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Welcome to Term 4 Week 4

4<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

*Our Catholic Value for this Term is Patience.*

## MAKING IT REAL

GENUINE HUMAN ENCOUNTER IN OUR DIGITAL WORLD  
SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2019-20



### TEN STEPS TOWARDS GENUINE HUMAN ENCOUNTER IN OUR DIGITAL WORLD

#### 4. EVERY COMMUNITY SHOULD PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Digital technologies are increasingly necessary in our day to day lives.

People of all ages need the know-how to access and navigate the online world. They need information on the operation of platforms and how personal data is used. Education is key to being aware of the great possibilities but also the pitfalls. Through greater awareness, Pope Francis says, 'we will employ technology wisely rather than letting ourselves be dominated by it.'

- ◆ Invite a social media expert with knowledge of both the opportunities and challenges of digital platforms to speak with your parish or community group.
- ◆ Share information about assistance available from local social service organisations and public libraries for dealing with the digital world.
- ◆ Ask the 'digital natives' in your parish to assist in the development of guidelines for the parish social media presence.

#### 5. WE CANNOT LEAVE OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS BEHIND

Too many vulnerable Australians remain offline and without the means to access essential services and opportunities. They are excluded because of problems of affordability, gaps in access, or low digital literacy. There is a role for governments to guarantee internet access, technological devices and user skills as a basic human right. Interpersonal support must remain where online access is difficult or technology cannot meet complex human need.

- ◆ Access the Australian Digital Inclusion Index to find out how the digital divide impacts on vulnerable Australians:  
<http://digitalinclusionindex.org.au>
- ◆ Consider those in your local community who may experience difficulty accessing essential public services and support online. Raise this with your Local Member.
- ◆ Donate phone cards to services for vulnerable people.

*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

11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

**November Kinder  
2020 – Ready Set  
Go.**

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

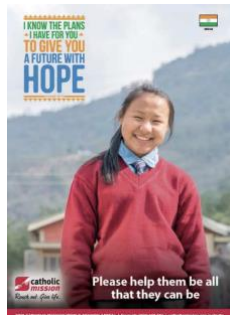
**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>  
December  
Sydney Excursion**

***Please mark on  
your calendar***

**Prayer For Rain:** The Catholic Church in Australia is dedicating the month of November 2019 as a time to pray for those affected by crippling drought conditions and to pray for the gift of rain.

Parishes, schools, families and other Catholic communities across the country are being encouraged to participate in the National Prayer Campaign for Drought, which also invites people to provide assistance to those most in need. The month of prayer is an additional response to the local work being done in affected communities.

A copy of the National Prayer For Rain is on page 3 of the Newsletter.



**Catholic Missions:** Thank you for your support last week for the Mission Week Activity. We raised \$67.95 which will be sent to Catholic Missions. Once it is collected from across Australia it will be sent to Eden Gardens Children's Home in Nagaland, north-eastern India.

**Remembrance Day:** Children from Years 2 -6 will walk to the cenotaph at 10.45 am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November for the Remembrance Day Service. They will then walk back to school.

**Sydney Excursion:** Thank you to everyone for fulfilling my request to obtain a Working With Children number. All have been verified so we are good to go. In the coming week I will send home a letter outlining all the activities and the various times, along with Permission Note.

We will be leaving 6am on the first morning and arriving home about 10.30 pm on the second day. The cost for the adults is \$130.00, which can be paid any time up until the 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Please note accommodation at Loreto is a generous offer. All food allergies will be catered for, please be considerate when it comes to personal preferences. Please let me know by email this **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November** if it is an issue.

**Bursary Program:** You may have noticed on our Facebook page that the Diocese has set up a Bursary Program. If you would like more information or would like to apply for one please **contact me by tomorrow, Tuesday** so the necessary paperwork can be completed **by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**.

**Headlice:** Please check your children's hair as we have a reported case of headlice. If discovered they must be treated before the children return to school. Once treated they are able to attend school.

Have a great week & term.

