

Term 2 - 31st May 2024

# NEWSLETTER

Caring for Self, Caring for Others, Caring for the Environment



Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter, where we share the latest news and updates from our vibrant school community. Last week, our staff had the privilege of engaging in a professional development day led by the esteemed Dr. Matt Sexton, focusing on advancing our skills in teaching mathematics. Dr. Sexton, known for his expertise in educational strategies and his dynamic approach to teaching maths, provided us with invaluable insights that will directly benefit our students.

## Highlights of the Day:

- **Innovative Teaching Techniques:** Dr. Sexton introduced us to cutting-edge methods for making mathematics more accessible and engaging for all students.
- **Hands-On Workshops:** We participated in interactive sessions where we practised new strategies and shared ideas on how to implement them in our classrooms.
- **Data-Driven Instruction:** A key focus was on using data to inform our teaching practices, ensuring that we meet the individual needs of each student.

## Reflections from Our Staff:

- *"Dr. Sexton's approach to teaching maths is revolutionary. I am excited to bring these new strategies into my classroom and see how they impact my students' learning." – Miss. Jamieson, Years F-2 Teacher*
- *"The hands-on workshops were incredibly useful. Collaborating with my colleagues and Dr. Sexton has given me a fresh perspective on teaching maths." – Ms Dunphy, Years 3- 6 Teacher*

Our commitment to providing exceptional learning experiences for our students is strengthened by opportunities like these. We look forward to integrating what we've learned and continuing to enhance our mathematics program.

Stay tuned for more updates on how these new methods are making a difference in our classrooms!

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*School Vision: United, as a school community, we walk in the light of faith, guiding our students in learning with compassion towards a purposeful future.*



## Celebrating Catholic Education Week and Welcoming Future Students

During Catholic Education Week, our students had the honour of being featured in the DOSCEL video, showcasing the spirit and dedication of our school community. It was a great opportunity for our school leaders to proudly wear our new school blazers. We are incredibly proud of our students for their respectful participation in their first Mass, followed by a delightful morning tea. Our school leaders

We invite you to check out the school videos on our Facebook page, and soon, they will be available on our website as well.

**Enrolments for 2025 are now open!** Application forms can be downloaded from our website or picked up at the office. Help us spread the word and welcome new families to our wonderful school community.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Jump Rope for Heart- Raising money for The Heart Foundation

Our students have been diligently practising their skipping skills this week during recess and lunch play in preparation for our official 'Jump Day.' We understand the financial pressures on our families, so this year, our 'Jump Day' will be held on Friday, June 7th, with a **gold coin** donation instead of sponsorships to help reduce costs.

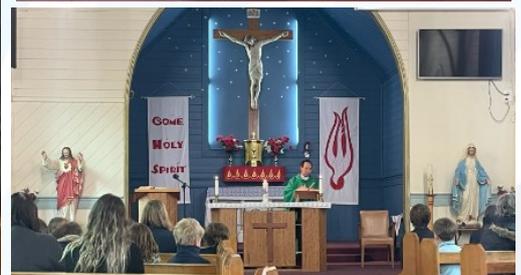
Your support and participation are greatly appreciated as we come together to promote health and community spirit.

God Bless,

Kirsten Daly  
**Principal.**



**Jump Rope For Heart**



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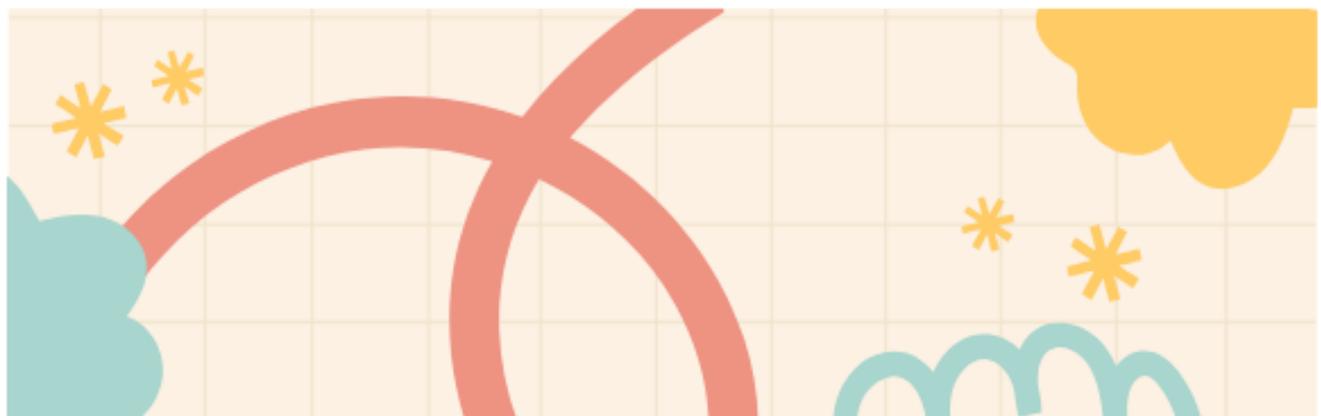
# MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

