Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School

11 JUNE 2021
Week 9

NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

Monday 14 June

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND

Friday 18 June

YEAR 5 & 6 SOCCER GALA DAY

Tuesday 22 June

FAIR BY THE SEA MEETING AT 6PM IN LIBRARY

Wednesday 23 June

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

SCHOOL DISCO

Thursday 24 June

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

YEAR 1 FAIRYTALE DAY

KD - "IT'S NOT A STICK" PRODUCTION - 12.30PM IN HALL

Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 9. I trust you're keeping warm as the winter chill begins to make its presence felt.

Parent Teacher Interviews

During the coming week you will receive via Compass, the schedule from your child's class teacher to book in for a parent/teacher interview. Please note that the late night for interviews for those parents who are unable to attend morning or afternoon interviews will be Tuesday 22 June. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, please take the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher to discuss their Semester 1 progress and the plan for the remainder of the year. A reminder that reports will be available to parents on Friday 18 June.

Staff Development Day
The first Staff Development Day will take place on Friday 25 June (the last day of term). This day will see all staff engaged in the 'Towards 2025' Plan which will be launched by the Diocese of Broken Bay. This will be a significant event as the Diocese sets the goals and directions in the years ahead.

The second Staff Development Day will occur on Monday 12 July (First day of Term 3). This day will see the staff involved in completing the Certificate of Gifted Education from the University of NSW. This course will further upskill staff in meeting the needs of students who are achieving at a high level. There will be no classes for students on either of these days.

Religious Education
Students in all grades K-6, complete units of work aligned with the Religious Education Curriculum. To further consolidate and assist with the implementation of the curriculum, teachers regularly call on our Parish Priest Father Vince to speak with the children to provide further insight into the units of work. Father Vince is an invaluable resource to the school and the children certainly enjoy the opportunity to meet with Father.

School Uniform
The school uniform for our students is an important part of building pride in our school. It's important that parents and staff work together to ensure we have our students in the correct uniform and wear it with pride, not only when they arrive at school but throughout the course of the day. A reminder that sports tops from outside sporting organisations, coloured shoes, 'no show' socks and similar apparel are not part of our school uniform and parents are asked to ensure these are not worn to school. Please click here to read the Uniform Policy. I thank parents in advance for your assistance in this area.

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Morning Drop Off

A reminder to parents not to drop children off outside classrooms that border the carpark. Please make use of the official drop off area which is clearly signed and a much safer option for both pedestrians and cars.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion

In week 5 our Year 6 Students undertook an educational tour of the National Capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributes $30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards the cost of the excursion. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion, the school when billing the cost of the excursion to parents deducts this from the total cost of the amount billed to parents.

May the last few weeks of the term be peace-filled for all families.

John Barton
Principal

MINI VINNIES NEWS WITH MRS WINSER:

BREAD TAGS FOR

WHEELCHAIR TALLY

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RECYCLE TALLY

3,876 kg of Aussie bread tags recycled to date

CURRENT RECYCLING RATE

250kg of bread tags / month

Mini Vinnies are now collecting bread tags! Why? We would like to do our bit for the environment and help a group who send wheelchairs to Africa. Aussie Bread tags for Wheelchairs is a company who collect bread tags, sell them to a recycling company called Transmutation in Adelaide. The money raised is used to buy wheelchairs for people in Africa who cannot afford to buy their own.

Transmutation recycle the bread tags into some really interesting products! Check out their website.

Each class has a container for bread tags. Please send yours in so that we can make a difference!

Products made by Transmutation using bread tags.