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## St. Mary's School Newsletter



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We acknowledge and pay respect to the Jaara people as the original and ongoing custodians of the land we meet on.

We commit ourselves to actively work alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.



*"Be Still, and know that I am with you" - Psalm 46:10*

**Term 2 - Thursday, 23rd April 2020**

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

Welcome back for Term 2. We miss you all so much!!! As I watch many of your children's reading or assignment videos, the staff who are at school, rush into the office and ask *"Can I hear kids??!!"*

It certainly is a quiet place most days.

As many of you are on Facebook or other social media platforms, I'm sure that you have seen many of the posts that have been shared. My husband came across this one over the weekend, so I cannot take any credit for it. But as I read it, I found myself nodding and smiling because this is something that we all need to remember along this journey.... time to focus on the wellbeing of all.

I am fairly confident that this journey will be over before September, (I sincerely hope so!) but I think that we could all use a good dose of 'calmness'. As teachers, we are not expecting things to be just like they are in the classroom setting. Everyone is doing the best they can and that is good enough for us.

*Marg*

April 17, 2020

Dear Parents,

Don't stress about schoolwork. In September, I will get your children back on track. I am a teacher and that's my superpower. What I can't fix is social-emotional trauma that prevents the brain from learning. So right now, I just need you to share your calm, share your strength, and share your laughter with your children. No kids are ahead. No kids are behind. Your children are exactly where they need to be.

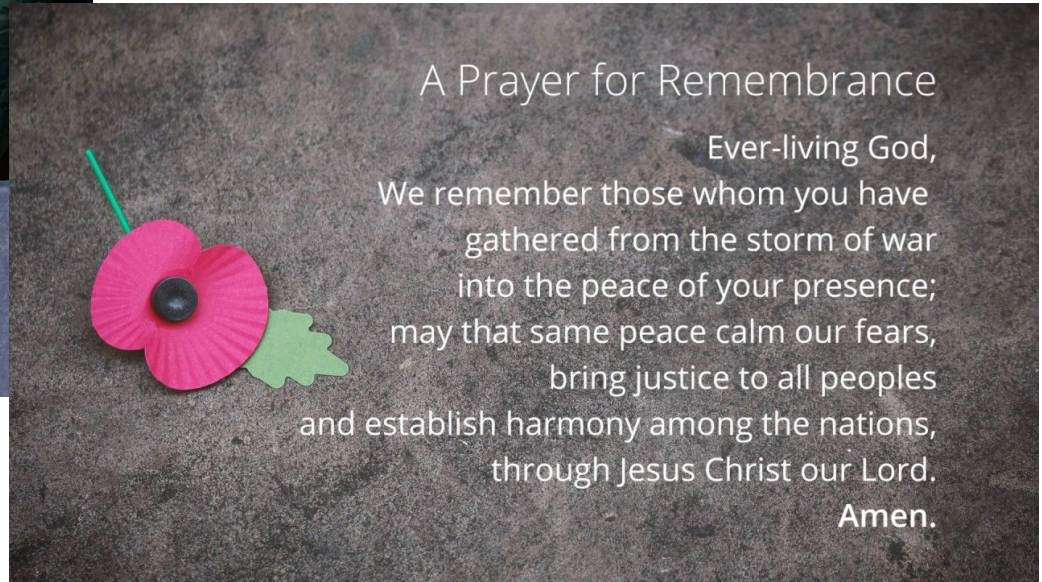
With love,  
All the teachers on planet Earth

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## RE News & Prayer for the Week with Mrs Brohm

This term our SEL focus is Prayer. **Prayer** is a way of connecting with God. In times of uncertainty, God is always there for us to talk to. There are many different ways of talking to God through prayer.

