



Friday 28 August 2020

Covid-19 Update No.17

*Awareness.
Social distancing.
Face masks 12 years and over.
Enter College grounds only if essential.
The safest place is at home.*



Gracious God, give us ears to hear, eyes to see, hearts to love, and hands to act; so that 'we are shining lamps, giving light to all around us'.

The Gospel of 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 16:13-20 'Who ever wishes to come after me must deny himself'.

'For some people, to be a Christian is a 'soft option.' This weekend's gospel is a reminder of the real challenge of being a Christian. Jesus reminds us that to be one of his followers we must be prepared to pick up our cross – whatever our particular cross might be – and still follow his example. To be a Christian means that we don't fall in a heap when difficulty comes our way; we take up the burden – our cross – and continue to look forward with hope. To live like Jesus is no easy option'. (Greg Sunter, Mercy Ed).

"Love one another as I have loved you,' should be engraved on our... souls, and shown in our whole conduct." (Catherine McAuley)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Year 10 Leaders have been active on Facebook sending birthday wishes and encouraging their younger peers during remote learning to remember that we are all in this together and the future (and the weather) is looking brighter by the day. It seems very likely that students and staff will return on site for Term Four – there will be difference but to have students and staff return will be wonderful and bring some sense of normality back to conclude a very memorable year. Thank you for honouring the Onsite Supervision process, at times none of us possibly realised that Covid-19 is more than a 'flu type virus.' It is a virus that can be fatal and cause long term health complications. Remote Learning has provided obvious difficulties for the width and breadth of society, but has been needed. Universities and Medical Research Centres around the world are working 24/7 on preliminary testing to find a vaccine. It is of no surprise that Australian Medical Research Scientists are leading the way to find a vaccine for immunization. These research scientists were once school students who were inspired by their teachers, parents and heroes to make a difference in the world, and what a contribution these silent backroom health specialists are making for the common good of society.



A P&F Message

The P&F will make their annual donation to the College for 2020. The P&F long term plan is to Bring Mercy (the oval) Back. This year's donation will go towards the restoration of the oval. There will be a P&F Raffle in Term 4 and the Colour Run has been postponed until March 2021. Students who have raised funds for what was to be the 2020 Term 4 Colour Run will receive a category prize in

November. The P&F are re-opening the fundraising for the 2020 Colour Day until the 16th October. The Colour Day and Carnival event will occur on Sunday 21 March 2021. It has been a tough year for fundraising and more so for our P&F to provide family connections through the events. We can look forward to a great year for our P&F in 2021!



Mission 2020

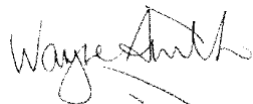
Good News! Tender documents have been sent to building companies for the building of the Primary Learning Centre. During the planning process there was a public advertisement for Expressions of Interest. From the large list of interested companies there then began a lengthy process to shortlist suitable companies. The shortlist has been invited to Tender and have one month to complete all documents. There will be site meetings (Covid-19 permitting) for the companies to view the landscape of the block before the tender timeline closes.

Camps/Excursions/Incursions

A reminder that all Camps, Excursions and Incursions have been cancelled for the remainder of 2020.

Well in normal times the coming of spring would lead to the smell of freshly cut grass; trees beginning to bloom and hoping your favourite team (if in the top 8) can go all the way to the Holy Grail. All has been different this year, although the smell of freshly cut grass will soon be with us. I think the same passion of that one day in September (October) will be vastly different this year.

Stay well and best wishes as better days are on the way!



Wayne Smith

Principal

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Learning and Teaching

There were 227 responses to the Overview and Expectations of Remote Learning Letter, thanks for completing this stage of the communication process.

Teachers will be completing your Child's Interim report which will document what has actually been done during remote learning lessons.

The report will be distributed to families Via PAM on Friday 11 September. This will also include a statement about whether a Parent conversation is required.

Parent Teacher meetings will be offered on Wednesday 16 September.



