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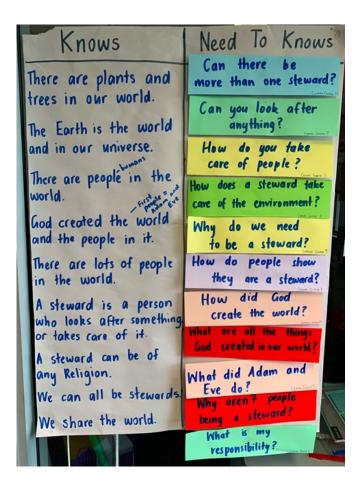
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This term in Year 2 our driving question for RELIGION is:

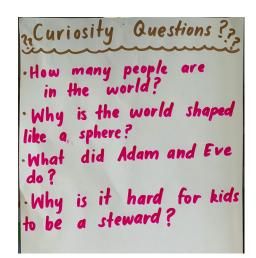
Why am I a steward in this world?

We identified the key words in our driving question as STEWARD and WORLD.

We then worked in our communication groups and recorded what we KNOW and what we NEED TO KNOW in order to answer our driving question. We also had curiosity questions that we will investigate during Reading Groups.







To help us unpack our driving question we embodied the key words STEWARD and WORLD to help us gain a deeper understanding.



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From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Returning to School

As of next Monday 25th May 2020 all children at Holy Family School, Kindergarten to Year 6, will be returning to school for face-to-face instruction. Therefore from next Monday there will no longer be any online learning provided by the school.

A huge thank you to all the parents supporting the school and following the morning and afternoon entry and dismissal routines. These have run so smoothly because of your cooperation. Due to the increase in student numbers from next Monday afternoon dismissal will change for those families who have been coming in and collecting their children from P1 playground. Clyde St Pick Up will continue to remain the same.

As the students all return to school and the state of NSW starts to ease their social distancing guidelines, it is imperative that we continue to be very vigilant in keeping our children safe and healthy within the school environment. Please help us by teaching your children these habits at home which are reinforced daily at school.

- Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser
- Cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow or a tissue
- Discard used tissues
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Do not share food or drink
- Students, teachers and school staff should <u>not</u> go to school if they are feeling unwell

Further information will be sent home to parents on Thursday about the procedures Holy Family will be putting into place for the remainder of the term.



Office Personnel

Ms Heidi Ali, our Finance Secretary is on sick leave till the end of term as she recovers from having a hip replacement. Please keep Heidi in your prayers so that she makes a speedy recovery and will recommence her duties in Term 3.

During this time we welcome Mrs Maryanne Grewcock back to the Holy Family

community. She will replace Heidi in the office and will be able to attend to helping you with any fee requirements.

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Welcome Mr Timothy Greaney

It is with great pleasure to welcome Mr Timothy Greaney, who will be replacing Mrs Nicole Irwin who is currently on maternity leave, for the remainder of 2020 in Year 4. Mr Greaney has worked in other diocesan schools, coming to Holy Family with an enthusiasm for learning and dedication to the ethos of a Catholic educational environment.

New Shade Sails

There is a new burst of colour at Holy Family with the installation last Friday of new colourful shade sails. During the severe storms in late February, our previous shade sails were damaged. After getting quotes and considering the age of the existing sails it was more viable to completely replace the sails rather than having them mended.

2021 Kindergarten Enrolments

A reminder to all our parents who have younger children who are turning 5 years of age after the 1st July 2020 or before the 30th June 2021, it is now time to collect an enrolment package from the office so that they can start school at the beginning of next year. Places are filling up and we would hate for any of our families to miss out.

Alternatively if you have any friends or relatives in the area who have children that fall into this age group encourage them to come and collect an enrolment package as well.



Birthday Celebrations at School

A normal part of school life has always been the celebration of students' birthdays with their classmates at school. Some parents like to send in cupcakes, donuts or lolly bags for their children to share with their friends, which is a lovely thing to do.

We have revised our usual policy for this and ask parents if this was something you are considering please adhere to the following procedures:

- Lollies have to be in individual wrappers (no snakes, loose lollies)
- Donuts or cupcakes must be pre-packaged and purchased from a shop (no homemade cupcakes, no handling of the treats)
- Items are sent to school either with your child or given in at the office and they will be sent to your child's classroom.

