



# NEWSLETTER

## CALENDAR

**Monday 24 May**

**200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC  
EDUCATION MASS  
YEARS 5 & 6 IN CHURCH**

**Tuesday 25 May**

**BROKEN BAY CROSS  
COUNTRY AT FAGAN PARK**

**FAIR BY THE SEA MEETING  
AT 6PM IN LIBRARY**

**Wednesday 26 May**

**MOTHER'S DAY  
MORNING AT 8.30AM**

**Friday 21 May**

**POLDING TOUCH TRIALS  
AT PORT MACQUARIE**



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

«BUT YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER, AFTER THAT THE HOLY GHOST IS COME UPON YOU...» ACTS 1:8

Dear Parents.

Welcome to Week 6, the halfway mark of the term.

### Parent Culture Surveys

Thank you to those parents who completed the recent Culture Survey put out by the Diocese of Broken Bay. The survey feedback will provide a lot of important information for the Catholic System, to move forward and meet the needs of students and families in our schools. The plan for the Diocese will be released in the coming months which will provide a path for our system of schools to become more effective centres of faith development and learning.

### Mother's Day Assembly

Finally we get to celebrate our Mothers with our Mother's Day Assembly. With the weather looking good for the middle of the week, we look forward to the children having the opportunity to present their assembly item to their mums and mother figures in their lives. Just a reminder that the day begins with a short morning Tea in the hall from around 8.20am. It would be great if you could make it to this gathering as the teachers will also be there to say hello and chat. The presentations from the classes will begin in the Church from around 9.00am.

## **Year 6 Canberra Trip**

I got the chance to join the Year 6 excursion in Canberra this week. On arriving it was clear the students were having a great time and really enjoying the activities and places to visit that had been planned for them. There were lots of great questions at Parliament House and the War Memorial which was great to see. By the time the buses were rolling out of the National Capital on Friday afternoon, we had a few tired but very satisfied visitors to Canberra. A big thank you to our parents who came along to assist and to our Year 6 teachers who planned and supervised the excursion. Well done to everyone involved.

My best wishes for some peace-filled weeks ahead.

**John Barton  
Principal**



# **Year 6**

Welcome home Year 6.

We look forward to  
hearing all your stories  
from Canberra

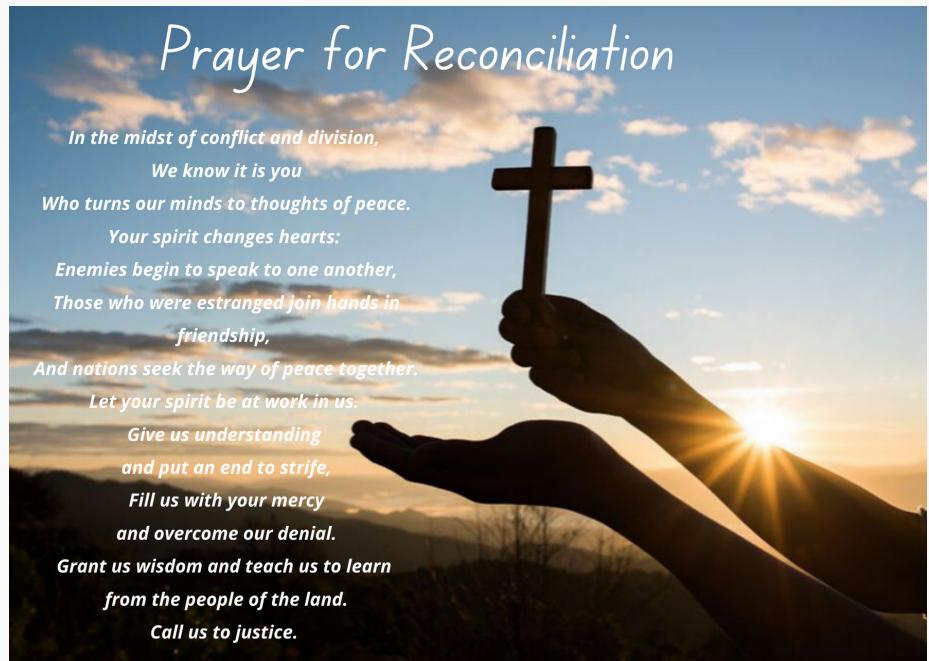
# REC NEWS FROM MRS WALES:

## RECONCILIATION WEEK 2021

The theme for Reconciliation week 2021 is *More than a word*. *Reconciliation takes action*, urging the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. The dates for NRW (national reconciliation week) remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey, the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. Reconciliation is a journey for all

Australians as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

***Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward.***



## 200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

In 2021, we celebrate this special milestone for Catholic education in Australia. From humble beginnings almost 200 years ago, Catholic schools have grown to become the nation's largest non-government provider of education serving about 768,000 students and their families. In the Diocese of Broken Bay, we play a special part in this story, as the spiritual gifts of teachers, parents and students have built our education system, embracing the light of Christ.

OLSS will be celebrating this milestone with the nation at 10:30am on Monday 24 May. Year 5 and 6 will be celebrating in the church with Father Vince and K-4 will be celebrating class liturgies.



**Catholic Education  
CELEBRATING 200 YEARS**

*Faith in the future*