsham: Parish Function Centre |
| | July 25 th | 4:30pm – 6:00pm; |
| | | 7:00pm – 8:30 pm |
| | Friday | Principals |
| | July 26th | Horsham: Church of Christ |
| Southern Zone | Monday | Colac: Parish Centre |
| Warrnambool | July 29th | 4:30pm - 6:00pm; |
| Colac | | 7:00pm - 8:30 pm |
| | Tuesday | Warrnambool: St Joseph's Parish Centre |
| | July 30 th | 4:30pm - 6:00pm; |
| | | 7:00pm - 8:30 pm |
| Northern Zone | Tuesday | Mildura: Monaghan Centre |
| Mildura | August 27th | 4:30pm - 6:00pm; |
| Swan Hill | | 7:00pm - 8:30 pm |
| | Wednesday | Swan Hill: Parish Centre |
| | August 28th | 4:30pm - 6:00pm; |
| | | 7:00pm – 8:30 pm |



DATES TO REMEMBER AT SMU

2019

| DULY | TIME | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Fri 19 th | | Assembly School Leaders |
| Wed 24 th | 4.30-6 or 7–8.30 | CEOB Strategic Planning Workshop in the Parish Centre |
| Fri 26 th | | Assembly 3/4 Mrs McKinnon |
| Wed 31 st | | Wheelie Wednesday |
| AUG | | |
| Fri 2 nd | | Assembly 5/6 Miss Roll |
| | 6pm ~ 8pm | Junior Disco (Prep to Year 3) Parish Centre |
| Fri 9 th | | Assembly Prep Miss Marr |
| | | Wizard of Oz Performance (town hall) |
| | 7pm ~ 9pm | Senior Disco (Year 4 to 6) Parish Centre |
| 12 th - 16 th | | National Science Week |
| 12 th - 16 th | | Meals on Wheels |
| Thurs 15 th | | Year 1 & 2 excursion to Naracoorte Caves |
| Fri 16 th | | PUPIL FREE DAY |
| 19 th - 23 rd | | BOOK WEEK |
| Wed 21 st | 9.30am | 3/4 Mrs McKinnon Parish Mass |
| Wed 21 st | | Taste of Prep 2020 |
| Fri 23 rd | | Assembly 5/6 Mr M ~ Indonesian |
| Wed 28 th | 9.30am | 3/4 Miss Walker Parish Mass |
| Fri 30 th | | Assembly 1/2 Mrs Abbott |
| Fri 30 th | | Fathers Day BYO Lunch |
| SEPT | | |
| Wed 4 th | | Wheelie Wednesday |
| | 9.30am | 3/4 Mrs Hausler Parish Mass |
| Fri 6 th | | Assembly 3/4 Mrs Hausler |
| Wed 11 th | 9.30am | 5/6 Mrs Hamilton Parish Mass |
| Fri 13 th | | Grandparents Day ~ Mass and Morning Tea |
| Fri 20 th | | Assembly 1/2 Miss Henschke |
| Fri 20 th | | Last Day of Term 3 : 2.25pm dismissal |
| OCT . | | |
| 14 th - 18 th | | Meals on Wheels |

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