We are asking you to adhere to these procedures to minimise the spread of germs.



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Useful parenting tips in the digital age

I thought this would be useful to read, particularly with the major increase of time your children are using digital devices.

To complement the cyber wellness curriculum in schools, parents can set a good example at home in the use of technology and play an active role in guiding our children to navigate in cyberspace. Here are the steps for PARENTing in the digital age:

Provide opportunities for a variety of offline activities

Spend time with your child by carrying out family tasks such as sport and outdoor activities so that your child has a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

Activate parental control on all computing devices

With parental control, you can block or limit specific apps, websites and features on your child's device.

Role-model good digital habits

Manage your own digital habits such as avoiding extensive use of technology and avoiding use of technology during mealtimes. Show your child safe, responsible and respectful behaviour when sharing, collaborating and creating online.

Establish ground rules for internet use

Some basic rules could include the following:

Dos:

- seek permission before using computing devices
- have a time limit for the use of computing devices
- practise netiquette
- respect intellectual property rights
- follow rules and terms of use of different websites



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Don'ts:

- access websites that have age restrictions (e.g. many social media sites have age limits for setting up accounts to comply with international regulations on children accessing social media).
- share passwords with others
- share personal information online
- meet strangers face to face without parents' knowledge
- spread rumours and say mean things online

Navigate the internet with your child to understand their use

Surf the Internet with your child so that you know what they do online and whether they are involved in ageappropriate activities. Explain to your child not to respond to anyone who says something inappropriate and that they should immediately leave any site if they feel uncomfortable.

Talk with your child about their internet use

Get your child to share with you their favourite websites, things they do online and what is cool amongst their friends. Talk to them about their online experiences. For example, discuss the benefits and risks of the Internet, and share how people connect and communicate with one another through it. Finally, let your child know that it is alright to ask you questions or talk to you if they run into problems with someone online.

Let us remember that as many hands build a house, so many hearts make this school.

Mrs Cheryl Fortini

Principal



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A Message from Cumberland Council



Have Your Say on Council's Draft Concept Plan for streetscape upgrades.

Cumberland City Council is proposing to upgrade the streetscape at Dellwood Street, including new street furniture, footpath paving and landscaping. We would like your feedback on the proposed upgrades, including if the community would prefer to see the existing trees retained with unhealthy ones removed, or if all trees should be replaced. Please see the draft concept plan attached.

How can you Have Your Say?

Feedback from the community will inform the finalisation of the concept plan.

Our engagement sessions will be available online and via phone, in order to keep people safe and comply with current social distancing public health orders.

Have your say on the proposed Draft Concept Plan by:

- · Completing an online submission form below;
- https://haveyoursay.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/Dellwoodshops
- · Calling 8757 9332 to speak with Council's Landscape Architect Ahmed Mehio, or 02 8757 9000 to speak to an officer in the Engagement Team.
- · Submissions Close Monday 25th May

School Photo Day has been moved to Term 4 Week 2

Any students leaving in 2020 must give 10 weeks written notice, a form is available from the office.

NEW Absentee Note System

From Monday our **SMS** absentee system will begin. If a teacher marks a student as 'Not Present' an SMS will go out to parents around 12 pm. Please click on the link in the SMS and follow the instruction, there is then no need to send a written note. If you need help please see Miss Keane in the office. Parents can also still use skoolbag app or send in notes with the student if they prefer or do not receive an SMS. All notes must be returned within **7 days** of the absence or the student will be marked as 'Unexplained, unjustified absence'.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday in May



Isaiah Bose	Jacky Chen
Isulan Bosc	sacky chem
Karina Chen	Rebecca Chen
Patrick Cruz	Elsa-Marie El Khoury
Tony Elbayeh	Alex Faletau
Jordan Ghosn	Gethyn Griffiths
Isaac Hakko	Henry Hu
Annie Isaac	Makayla Isaac
Cadi Jones	Lucas Kanaan
Haini Kolo	Adrielle Limos
Joanna Lin	Victoria Manolis
Kelvin Nyakoi	Bon Senesi
Marcus Senesi	Marie Tawk
Leyana Thapa	Nuoni Wang
Gabriella Yacoub	Natalie Zheng

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