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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Swimming

#### Swimming starts next week 2pm

Thursday 17th February Rooms 1 & 5

Friday 18th February Rooms 4 & 6



### TERM DATES:

- 18th February St Catherine's Technology.
- 23rd February—Beach trip you can collect your child from the beach at 2.30pm
- 24th February BOT Meeting 6pm

We welcome sisters who have come from Columbia.

Alisson is in room 4 & Sahian is in room 5.

Our new family, are still looking for rental accommodation. 2 Bedroom. If anyone knows of a place, please let us know.



We also welcome to room 6 Arhan Prasad.



### Attitude of Gratitude

From the Principal

After a few days of wild weather, it is very easy to be grateful for the settled sunny weather that we are currently experiencing. So often, it is when something has stopped or changed, that we appreciate what we had before. In this time of uncertainty, it is even more important, I believe, to have an 'ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE' for what we have. We do not know if we will get COVID tomorrow or not. We do not know how badly the disease will affect us. Will I have symptoms? Will I require hospitalisation? Will it affect me for a week, a month or longer? Lots of real and important questions. However, what I do know right now is, I am not sick, I am able to be at work, I am able to interact with the students and the staff and I am very grateful for these blessings.

I pray that over the next few days, we are able to be grateful for each and every blessing that we have. A challenge if you wish: At the evening meal, each person has to say three things that they are grateful for that day.

God bless

Tony

**Sad news:** Last Friday, the community gathered to celebrate the life of Iosefo Aukusitino

His children went through our school. Ioane was a Year 8 two years ago. Please keep them all in your prayers.

### Covid Update/Reminders

We ask that adults wear masks. If you have an exemption from wearing a mask, we ask that you stay out of the buildings as much as possible. E.g. walking to the classroom from the playground.

If you or a family member is asked to self-isolate, please let us know.

If someone at school gets Covid, we will let you know immediately. We will also let you know if one class or the whole school has to self-isolate and for how long.

### New Parent APP: Coming soon...

We have met with the creators of this app. Soon you will be given information about it. We will also use this app to send you information about your child's learning. It also has an absence button. But wait there is more... Forms and permission slips can be sent back with a push of a button. No more forms getting lost in your child's bag. Easy as. The staff are getting lessons next week and then we will be able to go 'live' soon after that.

### Key dates:

2 March Ash Wednesday liturgy at school. Due to Covid restrictions, this will be for the staff and students only.

We are also planning a Holy Week Presentation April 10 -14. This will be filmed so that parents can see how we are retelling our story of Salvation this year.

## OUR MERCY VALUES

Encourage your child to think about our Mercy Values .

## OUR GOSPEL VALUE:

### STEWARDSHIP

## Shining Stewardship

# 10 Ways YOU Can Help the EARTH

1. Turn off the lights

2. RECYCLE!

3. Save leftovers

4. Be nice to the worms

5. Share a book

6. Plant a tree

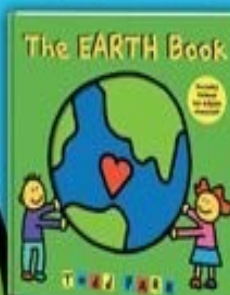
7. Use both sides of the paper

8. Save water

9. Clean up trash

10. Put underwear in the freezer when it's hot

Share your love of the EARTH with New York Times bestselling author Todd Parr's



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

This fortnight we pray for children celebrating their birthdays.



Christiaan Yalda



Makeda Gebre



Joel Jopson



Charlie Madar-Leuluai



Jessica D'Souza



Beimnet Ayele





### **If Covid comes to the school...**

We take our advice from the **MoE**. If and when a staff member or a student gets COVID we will contact you all immediately. The school may NOT close down. Potentially only the class the child/adult was in., will close.

Some proposals for teaching during Omricon. DRAFT ONLY

If the teacher is a close contact and does NOT have Covid, they will try and teach from home. The students will be in the class and the teacher is on the screen. Another adult will be in the classroom, if we can arrange to have one.

If the teacher has covid from outside of the school, we get a relief teacher.

We will follow the advice from the MoE/health as to what happens to the children in the teacher's class.

There is a shortage of relief teachers currently, so we will cross that bridge when we get to it.

If a large number of children are self-isolating at home, we will try and support them as best we can. E.G. They join the classroom online for particular sessions like, reading and maths etc.

We will send an email early next week and a paper copy, updating your computer requirements so the students are ready to learn from home.

### **Health Reminders**

Please let us know if you or someone in your house is self-isolating due to a close contact situation.

Please keep your child home, if they have a runny nose, sneezing or other COVID/COLD like symptoms. If a child has to get tested for COVID, when in fact it was just a cold, then it affects the whole family, who have to self-isolate.

