



# Term 4 Week 8 Newsletter

**Catholic Character:** On Tuesday evening our community came together for a very special Christmas Liturgy. We were delighted to have over thirty of our students in cultural dress, representing some of the many cultures that are part of our school. To begin the liturgy we invited our 27 Year 8 students onto the stage and presented them with a special cross and then joined together as a community to sing a farewell blessing. We wish these students and their families every blessing in the future. We will keep you in our prayers.



We thank the students who led the liturgy, the musicians, the lead singers and all students and families for their reflective participation- helping us to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. God bless you all.



## Important Dates

**6th December** - Final BOT meeting for 2018

**7th December** - 9:00am-11am New classes for 2019

**8th December** -Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**13th December** -Year 8 Graduation 7pm

**17 December** - End of year fun day ASB

**18th December**- End of Year Liturgy and last day of school



## Christmas Challenge

At the Christmas liturgy I presented two challenges, one to the **adults** and **one to each family**. Firstly I shared the words of our Cardinal, John Dew who describes Advent as ' a time of waiting, hope and optimism about what God is doing for us and with us'. I invited the adults to consider, **What is your greatest hope for your child**- or each of your children and then, **what is something you can do to nurture or support that Hope** to become a reality? - Let this be **your gift to your child** or each of your children.

Secondly, the family challenge:Just over a month ago we received information about an **international project for children and young people from all over the world**. The project called **Design for Change** is endorsed by Pope Francis. Use of this design thinking project will help our children to solve all kinds of problems and challenges both now and in the future. DFC offers a simple **four step framework** or formula called **FIDS for Kids**.

### FEEL- IMAGINE- DO- SHARE

We plan to deepen our students' understanding of design thinking throughout 2019 and we look forward to working closely with you and our wider community to really make a difference and to empower our learners at every level. So we presented to you with a holiday challenge that will introduce you to this structure.

**Feel** – As a family think about a person or people you know who you would like to do something special for over the Christmas period.

**Imagine**- .Brainstorm lots of ideas about things you could do

**Do**- Choose an idea that you think will have the biggest impact and DO this.

**Share**- When you come back to school at the start of 2019 share your story with your class- you might tell your class about it, you might write about it, you might share a photograph ... But let's all make a difference for someone this Christmas.

Welcome to school

A very big Welcome to Eva Caseley who started in Rm 12 on Tuesday 6th December.



Happy birthday to Eva, Elijah, Leya and Lydia enjoy your special day.

## GARDEN TO TABLE

Today the students from Garden to Table went around the neighbourhood gifting cucumber and tomato seedlings to our neighbours to show our appreciation for the support given to us in many ways throughout the year.

Our gardener of the day, Tinea and chef of the day, Hemish shared delights from the kitchen and garden with us. We learnt that fresh garden herbs such as parsley and mint add real flavour to home made pizza, it was truly delicious!



## CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate the students who took part in the Interzone athletics competition last Thursday at Newtown Park, we are very proud of your effort and achievements. A special mention of the following students : Maria Lui-Fai, Sio Telefoni, Jaiymee Mapuileolo, George Rapira-Davies, Max Reynolds, Alex Smith and Ethan Kumar who progressed through to the Regional competition.

**Chicken Pox:** We have been informed that one of our senior students has contracted chicken pox. **Key points to remember**

- chickenpox is a common childhood illness caused by a virus
- it is very easy to catch
- most cases of chickenpox are mild and children get better completely
- your child needs to see a doctor if they have a very high fever or are very ill, particularly if they become very drowsy, or are breathing fast or vomiting a lot
- children with chickenpox need to stay home from school and daycare
- chickenpox can sometimes cause serious complications

Chickenpox can often start with the following symptoms: a fever, a headache, a runny nose, a cough, loss of appetite, feeling tired.

**Should my child with chickenpox stay home?** Children should stay away from daycare or school, and public places, while they are infectious. Once scabs form on all the spots, your child is no longer infectious. They may go back to school when the spots are all scabbed over and dry. This can take around 5-7 days.

## PSG Year 7 Award

Congratulations to Jael Laroza, Lupe Ropati and Samson Te'o who were presented with the 2018 Parent Support Group award at the Christmas liturgy on Tuesday night. This award is presented to students recognised for consistently living by the values of the school.

Well done to you all, "Let your light shine".

## EAT MY LUNCH

The last delivery day for students to receive Eat My Lunch in 2018 will be on Thursday 13th December. We are hopeful this service will commence again in Term 1 2019 and we would like to thank Eat My Lunch for providing this wonderful service.



## THOMAS GEORGE MACARTHY TRUST

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Thomas George Macarthy Trust for their grant of \$2000.00 towards the purchase of new books and software for the library.



## HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Would you like your child to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, Confirmation or 1st Holy Communion in 2019? If your child is in year 4 or above, please contact the office and we will give you an application to complete or contact Mr Tim Carson for more details

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