

## 2019 SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – TERM THREE, WEEK FOUR

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents,

I hope the week has progressed well for you all and that the sadness that has infiltrated our school family as a result of Mark Knox's passing and his funeral has lessened to a degree and that our lives have returned to some form of normality, albeit with somewhat of a hollow feeling inside. We get strength from the fact that our prayerful support will always be there for Monique and the kids, but also for one another as we move forward.

The message that should always be there when we are presented with situations that bring sadness or uncertainty to our lives is that in the long term the situations, no matter what they are, cannot remain as an "elephant in the room" scenario. We gain peace and some form of understanding about the situation by talking about what is troubling us or causing distress in our lives. It may be something close to home, like Mark's death or it could be something that has happened on the other side of the world, no matter what, talking to friends, family, professionals or your God will always help to understand and give direction.

Our culture of OWNERSHIP at St Andrew's experienced huge steps forward in recent weeks. I say this because of the **little things** that have happened within our school family that have left **huge impressions** on myself and indeed to a lot of people with who I have shared the experiences. These people are not a close part of our school family but still value what we are on about. I will name only two of the many little things that showed the strength of our culture and speak briefly about them here.

1. Seven of our Year Six senior choir members sang a song as the entrance hymn at the funeral on Monday. They sang beautifully and affected all for good. The thing is they only heard the song for the **first time** on the Thursday before the funeral. I approached Julia McRae, one of our talented parents, to teach the kids the song, even though she had never heard it before. There was no hesitation from Julia. She jumped right in and gave up her time to meet with the kids on two other occasions, even though she had to prepare to hop on a plane to Germany then on to Tel Aviv on Monday afternoon. Julia and the kids gave of themselves in true MJR spirit for the good of all those around them who needed them. Ubuntu in action!!
2. You may recall that I sent an email to parents late last week asking for help to put 250 chairs out at the church at 9.00am, before the funeral and then to turn up at 12.30pm to help put the chairs away? I thought that I would get ten offers, which in fact would have been very much appreciated. What I didn't expect was the **30-40 offers of help to set them out and the 20-30 offers of help to put the chairs away**. This was a fantastic response, but I didn't realise, when I turned up at the church at 8.50am to meet the volunteers, the job had already been done!! I was blown away with people's generosity, kindness and selfless acts that spoke volumes for who we are and what we are on about. I know *we are on about the learning in the spaces, that is extremely important, but what we are truly on about is the looking after and caring for each other in all situations.*

Finally, I would like to wish Jen a very happy zero type of birthday on Friday and to wish her all the best for her period of leave, beginning in Week Six, the same week that Kylie returns!!

Zooties and thanks for who you are.

John



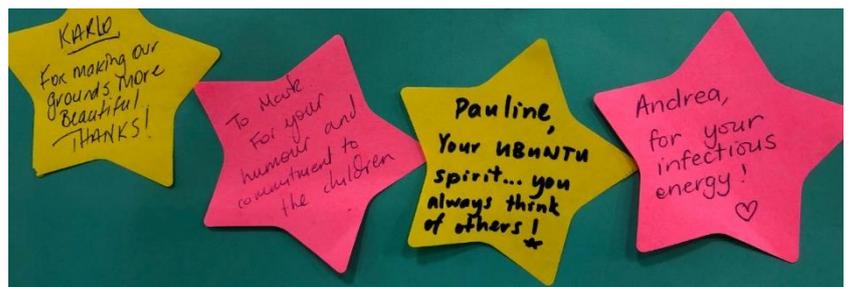
Catholic Education Week

What a wonderful week we had last week.