*Ar Margaret Flood.*

**Iceblocks etc for sale on Mondays.**

*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**

#### **DIBELS TESTING**

**4<sup>th</sup> November  
P & F Mtg**

**6<sup>th</sup> November  
School Counsellor**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November  
Principal Mtg**

### **Next Week Week 5 SABBATICAL**

**11<sup>th</sup> November  
Kinder 2020 Ready  
Set Go  
Remembrance Day  
2-6 at Cenotaph**

#### **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

*Take time for  
all things:*



*Great haste makes  
great waste.*  
- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



**NAIDOC Excursion:** On Friday, we all travelled by bus to Dubbo for our NAIDOC excursion to Dundullimal Homestead.

We had a lovely morning tea followed by an interactive timeline from before the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788 till the present day. We then looked at Indigenous artist Tommy McRae's ink style art before creating our own ink paintings.

We enjoyed a BBQ lunch with many students happily sampling some kangaroo sausages before breaking into four small groups and participating in Indigenous games, a tour of the Homestead, a lesson on slate boards in the old school and a story around the campfire.

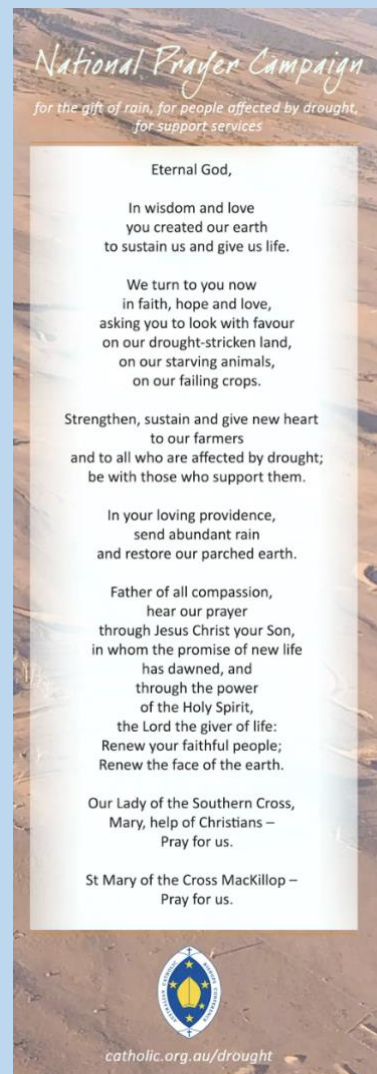
This excursion was made possible due to NAIDOC funding. An informative and fun day for all!

A quote from the ladies who were the guides at Dundullimal *"They have unanimously voted that we are single handedly the most polite and well behaved school they have ever had visit them"* Congratulations & well done to each of the students. It is always lovely to hear positive comments.

**Netball Gala Day:** A great (but very hot!) netball day was hosted last Thursday by St Matts at Glen Willow, Mudgee. Our girls once again let their sportsmanship shine and we were commended on our girls perseverance with the hot conditions. We had some new players to the game on the day but by the end of the day they were playing like old time players. We loved joining with our friends from Sacred Heart and All Hallows and it's always fun to catch up with them at each of these events.



**Junior Joeys:** Thank you to those students and parents who came to make some of our items yesterday. Thank you also to our Josephite Associates who also came to help. Our next fundraising venture is our Christmas Stall this Saturday at the Farmer's Market in Dunedoo.





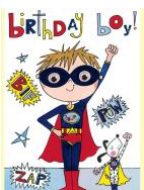
## Dundullimal Homestead



### COMMUNITY NEWS:

#### **Birthdays**

Congratulations &  
Birthday Wishes to:  
**Tom Armstrong**



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

Don't forget training is now on Mondays and Wednesdays  
starting at 3.30pm

Time Trials starts back this Thursday at 6pm. Please have  
your swims in buy Wednesday afternoon.



## 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 10<sup>th</sup> November –  
I & C Baker

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November –  
H Armstrong

#### **Altar Servers:**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November –  
I & C Baker

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November –  
L Frampton & F Hogden

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November –  
N James & D Spargo

#### **Sacristan:**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November –  
X Turnbull

#### **Collection**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November –  
I & C Baker

### DID YOU KNOW?

**P & F**  
**Meeting**  
**tonight,**  
**Monday**  
**4<sup>th</sup>**  
**November**  
**at 7pm**