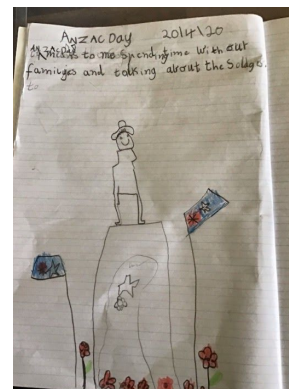
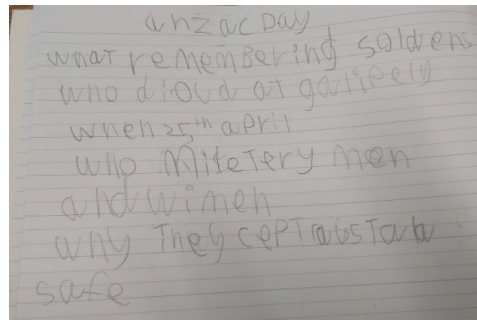
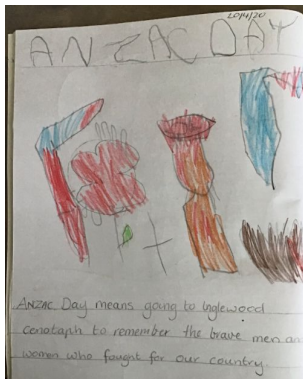
Our focus for prayer this week is reflecting. Reflecting means to think back on something and how it affects us. Reflect, as you read this prayer this ANZAC DAY.



### A Prayer for Remembrance

Ever-living God,  
We remember those whom you have  
gathered from the storm of war  
into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

This week, the children were asked to reflect upon their thoughts and understandings of ANZAC Day. Some shared drawings, writing and even a photo or two!





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### **Driveway Dawn Service**

ANZAC Day 2020 will not look like the ANZAC Day that so many of us are used to participating in. There will be a Dawn Service, wreaths will be laid, the last post will be played, a minute of silence in memory of the fallen will be observed, but the service community and the public will be asked to stay at home.

In 2020, on April 25, while you can't go to the Shrine of Remembrance or a local Dawn Service, the RSL is calling on Australians to light a candle or put on a porch light for the dawn service, and "stand to" in their driveways or on their balconies.

As the Last Post is played during the ANZAC Day Dawn Service, walk outside, stand in your yard, driveway, or on your balcony and observe a minute of silence in respect of our veterans. Everyone is asked to walk to the end of their driveway before 6am, light a candle and "have the nation line its streets and roads and share a minute's silence".



### **School Return**

There has been no clear direction in regards to school returning, despite information in the media. As far as we are concerned, and until we are told officially otherwise, our students will be learning remotely until further notice. I will definitely keep you updated as news comes to hand.

On the more positive side, the implementation of this social isolation in Victoria has had an incredible impact on decreasing the spread of the Coronavirus, so thank you to everyone for doing their part.

### **Condolences**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Corie, Lauren, Emily and Harry Birthisel and Tim, Suzi, Halle and Jenson Birthisel on the passing of their loved father, father-in-law and grandfather recently. Les Birthisel was a respected family man who will be sadly missed by all his family and the wider community.

### **Welcome Fin!**

We warmly welcome Finley Hodge to our school community. Fin has been a part of our Home Learning program since the start of term last week and he is looking forward to working with his classmates as soon as school resumes. Welcome Fin! We welcome Gabby, Micah and Emmett to our school family as well.



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### **Nora**

Nora has gone for a sleepover at the McEwans for a little while. Brett and Illona have very kindly offered to store Nora under cover whilst she is not in use. I know she will have lots of fun and will be looked after! Our own bus shelter will be underway shortly.

### **Absences during Remote Learning**

As always, if your child is not going to be accessing their learning on a particular day, please send me a text or make contact with the school to inform us. Throughout this time, we are still expected to take the roll each day, as this is a legal requirement. The way in which this will be done will be checking on who has 'checked in' to Google Classrooms each day.

