



Newsletter | Term 3 Week 2 | 22 July 2021



Mrs. Robyn Clarke
Principal

From the Principal

Welcome back to Term Three. It certainly has not started the way we would have liked or expected it to! With the lockdown continuing until the end of July, I'd like to assure you that we are doing everything in our power to ensure that your children are supported in their learning and that this time is as stress free for you as it can be. Home learning for the students is challenging, but I want to assure you that we do not expect you to be your child's teacher. Instead we hope that you will be on hand to supervise

their work, to ensure that they have adequate brain breaks and play throughout the day, and to call us or email us if you are having any trouble accessing the learning.

In my walk arounds this week, I have jumped in and out of Zooms, and it was so lovely to see our students enthusiastically joining in discussions, sharing thoughts about the books they have been reading, being creative and just generally catching up with each other and their teachers. Rest assured, the teachers miss the face to face interactions and cannot wait until we can resume learning back here at school.

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is about as suitable as you can get at this time! It's the wonderful story that related Jesus feeding the multitude of people who came to listen to him speak. Jesus was able to take the young boy's humble offering of five barley loaves and two fish and provide enough food for everyone to eat and be satisfied. But if we look closer at this story, it is actually a story of delegation and trust. Jesus could have told his disciples what to do when they told him the people were hungry. Instead, he challenged them by asking them what they would do. What I love the most about this story is the sense of community that was developed, and the way that the whole community shared what they had with each other, ensuring that no one missed out. I think that this is exactly what is going on in our community during this lockdown period. I have heard stories of families making connections via the



internet or phone, making sure that loved ones are not feeling alone or too isolated. I also love the direction that Jesus gave to his followers: "have the people recline"... he is asking us to rest and trust in him. Sometimes, this is exactly what we need to do.... Rest and place our trust in Jesus to provide for us. And once he has provided for us, we are in a better position to provide for others.

Let us pray:

Thank you Jesus, for always giving me what I need. Please show me how to share your blessings with others. Amen.

Covid updates

With the recent resurgence of covid cases in NSW, there have been some changes that families need to be aware of.

- If your child is unwell and presenting with a cough, runny nose, temperature etc. please ensure that they have a covid test. If the test is negative, please send the results via email to stfinbars@parra.catholic.edu.au Parents will be contacted if students are presenting with these symptoms at school.
 - Runny nose
 - Persistent cough
 - High temperature
 - Loss of taste
 - Loss of smell
- If parents choose not to get a covid test for their child, the child must stay at home for a period of ten days, and be symptom free for three days before they can return to school. This requirement will continue after lockdown is lifted.
- If a doctor says a covid test is not necessary, a medical certificate will be required to say that the child is fit for school and that the illness is not covid related. This requirement will continue after lockdown is lifted.
- All teachers onsite must wear masks inside until further notice. It is recommended that parents do not enter the school grounds during this lockdown period. We currently have a very limited number of staff on-site to supervise the few children who have no other option but to attend school. If you find your situation has changed, please call the office or email so that we can ensure that supervision ratios are maintained.
- If parents or carers need to come to the front office, please call ahead and speak to a member of our office staff. They will provide you with directions for coming onsite (QR code sign in, mask requirements, social distancing).



- We have asked children who are attending school because there is no other option for supervision to bring a mask in a ziplock bag. This would be used if there were multiple children presenting to sick bay, or if a student was working 1:1 in a small break out area with an adult.
- Any parent or relative of students who are currently presenting at school must notify us immediately if they have been a casual or close contact of someone with covid. Please follow the [NSW Health website](#) for updates on affected areas.

Thank you for your ongoing support of these measures. As always, we appreciate all you are doing to support us to ensure that our children and staff are safe.

May Christ's peace be with you,

Mrs Robyn Clarke

Principal



Mr. Ben Ticehurst
Assistant Principal

From the Assistant Principal

We were so lucky to get our Athletics Carnival in on the last day of Term 2. It was a great community day and the team spirit shown by our learners was a real highlight.

I would like to especially thank the parents who were able to assist on the day with the running of the carnival. It is not possible for us to run the day without your help.

Anke Malaure
Michele O'Callaghan
Alison Howard
Lauren Baker
Nicole Ambrosoli


Laura Buggy
Gabrielle Parish
Emma McKenna
Kate McCaffery
Elizabeth Heyes

Florence Moutsos
Meredith Hetherington
Erin Kelly
Ginny Spence
Nyree Fisher



I would also like to thank the P&F for organising and running the BBQ and canteen on the day.

The carnival results and age champions are listed below.



