

## Our Religious Education Inquiry Begins.....

On Friday of Week 1, Year 5 and Year 6 came together to start our Religious Education unit for the term. Students were exposed to a variety of conflicting images and passages that brought about various ethical

dilemmas that we are exposed to in our daily lives. These dilemmas revolved around the themes of companies photoshopping individuals, leadership qualities, false advertising and themes throughout the Bible (Old Testament Vs New Testament).

The stimuli facilitated rich discussion amongst the Year 5 and 6 students regarding what they see and how they would respond in varying situations in their daily lives regarding these stimuli.







The driving question we will be exploring this term is 'Why is it my responsibility to think about my thinking?' When beginning to unpack the driving question Year 5 students uncovered themes of metacognition, accountability and recognising our thoughts. Over the course of the term, Year 5 will be looking at what philosophy is all about, people who influence our thinking and people who have been philosophers throughout history. By the end of the term our end product should be the creation of a personal philosophy which will provide an overview of our beliefs and what informs the decisions we make each and every day. We look forward to sharing our learning with you over the course of the term.



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## From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to Term 3. Earlier this week I sent home an email about school routines and procedures in place for Term 3, in particular reflecting on our ongoing efforts of keeping the school safe during these uncertain times.

Can I ask all parents who pick up their children from The Trongate and wait outside the gates to **social distance** (1.5metres) along the footpath. This directive is from NSW Health and CEDP as a means of ensuring the spread of COVID-19 is minimised. If we work in partnership with each other we are all working towards keeping our children and each other safe.

I would also ask that parents and carers be mindful of the language they are using outside of the school grounds. Adult voices carry and can be heard not only by those around them but also from the school playground. Please be respectful of one another.

The quote below is so true!



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## ACARA Collection Student Background Data Notice

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.

Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by 28 August 2020.

Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.

## eSafety Webinars for Parents/Carers

At Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP) we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. In partnership with the eSafety Commissioner, CEDP would like to invite you to join one of the following free webinars for parents and carers:

- 1. Helping Kids Thrive Online (5-12 yrs) Thursday 20 August 2020, 12:00 -1.00 pm
- 2. Tech, teens and time online (secondary schools) 7 September 2020, 7.00 8.00 pm

These live webinars explore the latest research and they are a great way to learn how you can help your child develop the skills to be safer online. All sessions are delivered by the eSafety Commission's expert educators.

## About the webinars

1. Helping kids thrive online: is a one hour live webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 5-12 years old.

2. Tech, teens and time online: is a one hour live webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 12-18 years old.

Both sessions will cover topics including:

- ideas to start the chat about harmful content, contact with strangers and online bullying/harassment
- strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- skills that young people need to protect themselves online
- how to get help if things go wrong.

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### What you need to do

- 1. Please register for the course on the secondary site via the following link:
- 20 August 2020 session link to register
- 7 September 2020 session link to register

If you have any further enquiries please email safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au. Information about how to join a webinar can be found at the school office.

## School Reminders

At the beginning of every term it is a good idea to place in our newsletter a few important reminders to ensure all our families are aware of school policy, procedures and expectations.

- If your child has any concerns or issues at school, parents must speak with the class teacher first. It is • probable that the class teacher is already aware of the issue and has addressed it with the students involved. I ask that parents do not approach students and attempt to handle any situation between your child and other students.
- Attendance at school is paramount. Children must attend school everyday unless they are unwell. A note must • accompany your child explaining the reason for their absence from school when they return.
- School begins at 8:50am. It is important that children arrive before or at this time. Lateness adds unneeded stress on your child.
- Morning playground supervision begins at 8:15am. Our school gates will be opened at 8:15am in the morning. • Please ensure that your children are not left at the locked gate before this time, as it is unsafe. Please see the office if you would like information about local childcare services.
- Lost property is a growing problem. Please label your child's clothing and property. •
- Our gates will open at 3:00pm each afternoon. We ask parents not to arrive on the school premise before this time. This is an issue of student safety.
- Meeting your child's teacher is an important part of our role. In order for the teacher to give you their full attention, all meetings need to be by appointment. Parents are not to engage in a discussion with teachers during morning assembly or afternoon dismissal. Teacher's have a duty of care to the children present and distraction from this may lead to a safety issue.

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- Working together as a team of parents, teachers and students is an important part of our faith community. In my many years in education, the majority of problems can be solved calmly with a single conversation. It is important to understand that teachers only want what is best for your child. Children will share their concerns and feelings with their parents and it is important that parents discuss these issues with teachers in a respectful and calm manner. Aggression will not be tolerated at Holy Family. We must always model to our children the Gospel values of our Lord.
- School should be a fun place to go. It is important that our children are motivated to come and learn and build relationships with others. Questions you can ask your children at the end of the school day: Tell me one great thing you learnt today? What are you looking forward to tomorrow? Engaging in positive conversations will encourage a positive mindset to school.