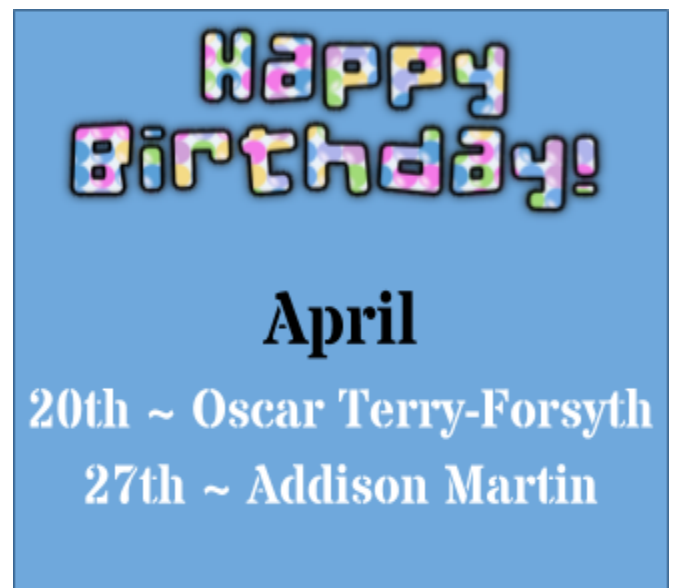
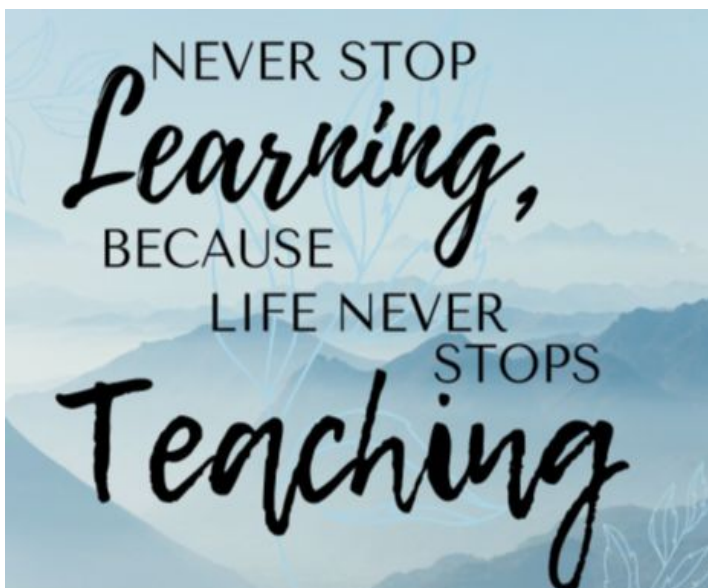
### **Mothers Day Stall**

Brooke Smyth has very kindly offered to conduct our Mother's Day Stall again this year. It may look a little different from previous years but we thought that Mums still need to be spoilt on this special day. Following a few guidelines, the CEO has given us the 'all clear' to go ahead. Stay tuned for more information from Brooke in the coming weeks.



### **Get Well Soon Poppy Twinks**

We wish Twinks all the best for his continued recovery. All our prayers have been answered and Twinks is now back in the Inglewood hospital, continuing his recovery, with a bit of TLC from Nurse Smith. Get well soon, Twinks!






*Like Nano.....*




*Our Parents*

are People of Daring and Action.  
Nano faced many challenges in her life.  
Over recent weeks, you have all discovered  
new skills and talents as home schoolers.  
Nano would have been very proud of what you  
have been able to  
achieve with your children.




*Like Nano.....*



*Our teachers*

are People of Community.  
Those in Nano's community, always looked to  
her for guidance and support.  
Our teachers have been pillars of strength  
during this new time of remote learning.  
They are to be commended  
for their wonderful support  
of each and every  
student.



**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN**  
**CANCELLED UNTIL**  
**FURTHER NOTICE**

## MASS TIMES

***St Peter's, Bridgewater***

*1st Sunday of the Month,  
8:00am*

***St Mary's, Inglewood***

*Thursday's  
9.15am  
Each other Sunday of the Month,  
8:00am*





1800 021 233

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\*Please contact us by 17 April 2020.



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