This term, Mackillop and Francis classes are learning about consent and respectful relationships. Mackillop is also focusing on emotions. Students have enjoyed matching emotional vocabulary to pictures, using playdough to express emotions on playdough face mats and creating their very own emotions book. With a large emotional vocabulary and understanding of the connection between feelings and the body. Students are able to better identify their own and others feelings, growing our empathy and understanding of ourselves and others.

As a whole school, we continue to learn from Penny during our Mind Body Connect sessions. Students have been learning how to calm their body and mind using the 'body check' method and learning about how the body and brain are connected.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the beautiful weather this week and has an enjoyable weekend.

-Jamee Royce





# NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Have you noticed some new faces around our school? Make sure you say hello next time you are in the school.

What is your name?

***Ann***

What do you like to be called?

***Ms Ann***

What do you like to do for fun?

***I love to restore Antique Furniture***

What do you like about school?

***The Positivity***



What is your name?

***Angelique***

What do you like to be called?

***Mrs Saunders***

What do you like to do for fun?

***Walking my dogs Meg and Molly***

What do you like about school?

***The amazing students***





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What is your name?

**Sarah**

What do you like to be called?

**Miss Sarah**

What do you like to do for fun?

**Cooking and travelling**



What do you like about school? **Our Kitchen Garden Program and teaching the kids to cook**

## Today's PRAYER

Loving God, we carry in our hearts all who suffer. At this time, we especially plead on behalf of the people of Papua New Guinea who are suffering grief and loss in the wake of landslides.

We hold out to you all who have died, their families and communities, and all who have been left homeless.

We ask that the Australian community will respond to the crisis of our close neighbours and friends.

At the time of the feast of Corpus Christi we remember that Jesus puts his body and blood on the line for us.

May we too respond body and soul to the needs of God's family throughout the world.

May we be living bread for all.  
Amen.

Written by Michael McGirr

Coming up ...

**KING'S  
BIRTHDAY  
LONG  
WEEKEND**

**Public Holiday**  
Monday 10th June 2024

**Pupil Free Day**  
Tuesday 11th June 2024

Students are not required at school  
on these days



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# MINI GOLF OUTING

End of Term Celebration

(Second last week of term 2)

**FRIDAY 21st JUNE 2024**

Destination: Lakes Entrance Mini Golf

Transport : Downeys Bus Service

Departure : 9.30 am

Cost : FREE

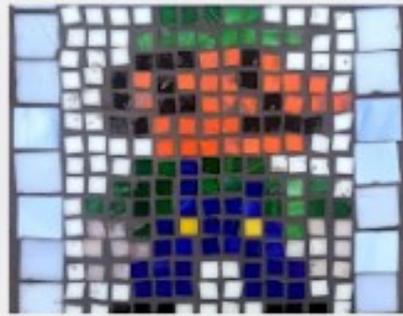
BBQ Lunch will be provided at the venue

# June 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1	2
3	4	5 Ultimate Frisbee	6	7 Jump Rope for heart	8	9
10 Kings Birthday	11 Pupil Free Day	12 Ultimate Frisbee	13	14	15	16
17 Ultimate Frisbee	18	19	20	21 Mini Golf Lakes	22	23
24	25	26 Ultimate Frisbee	27	28 Last Day Term	29	30

# July 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Term 3	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



# RECONCILIATION WEEK



THANK YOU  
MOOGJI FOR OUR  
AMAZING LUNCH



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN OFFERING YOUR TIME TO HELP  
OUT IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY?  
IF SO PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AND WE CAN  
STEER YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION .

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HAVING A VOICE WITHIN OUR  
SCHOOL COMMUNITY ? PARENTS AND FRIENDS  
MEETING 19TH JULY 2024 - 2.30 PM