There were MJR jars in learning spaces,



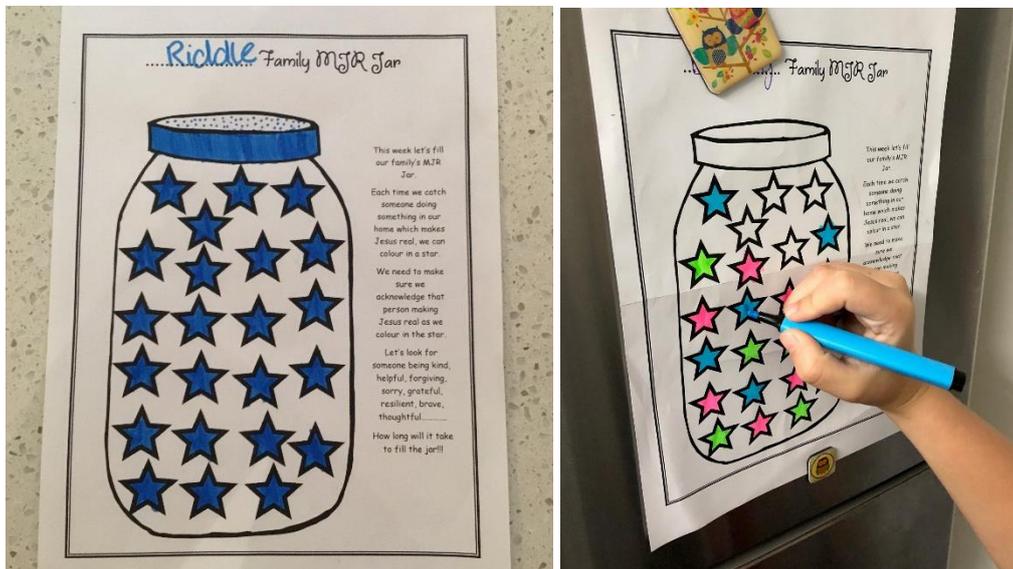
the staff room,



the OEC



and in the homes of our families.



We also came together for a wonderful whole school Mass. Thank-you to Father Damien for a joyous celebration. Thank-you too, to the Year 4 students, choir, strings and band who led the mass and our wonderful parents who provided morning tea. Our parent picnic was once again a huge success. Teamwork makes the dream work.









**\*\* Donations of stationery still welcome-Timor Leste companion school \*\***



Our parish at St Williams Grovely has a partnership of faith, friendship and solidarity with the district (and town) of Liquiça and the parish and schools of St John de Brito. The aim of the sister-parish relationship is to mutually enrich our faith life, to better understand our different cultures as well as materially support our friends in Liquiça by sending funds as needed for building projects, student supplies, sponsorship and more.

**Donations of pencils, rulers, notebooks, colours, glue, scissors are continuing to be collected this week and next.**

## Yr 6 Social Justice Morning



What a wonderful morning the Year 6 students had last Friday joining with Mt Maria and St Williams students to engage in a variety of social justice activities.

We were fortunate enough to have Matthew Ames speak about his incredible life's journey. He has some wonderful messages including treating all people with dignity, how important it is to change unhelpful thoughts into helpful thoughts and the power of positivity.



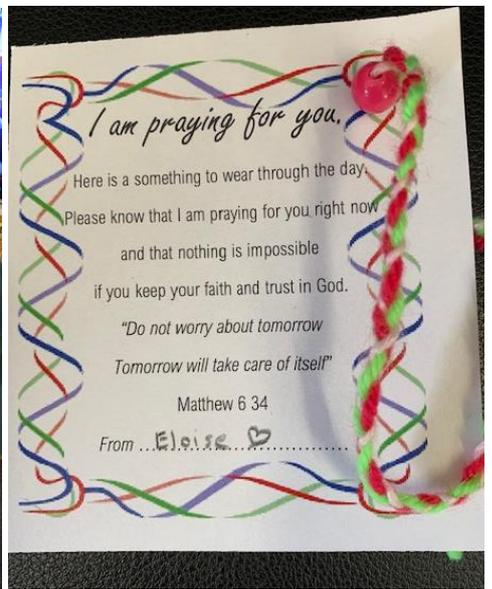
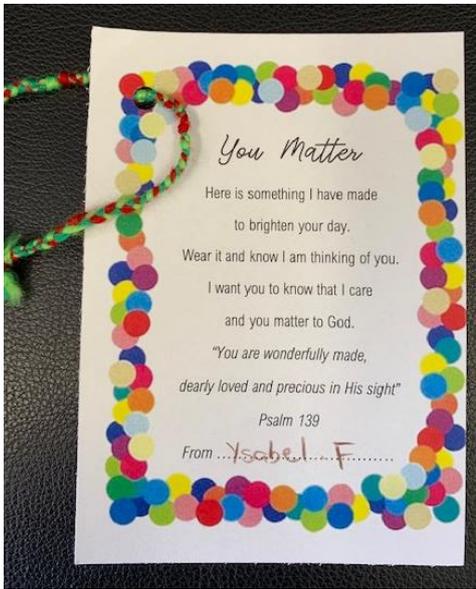
The students listened to the story of BlindEye Ministries, a drop-in centre for homeless at West End, to gain some insight into and empathy for the lives of the homeless.

Please see the link to their website, I know all donations are greatly appreciated and go straight to their centre.  
<https://blindeyeministries.com/>

Blind Eye Ministries is a grass-roots Catholic ministry devoted to journeying with the most vulnerable in our society. We achieve this one person at a time.



They students created blessing cards to send to the shelter, to make sure each and every person who drops in there knows that someone is thinking of them and praying for them.



Mt Maria students shared with us their understanding and actions around social justice as well as aboriginal spirituality.



And our wonderful friends, Timor Leste Companions Parish groups spoke to our students as well.