### **Credit/Refunds and Notice Period**

A term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during term for the next term. Where appropriate notice has been received a pro-rata credit can be calculated in the same manner as above refer "Billing - Pro Rata Period" where leaving Year K to 11 Students pay fees based on a pro-rata 40 week year and Year 12 Students pay fees based on a pro-rata 30 week year. One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment, that is, the notice period of 10 school weeks will be waived in this circumstance.

The requirement for a terms notice (10 school weeks) is recognition by the family of the commitment to assist with funding of the School by having their child take a place that could have been offered to another family. Unless the student is present for the August census or the student is able to be replaced mid-year, which is unlikely, the loss of the student will most certainly result in the loss of significant government funding. Thus a term notice provides the school with an opportunity to replace the student within the next term. Special circumstances that would warrant a waiving of this notice, include:

- Moving due to employment transfer •
- Sale of house
- The student has been offered full time employment
- The student has been offered an apprenticeship \*Naturally this policy cannot cover every circumstance and Principals are invited to discuss such matters with School Fees Liaison Manager for individual rulings.

Kind regards.

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

Mrs Cheryl Fortini Principal

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### **Building Child Safe Communities - Volunteer Undertaking**

Dear Parents/Carers

In Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP), we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. Parents and carers are encouraged to become involved in our schools in many important ways such as supporting classroom learning, being part of advisory groups, mentoring programs, coaching sporting teams and supporting other extra-curricular activities, canteen support and other kinds of help.

A range of checks and undertakings are required for people who work for or provide services to CEDP. These checks reduce potential risk and form part of our strategy to build child safe communities.

CEDP has launched a new Building Child Safe Communities form and online training module that all volunteers are required to complete.

The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for CEDP.

The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and the training module approximately 10 minutes. Once the form and training modules are submitted, an automated email will be sent to you within two business days to confirm the status of your submission.

The undertaking form will expire within two years or when your Working With Children Check expires (if applicable), whichever is sooner. At that time you will need to complete the undertaking form and training module again. You will receive an automatic reminder email when this occurs.

Further information on the new online form and training module can be found at www.parra.catholic.edu.au and clicking on about us/building child safe communities. Within the form you will also find help sheets and a video tutorial to assist you. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Student Free Day Term 3—Friday 14 August

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

## Absentee Note System

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. 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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## LIBRARY NEWS

The Premier's Reading Challenge is well under way.

All students should be near completing the challenge, as this closed on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

If you are completing the records online, will be validated once they come up on the computer.

If you are recording on the sheets, these need to be returned to me before the due date.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge.

Year 1 Aarna Puri

Year 4 Olivia Burke & Alannah Feher-Hegarty

Year 6 Laura Spina & Caterina Valore



## Happy reading

Mrs Gordon / Library Assistant





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At Holy Family in our PB4SL lessons we learnt that everyone has FEELINGS! We discussed how all emotions are important and necessary in our lives, even the unpleasant ones!

Pleasant feelings help you to understand the things that make you happy. We also looked at how feeling scared warns us about possible danger. It also motivates us to protect ourselves such as telling someone when we feel unsafe.



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## **STUDENT AWARDS**

We congratulate Week 1 Term 3 Student of the Week Award recipients :

Kindy	Preesha Joshi	James Achi
Year 1	Kitty Houshmand	Andrew Kayrouz
Year 2	Hana Wardrop	Nicolas El Chidiac
Year 3	Mariyan Anwar	Yusha Skarhan
Year 4	Jacob Hallab	Brian Sikimeti
Year 5	Stephen Lemoto	Ghattas Sukkar
Year 6	Jason Achi	Melissa El Hayek

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#### Fact Sheet for Parents and Caregivers - Explanation of Absences

CEDP promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

If your child is sick or absent you are required to notify their school on the first day of absence if at all possible. All explanations to the school must be provided within **7 days** from the first day of any period of absence.

Absences can be explained using one of the following methods:

SMS: respond with reason to school notification of absence—preferred Online: log the absence directly using *Skool Bag App* Email: the school at *holyfamilyegranville@parra.catholic.edu.au* Note sent with your child

Where an explanation has not been received within the **7 day** timeframe or the explanation has not been accepted, the school will record the absence as unexplained or unjustified on the student's record. The school will not be able to accept explanations which are not received within the 7 day timeframe.

Justified reasons for student absences may include:

being sick or having an infectious disease having an unavoidable medical appointment being required to attend a recognised religious holiday exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Parents of children aged 6 to 17 years are legally required to ensure their children attend school every day or provide an explanation if they are absent. Notifying the school and providing an explanation for your child's absence will fulfil this legal responsibility.

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for schools. Parents need to know if their child isn't at school, and schools need to know when and why a child is absent. Notifying the school of your child's absence helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children in school.

#### What is your responsibility?

Ensure your child attends school every day

Notify the school immediately if your child is absent

Provide an explanation for any absences within 7 days

Make sure the school has your correct contact details so that you can receive attendance information about your child

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