House	Scores
Arringa	579
Banjora	529
Warrigal	 596
Tamaroo	526

House War Cry Winner

House	Scores
Banjora	
Tamaroo	

Boys Age Champion Results

Under 8	Alexander Simpson	Age Champion
Under 8	Jake Van Der Snoek	Runner Up Age Champion
Under 9	Francesco Macri	Age Champion
Under 9	Luc Nilsson	Runner Up Age Champion
Under 10	Darcy Waring	Age Champion
Under 10	Quentin Lynch & Gus Berben	Runner Up Age Champion
Under 11	Jude Alderton	Age Champion
Under 11	Cooper Kay	Runner Up Age Champion
Under 12	Phoenix Eggins	Age Champion
Under 12	Angus Smith	Runner Up Age Champion



Girls Age Champion Results

Under 8	Eva Hetherington	Age Champion
Under 8	Sophia Lynch	Runner Up Age Champion
Under 9	Zoe Taylor	Age Champion
Under 9	Emma Seaman	Runner Up Age Champion
Under 10	Abigail Stanford	Age Champion
Under 10	Lillian Bastoli	Runner Up Age Champion
Under 11	Ava Lorking	Age Champion
Under 11	Matilda Howard	Runner Up Age Champion
Under 12	Ellie Taylor	Age Champion
Under 12	Leia Agahari	Runner Up Age Champion

This week, we read or saw in the news that two billionaires launched their spacecraft to allow travel into space. It was almost to the day that 52 years ago Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon - July 20 1969.

As Niel and Buzz sat on the moon, preparing for their historic walk, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin was preparing himself for a personal special moment. Buzz Aldrin wrote about what he did during those few hours on the moon:

"There are many thousands of things that God and man have made here on earth and, before I blasted off, I got thinking and wondering what I would choose to take to the moon. So I said: What's our greatest treasure here on earth? And I thought: It's Christ's gift of himself.

So, shortly after touchdown, I opened two little plastic packages, one containing bread and the other, wine. I poured the wine into the chalice, which our home church had given me, and I read what Saint John tells us that Jesus said:

'I am the vine, you are the branches.'

In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup. It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the very first food eaten there were what Christ chose when he gave himself to be our close friend."



Let your light shine

Ben Ticehurst
Assistant Principal

From the RE Coordinator

This coming Monday, we celebrate the feast day of St Anne and St Joachim, who were Mary's mother and father. This day reminds us of the importance of the role that our grandparents play in our lives, whether it be what they do for us or even cherishing the special times that we share with them.

St Anne and St Joachim knew that Mary was a gift from God, like we all are, and

they made sure that they raised her to be the special woman that she was. Just like the role that our grandparents play in our lives.

This day reminds us that we should be thankful and appreciative of the role of our grandparents. It is important that we give thanks for our grandparents on this special day, here are some ways we can do this:

1. Calling and speaking to our grandparents or an elderly friend. Say hello, thank you and have a chat (I'm sure they have a story or two to tell you!)
2. Send a card (or message) thanking them for their love and support. The smallest gesture goes such a long way!
3. Say a special prayer for your grandparents (St Anne and St Joachim are listening!)

It makes it even more important during these times to be appreciative of each other. It really shows the strength of our families and that we all look after one another, each and every day.

Yours in Christ,

Michael Lo Cascio
Acting Religious Education Coordinator





Welcome



Congratulations to the Okaro family on the safe arrival of baby Christopher, born on 28 June. Baby brother to Will in year two and Grace in Kinder. Best wishes to you all and welcome to the St Finbar's Community Christopher!

Assembly Live on Youtube – Monday Week 3



We will be live streaming our School Assembly on Monday, 26 July, at 2:15pm.

Click [here](#) to join the live stream.

Term 3 School Fee Statements

Term 3 Instalments will be mailed out shortly. If you do not receive your fee statement in the mail, please let us know so we can follow that up.

As always if you require financial support, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Clarke via email finb-glbrfees@parra.catholic.edu.au or phone the school office on 4724 3600. All conversations will remain strictly confidential. Communication from CEDP is attached [here](#) with further information.

Thank You
Mrs Denham



Uniform Update

Last term, we met with the School Locker team to discuss a modification to the girls shirt. Feedback from families had pointed out that the neckline was quite low and that during winter the shirt was quite cold.

We have been in consultation with the manufacturer and have received a sample of the new girls shirt for approval. You can see in the image below that the adjustments to the neckline make a significant difference.

Now that this has been approved, we will need to wait for production to begin on the new shirt. We will let you know once the new shirt hits the suppliers shelves.





Parish News

[Click this link to read The Parish Barra](#)

At present due to Covid, Parish Mass is live streamed.

Visit the [Parish website](#) to access all links.



Sunday Masses:

Vigil – 5.30pm Saturday evening

7.30am & 9.30am Sunday morning

6pm Family/Youth – First and Third Sunday evenings (except Jan)

Weekday Masses:

Monday: 9am **Tuesday:** 9am **Wednesday:** 8am

Thursday: 9am (except third Thursday – see Anointing Mass)

Friday: 9am

Saturday: 9am

Reconciliation: Saturday evening – 4.45 – 5.15pm, or any time on request

Rosary in Honour of Our Lady: Usually after Wednesday morning Mass.

Anointing Mass: Usually third Thursday of the month at 10am (except January)

Adoration & Benediction: Usually after Friday morning Mass.

[Sunday's First and Second Collections explained.](#)