Pathway into year 10

Year 9 students begin the process of looking to 2021! Next week they will be presented with information regarding VET – Vocational Education & Training/SBAT – School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships and VCE General Mathematics options available.

More information can be found on the careers website – careers.smseymour.catholic.edu.au

From the Counsellor

As part of the Year 9 program for 2020, students will have the opportunity to take part in an interactive webinar presented by *Headspace* next Friday 4 September during their pastoral care unit. The program developed by *Headspace* covers adolescents an interactive discussion around 5 key areas:

- Understanding mental health
- Feeling 'lost' in lockdown
- Self-care and routine
- Offering support to a friend
- Seeking support

These discussions are an important element in developing an understanding of positive and healthy mental health and are used as an educational point which scaffolds learning founded in holistic health care and prevention. A CareMonkey request will be sent to parents next week for permission to take part in this program. If you have any questions regarding this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact me at melinda.nuttall@smseymour.catholic.edu.au



headspace Craigieburn LIVE school webinars

In response to some of the pressures young people may be feeling in Stage 4 Covid restrictions, headspace Craigieburn has developed a targeted interactive online session.

Contact Megan on megan.campbell@orygen.org.au or 0431 208 338 to discuss options, ask any questions or to book for your school or other group.

Alterations to the webinar content is possible (and encouraged!)

Webinar runs for 30-45 mins, and can have a short Q&A session at the end.

Webinar covers the following:

- Understanding mental health
- Feeling "lost" in lockdown
- Self care and routine
- Offering support to a friend
- Seeking support



Contact: megan.campbell@orygen.org.au

Work by Stohm Gabrielle - Photographic assignment: A digital word with Photoshop enhancements.



Jasper 1/2A reading at home.

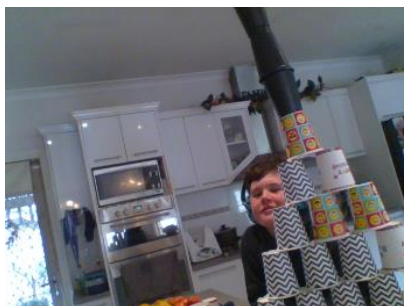


Science Week experiment by Maddison O'Connell



3/4 Math activities

Minute to win it! - How many articles can you move using a straw in one minute?
How tall can you build a tower in one minute?



For Inquiry last week, Year 3/4 students needed to determine how much weight their homemade boat could carry before sinking.



Billy D'Orria



Taj Wessels

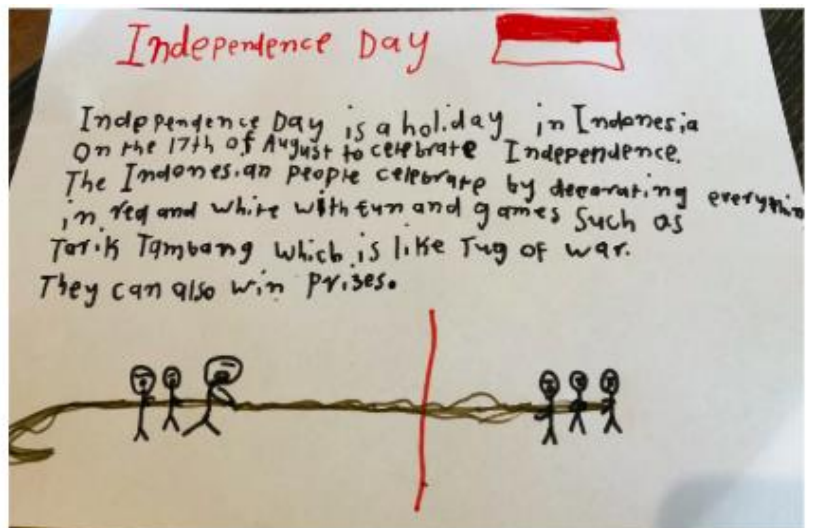


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