### Jen's prayer-share



Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August - Feast Day of Saint Mary McKillop

**Ever generous God,  
 You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop  
 To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
 and constant in bringing hope and encouragement  
 to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.  
 We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit  
 so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.  
 Ever generous God hear our prayer.  
 We ask this through Jesus Christ.  
 Amen**



## Looking ahead...



- Ekka Show Holiday – Wed 14 August
- Book Week Parade – Tues 20 August (during morning assembly)
- Zones Athletics Carnival – (8/9yrs) Wed 28 August / (10-12yrs) Thurs 29 August
- Life Education Van visits – 27 August-4 September
- Last Day of Term – Fri 20 September

## LEARNING LOWDOWN WITH THE PLL...

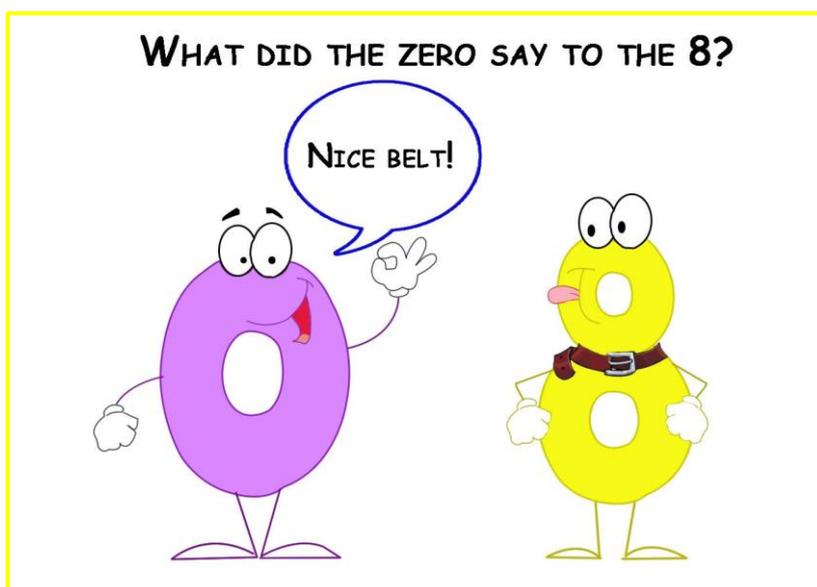
# Mathematics

Maths is all around us.

Maths is everywhere in our everyday lives; our street number, phone number, telling the time (analogue clock/watch), a train timetable (24hr time), using cash, fractions in cooking ( $\frac{1}{2}$  cup,  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp), doubling and halving a recipe, car number plates, filling the car with petrol, weighing fruit & vege at the supermarket. You get the picture!

Involving your kids in everyday maths, working out problems while cooking, in the supermarket or driving on the motorway (adding number plate numbers together) can help kids to develop their mental number 'muscles'. Working out age appropriate maths problems in their head is a great way to help kids achieve success in maths.

[Click here to see more ideas](#) (scroll to page 23 for maths).





A special congratulations to Adrian Simon and Madeleine Knight who have entered the EDGE Creatives Excellence in Visual Arts competition and have made it to the state finalist stage. From here they will be invited to attend a weekend of artistic workshops where they will create works that will be displayed in an exhibition at the Queensland College of Art, Southbank. I have included a link to this event for anyone that may be interested in supporting our St Andrew's finalists.

Gallery tickets can be purchased on the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/excellence-in-visual-arts-queensland-competition-exhibition-tickets-59431452073>

Also congratulations to Isla Harvey who entered the EDGE Creatives Poetry and Song Writing Competition. Isla has made it to the state finals stage also and has been invited to a weekend workshop where she will have the opportunity to work with Rupert McCall. The Final will be held at the Twelfth Night Theatre, Bowen Hills.

Here is a link for tickets to this event if you would like to go along too support Isla:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/poetry-slam-qld-school-poetry-and-song-competition-grand-final-tickets-56398810360>

We wish all students the best of luck with these competitions.

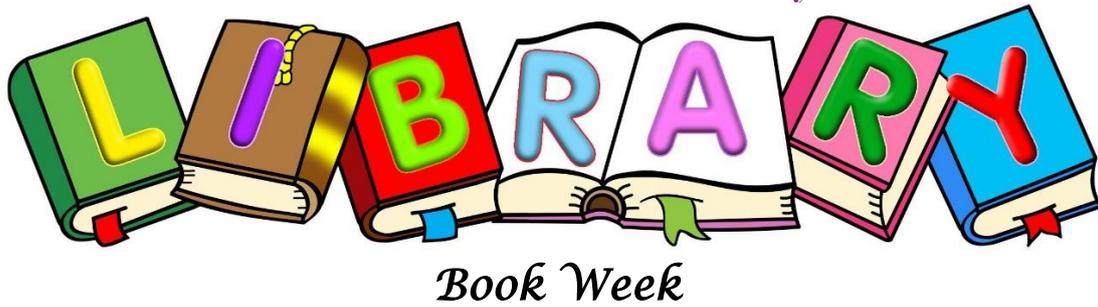
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**CALL OUT FOR DONATIONS PLEASE!**

**The Art Room is in need of newspapers and ice-cream containers (with or without lids). Any donations you can make would be greatly appreciated!**



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## What's on in the Library?



