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News from Mrs Hey

Dear Parents,

How the world has changed in the last few weeks! We are all living in a world we could never have imagined when we started the school year and yet we are adapting and we're hopeful. The Easter season is the ultimate lesson in hope! Our faith is stronger than our fear.

I know if I were asked, without training and with very little time to prepare, to be an accountant, a truck driver or hairdresser, I would struggle with it. So I have nothing but praise and admiration for the way you, the parents, have adapted to this situation you find yourselves in. I am inspired by the way many of you are juggling working from home, caring for extended family members and helping your child with school work. Please remember to go gently and to reach out for help with teaching your child at home if needed. Many of the teachers are now working from home and are ready to help. It is normal for you and/or your child to go though a lull in motivation and sometimes a chat with the teacher is all that is needed. Please do not compare yourselves to what other parents may be doing. Be assured that whatever it is that you are able to manage in helping your children to learn at home is enough. Every family has their own particular circumstances. When you are communicating with each other please affirm each other in whatever it is that you are able to achieve in a day. This may look different for each child or each family and know that the teachers are appreciative of all that you are doing.

Thank you for the words of encouragement we are receiving here at school. It is lovely for the teachers to know their work is appreciated. Our learning curve has been immense as we look for ways to engage the students without face-to-face contact. It is challenging for us too as we miss the children so much!

This year Easter will look very different from what we're used to. We have resources available which we will share during Holy Week next week to help you stay connected to this special time in the Church's year. This is an important time to pray as a family, now more than ever.

As advised last night, it is envisaged that Remote Learning will continue into next term, with today being the last official day for teaching and learning for Term 1. The teachers and other staff will continue to work next week to plan for Remote Learning in Term 2.

Please take a moment to fill in this brief check in survey. It will only take a moment or two but is very important. <u>https://forms.gle/JXwHAjo6MtqAwvvb9</u>

An Easter Prayer

Of all of God's gifts Easter shows us our fate Forgiven we will rise And pass through Heaven's gate

This Easter remember The sacrifice of a Son And through His resurrection Eternal life we have won

This Easter I pray That the love of God Is resurrected Reborn, renewed Inside your heart God Bless You! (Anon.)

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Kind regards, Cathy Hey Principal

Sacred Space - Palm Sunday



Next week, the final week of Lent, is known as Holy Week.

During Holy Week Catholics would usually attend special services, which help to reflect on the events leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and ends at midnight on Saturday. On Palm Sunday, we remember the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Jesus rode on a donkey and was welcomed by cheering crowds who threw down their cloaks in the road and waved palm branches and hailed him as a king. This year due to the covid pandemic, we will not be able to attend mass and collect our palms as we would normally do.

What if everyone on Sunday April 5 in the morning, puts a branch on the door of their house or on the window, to celebrate Palm Sunday?

It could be any green branch you can get. This would help, despite the social distancing, to be connected as we enter into the Holiest of Weeks.

We may be physically isolated, but not separated. We are united as the body of Christ.

We are the Church.

Please post a photo of your door on Seesaw, so that we can all share and connect as a community.

Be creative,

Rinor Hibbs

Religious Education Coordinator



Specialist Reports

We know some children attend outside interventions such as Speech Therapy and Occupation Therapy. Please remember to send in any reports or recommendations from these so that we can work together to fully support your child's learning.

Building Programs

We are almost at the end of the building program. We have had handover of the Year 5 building and the furniture was delivered and installed today. There is still some finishing off work to be done over the holidays, including the awnings over the outdoor learning areas and when it is time for the children to come back to school, they will be coming back to beautifully refurbished learning spaces from Kinder to Year 6, including the Makerspace and Games Room. Andrew Lacey Constructions have been a pleasure to work with and we are thrilled with the final result.

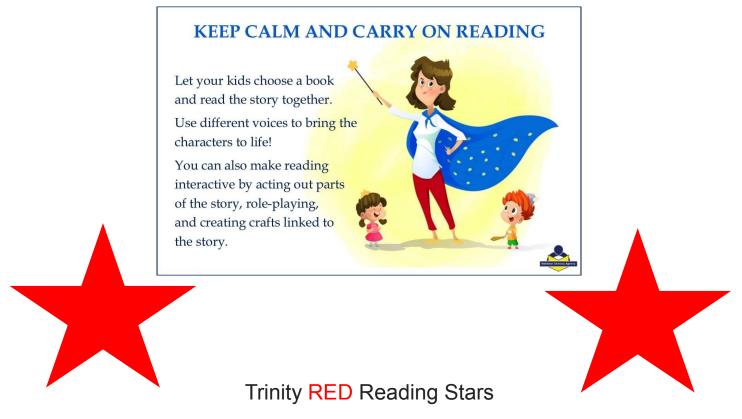




R.E.D Journal News

10 ways to become hetter reader

As a teacher of literacy, I often get asked how a child's reading can be improved. Put very simply, it is by the child reading more and enjoying the reading. During this time of remote learning and the upcoming school holidays, reading every day will make a huge difference in the long run. Please support your child by using their RED Journal to record their daily reading. Remember it is still a maximum of one entry per day, if your child reads more, that's fantastic, but there is no need to record it. The teachers thank you for your on-going support in our quest to improve your child's reading.



