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Welcome to Term 4 Week 1 14th October, 2019

Our Catholic Value for this Term is Patience.

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**Diocesan Information Network Update** 

A message from Bishop McKenna



Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to invite you to make this month of October a special moment of prayer, fasting and service in this time of drought. In the month of the Rosary, this simple and powerful prayer is especially suitable.

Jesus has told us to pray for what we want, and to persevere in that prayer. We do want rain, so we should keep praying for it. We also need to pray for one another: and in that prayer seek the wisdom to know how best to be of service to those who are suffering the most from this slow-moving natural disaster.

Our Diocesan drought fund is supporting the work of Centacare in reaching out to families who are doing it tough. If you are able to contribute, the details are here: <a href="http://www.centacarebathurst.com.au/Home">http://www.centacarebathurst.com.au/Home</a>

For those finding the current level of fees in our schools difficult to meet, assistance is available by contacting your local principal. Other measures will also be put in place shortly, to further alleviate financial pressure on families.

O GOD, Lord of all creation, by whose power the whole earth came to be, look upon our parched land, we pray, and bestow upon it abundant rain...

+Michael McKenna Bishop of Bathurst We respect and embrace the Wiradjuri people of this region as the traditional custodians and cultural knowledge holders of this land.

# IMPORTANT DATES

Term 4

17<sup>th</sup> October Mums' Night Out

1<sup>st</sup> Nov NAIDOC Excursion

6<sup>th</sup> December End of Year Mass & Family Night 6pm

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>
December
Sydney Excursion

Please mark on your calendar

**Higher School Certificate:** We remember all our ex-students and those in our Dunedoo area who will be sitting their HSC in the coming weeks. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them and that they will remain confident about their future.

**Moorambilla:** Congratulations to our 8 students who were part of the Moorambilla Gala Concert on the first Saturday of the holidays. What an outstanding and enjoyable evening! Well done to everyone involved from the volunteers to the children along with the Staff of Moorambilla. A fantastic achievement for our region.

**Polding Athletics:** Polding Athletics will take place this Friday at Homebush. All the best to Mads Gaden as she takes on the best from all NSW diocesan & private schools.

Good luck to her cheering squad. We look forward to hearing of your experience and how it was running on the big stage.

Macquarie Sports Clinic: All students from Years 3 -6, accompanied by Mrs Foran & Mrs Beer, will travel to Mudgee on this Friday 18th October to take part in their chosen sport. The bus will leave school at 8.45am and return in time for buses. Enjoy your day. Remember to bring plenty of water, sunscreen & your school hat.

Sydney Excursion: Every seat on the bus has a body in it. Thank you to those parents who made the decision to forego their seat. Much appreciated.

Just a reminder that your valid Working With Children number needs to be to me by 1st November, along with your date of birth, Driver's licence number & expiry date, so there is time to have it verified. This is a Diocesan requirement, which I need to abide bye. So please act before it is too late. Many thanks

**School Uniform:** Children are to be in full summer uniform by the beginning of Term 4.

#### Please note:

- That socks for girls are NAVY BLUE, not white and they are ankle socks NOT sport socks. (If you are a consistent offender please rectify it)
- Nail polish, make up & jewellery are not part of the uniform.
   Only stud earrings may be worn.
- Jumper if required is sloppy-joe, not the woollen one.

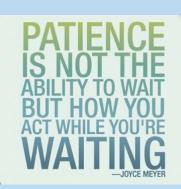
Inspired by the example set by St Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods, St Michael's Catholic School aims to foster a love of learning, allowing all children to reach their full potential through a supportive partnership of school, parents and parish.

#### This Week

14th October
Pupil Free Day
15th October
Students return
17th October
Mums' Night Out
18th October
Macquarie Sports
(Mudgee)
Polding Athletics
(Homebush)

Next Week Week 2 22<sub>nd</sub> October Speak Out 11.10 Followed by Book Fair

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



Calendar for Term 4: A copy went home at the end of last Term. If you have mislaid it please let us know and we will send you another. It is a very busy term, so the calendar will help you to keep track of the various activities your children will be involved in.

Mums' Night Out: Is this Thursday 17th October. Please reply no later than Wednesday 16th October.



Join us for the last Mum's Night Out for 2019

When: 6.30pm Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>
October (THIS Thursday)
Where: Dunedoo Hotel
RSVP: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October
to Office

Speak Out & Book Fair: This will be held next Tuesday 22nd October. We ask you please to ensure that your children know what they are saying and have practised each night, so it isn't so daunting for them. Everyoneis welcome at 11.15am.

Have a great week & term.

A margaret Hood.

#### Graham Boyd Memorial Soccer Team:

Harry Armstrong was nominated and then trialled on two occasions for the Graham Boyd Memorial soccer team for 2020, it is development squad for under 9yr old children. The squad comprises 12 children selected from a pool of 100. The team was announced and t-shirts awarded on Saturday 21st September and Harry was one of the successful players to make the team.

Congratulations Harry!

## **Birthdays**

Congratulations & Birthday Wishes to:

#### Annabelle Brennan







### **COMMUNITY NEWS (cont):**

#### **Dunedoo Amateur Swimming Club**

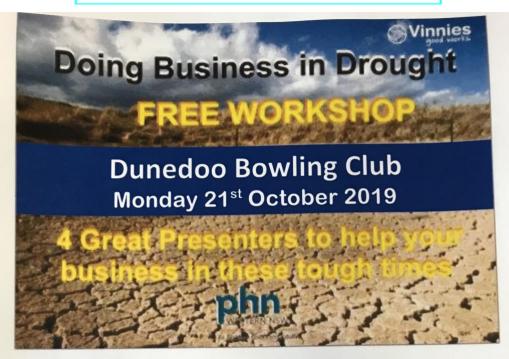
Swim club will be starting again in next few weeks. Training will begin in Week 2 on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. We are excited to have Jess Ewin back as our coach.

Trials will be on Thursdays starting at 6pm and will begin Week
4.

Registration details will be posted on our Facebook page in the next few days and we accept the Active Kid Vouchers.

Hope everyone enjoys the season!







# **About the Workshop**

Doing Business in Times of Drought Workshop
Free Workshop - Monday 21st October 2019
1pm registration and lunch on arrival
Workshop 2pm-6pm followed by light supper and drinks.

St Vincent de Paul has teamed up with NSW Business Chamber & Business HQ to provide a free workshop to assist businesses & farmers in times of Drought.

Drought affects entire communities with many business also feeling the knock-on effects of this crippling drought. This workshop is designed to provide strategies and tips to help people manage in these tough times.

Topics covered at the workshop include:
Strategies to keep you focused in times of drought;
Single touch payroll; Energy Saving programs; Selling Strategies
Information on the new round of DCSI \$3,000 drought funding
and Vinnies Financial Assistance.

This program is funded by PHN Western under the Community Well-being Drought Support Program.

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#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

Coolah: Saturday 6pm Mendooran: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 8am Elong Elong: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>

8am

**Ballimore**: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 8am **Dunedoo**: Sunday 10am

Welcomers:

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October-S & A Whitten Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October –

N James

#### **Altar Servers:**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October-L Frampton & F Hogden Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October – N James & D Spargo

#### Sacristan:

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Kurt Inder *Collection* 

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Kurt Inder Sunday 27 October – M Gaden

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Mums'
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This
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