This term, in Week 6, we celebrate Book Week. Each year Book Week has a theme and this year it is **Reading is Your Secret Power**. I have read the shortlisted **Early Childhood** books to the children and they will all get to vote for the book they think will win in this category. If they voted for the winning book they then have the opportunity to win a prize.

During Book Week we will have the annual **Book Parade** at the morning assembly on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**.

Each year level has selected a shortlisted book to read and create an art display for the library. The children will be dressing up as a character from that book for the parade. There won't be a prize for the best dressed; it's just a fun way to celebrate Book Week. The following books have been chosen by each year level:

- Prep – **Rainbow Bear** by Stephen Michael King
- Year 1 – **Heads and Tails** by John Canty
- Year 2 – **The Dress-Up Box** by Patrick Guest
- Year 3 – **Bouncing Back: An Eastern Barred Bandicoot Story** by Rohan Cleave
- Year 4 – **The All New Must Have Orange 430** by Michael Speechley
- Year 5 – **Here Comes Stinkbug** by Tohby Riddle
- Year 6 – **The Book Week Theme: Reading is Your secret Power**

There will be author/illustrators visiting our school to talk to the children about their books and sharing their own ideas and experiences. **Lucia Masciullo** will be entertaining the Prep – Year 3 children on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. **Lance Balchin** will be sharing his ideas with Years 4-6 on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, Week 6. Both authors/illustrators are very well known and very entertaining. We are looking forward to their inspiring visits.

We will have competitions for the children before and during Book Week so keep an eye out for these to encourage the love of reading with your children.

All Week	Book Fair
Monday	Winning books announced at assembly and the winners of the Early Childhood voting drawn
Tuesday	<b>Book Parade</b> – at assembly. Dress as a character from the book selected by each year level
Wednesday	Winner of the <b>Guess the Character</b> competition drawn at assembly <b>Lance Balchin</b> – Author visit for Years 4 – 6
Thursday	<b>Lucia Masciullo</b> – Illustrator visit for Prep – Year 3
Friday	Last day of the Book Fair, closing at 12 noon



# Visit our **BOOK FAIR!**



The annual book fair will be held during Book Week with books once again being provided by **The Book Warehouse**. It will commence on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> August and finish on the Friday of that week 23<sup>rd</sup> August. It will be held in the library and will be open:

**Monday 10am – 4pm**  
**Tuesday 10am – 4pm**  
**Wednesday 8am – 4pm**  
**Thursday 8am – 4pm**  
**Friday 8am – 12:00 noon**

**The Book Warehouse**  
AFFORDABLE BOOKS FOR EVERYONE

The children will get the opportunity to look through the books with their classes and make a wish list. The library will be open during the breaks to give the children time to purchase books.

There will be lots of bargains with all books sold at discounted prices.

**Happy Reading**

**Pam Apte and Kym Bell**

## WIDER-COMMUNITY NEWS...

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**OUR BRISBANE NORTH WEST VENUES NEAR YOU:**

- ✦ SATURDAY - THE GAP SS & ITHACA CREEK SS
- ✦ SUNDAY - PATRICKS ROAD SS
- ✦ MONDAY - SAMPFORD SS
- ✦ TUESDAY - FERNY HILLS SS
- ✦ WEDNESDAY - GROVELY SS
- ✦ THURSDAY - HILDER ROAD SS
- ✦ FRIDAY - DAYBORO SS

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**SUNDAY 18TH, 25TH AUGUST AND 1ST, 8TH SEPTEMBER**

BOYS & GIRLS 6 - 13	COMPETENT SWIMMERS	\$55 PER PLAYER *
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<b>FlippaBall</b> 6 - 9 YEAR OLD 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>ReadySetGoPolo</b> 9 - 13 YEAR OLD 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
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Venue: Albany Creek Leisure Centre, Explorer Drive  
What's included: Land warm ups, skills, drills, basic rules and game play.  
Sorry, no refunds for unattended sessions.  
For further enquiries or to secure a place email [development@polobears.com.au](mailto:development@polobears.com.au)

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IN MY KID'S LUNCH SO IT CAN  
GET OUT OF THE HOUSE FOR  
A FEW HOURS.

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