Our reading stars this week come from 1W and 3N. They are sisters who love to read for learning and fun. This week, due to remote learning, I interviewed both girls over the phone. Both girls gave very interesting answers. I hope you enjoy reading the interviews, as much as I enjoyed listening to their wonderful answers.

Keep on reading, Mrs Gauci

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Student Name: Pyper Class: 3N

Mrs Gauci: What type of books do you like to read?

Pyper: I like made up stories like Pippi Longstocking, Disney Descendants and Dr. Seuss.

Mrs Gauci: Who is your favourite author? Pyper: Astrid Lindgren, she wrote Pippi Longstocking.

Mrs Gauci: What is your favourite book? Pyper: Pippi Longstocking. I like all her adventures and my mum read this book when she was a little girl.

Mrs Gauci: Where do you like to read? Pyper: In my playhouse, I made it from cardboard, and in my bedroom.

Mrs Gauci: Who do you like to read with? Pyper: My sister, my mum and my dog.

Mrs Gauci: Why do you like reading? Pyper: I like to read because I can use my imagination.



Student Name: Paige Class: 1W

Mrs Gauci: What type of books do you like to read? Paige: Funny stories like Macca the Alpaca, Pig the Pug and Dr. Seuss books such as Green Eggs and Ham.

Mrs Gauci: Who is your favourite author? Paige: Aaron Blabey

Mrs Gauci: What is your favourite book? Paige: Pig the Pug by Aaron Blabey.

Mrs Gauci: Where do you like to read? Paige: In my bedroom because I have a very comfy bed.

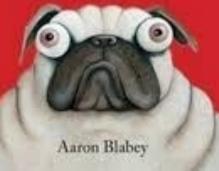
Mrs Gauci: Who do you like to read with?

Paige: My dad, he loves Pig the Fibber by Aaaron Blabey, grandad and nan. I actually read two books with my nan today.

Mrs Gauci: Why do you like reading?

Paige: I like to read because the more I read, the smarter I get!

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Thank you to the students in Years 3-6 who have expressed interest in this year's challenge. These students received their login details last week.

*If you are in Year 3-6 and would like to take part in the challenge there's still time! Please send Mrs Micallef an email <u>cmicallef14@parra.catholic.edu.au</u> and she will send you your login details.

*Follow the PRC link for more details <u>https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html</u>

*There are some great PRC books available on SORA. Follow the link to start reading: <u>https://soraapp.com/library/cenetau/curated-137347/page-1</u>

*The first 20 students to complete the challenge will receive a prize and make it to the 'Reading Wall of Fame' in the LARC as well as on the LARC website $\underline{bit.do/trinitylarc}$



SORA APP

The SORA app is a great platform that gives all students access to thousands of ebooks. How to Guide:

- 1. Follow the eLibrary link on the school website.
- 2. Click on 'Student eBooks' from the menu on the left hand side of the page.
- 3. Click on 'Sora OverDrive' https://soraapp.com/library/cenetau

ALTERNATIVELY CLICK ON SORA APP

- 4. Sign into Sora using 'ACEN member collection'
- 5. Use the 'Explore' tab to find a book.
- 4. Click on the 'Borrow' option to borrow the book or 'Place a Hold' if the book is not available.
 - * Books are automatically returned after 3 weeks.
 - * To view all books currently borrowed click on 'Shelf' tab.



We are very excited that our school has been given a free subscription to StoryBox Library due to Covid19.

This is a great resource for students in all grades. It is Australian, and students can listen to celebrities and authors read Australian picture books.

It's really easy to access. Students just need to log on to Storybox library using the login details below and then find a book to listen to.

Follow the link to start listening to some of your favourite celebrities reading your favourite books! <u>https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/</u>

Username - TrinityCPS Password - apples

2021 Enrolments

We have begun the process of enrolments for 2021. Please spread the word to neighbours, colleagues and family members to contact the office to arrange an enrolment pack. If you have a sibling and have not yet made contact with the office, please drop us a line so that the enrolment form can be sent home.





Dominic	6
Amelia	6
Katia	6
Xavier	7
Sienna	7
Chloe	7
Cody	8
Anthony	8
Serissid	9
Christanthi	9
Gabriel	10
Mia	10
Lende	10
Andre	11
Hayden	11
Giselle	11
Christian	11
Zachary	12
Alexa Denise	12