



## Important Dates

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**Assembly Class  
RCM**  
Thursday 1 July 2021

**End of Term Two  
at 3pm**  
Friday 2 July 2021

**Start of Term 3 at  
8.45am**  
Monday 19 July 2021

**Assembly Class REB**  
Thursday 29 July 2021

**Learning Fair**  
Friday 30 July 2021

**Catholic Schools  
Open Week**  
Monday 9 August 2021

**Assembly Class  
6TM**  
Thursday 12 August 2021

**Book Week**  
Monday 23 August 2021

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is incredible to think we have almost reached the half way mark of the school year. This week we saw in the winter solstice, our longest day of the year, and the winter weather has certainly hit. We certainly encourage you to keep your child home if they are unwell, coughing or have a runny nose. Thank you for your support on this matter.

I would like to congratulate and thank all the students and teachers on a VERY productive and active term. There have been many wonderful learning outcomes achieved and excellent activities experienced by all. We all should be proud of our achievements.

Next week students will receive their mid-year report. This assessment is an important reporting tool that provides a summary of a students' learning achievements in the first semester of the year. The important thing with any report or assessment is to:

1. Look for the effort – this is what makes learning and progress possible;
2. Find the strengths in the report, there will be areas working well for your child;
3. Look for areas of focus for the future and the opportunity to set learning goals for the next semester.

I would encourage you to take time to sit down with your child and read the report together, discuss and celebrate achievements as well as establish strategies for improvement.

If you have any questions about the report, you can certainly make a time early next term to discuss these with your child's teacher(s).

### **World Environment Day**

To commemorate and celebrate World Environment Day on Friday 4 June, our students in 1SM and 3JS visited The Gums Reserve to assist the Landcare group with planting some trees and shrubs. This annual event for our school has continued to assist 'The Gums Landcare' group, a team of people with a real passion for preserving and growing our natural environment for our local community.

We are extremely fortunate and lucky to have such a reserve on our doorsteps, a special place we can all visit as well as being part of maintaining and teaching our students on how we can look after our local environment.

The students were also able to experience some fun and educational activities, learning about the native plants in the Gums and the benefits of these plants as well as discovering more about the introduced plants and weeds that can affect the ecosystem and health of the environment. We would like to thank the Landcare team (Gerry and Ian) as well as Sharon Gulley Frith for organising this event.

### **Disco**

Congratulations to our wonderful P & F Committee for organising our school Disco on Thursday 10 June. The 2 discos were well attended by our students, each provided with a drink, pizza and a glow stick. The students had a wonderful time, thanks to DJ The Amazing Magic Mike. The night was very well organised and managed by a large group of volunteers, making it highly successful and a wonderful experience for all our students. Thank you to all the volunteers and a special thank you to the P & F team.

### **Star Program Professional Learning**

On the recent Pupil Free Day, our staff joined the teachers from St Joseph's School Hectorville to complete our final module on Assessment for Educators. Over the last four pupil free days our teaching staff have completed 5 learning modules.

The Assessment for Educators course is designed to support a whole-school commitment to reflecting on, evaluating, and improving existing assessment practices to improve student outcomes. The course has provided us with shared knowledge and understanding of contemporary research in assessment and the practical application of this research in our teaching practice.

The course has been part of the Star Program initiative for the Eastern cluster schools and has provided an opportunity for us to work with other teachers across the five catholic primary schools. We hope to continue our partnership and work together on developing a moderation program for teachers to come together throughout the year to discuss and review student learning and the assessment of their work.

### **Learning Fair**

Early next term our school will be inviting all families to visit your child's classrooms and see their learning. As we all know so well it has been a struggle over the last few years to allow parents into the classroom environment. We thought this would be a lovely idea, just before we start the building projects that are planned for the rest of the year as well as bringing some sense of community back for our wonderful school.

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

The Learning Fair will take place on Friday 30 July and families can visit anytime between 4pm -6pm. All classrooms and the Resource Centre will be open for families to visit and your child can show and share their learning. Families will be asked to scan the Q R code on entry and will then be able to visit the classroom. The P & F will be organising refreshments and providing a BBQ.

We hope to see as many families at this event as possible.

## **News**

Finally ,I would like to share some exciting news for one of our staff members. We would like to congratulate Emma & Dan Browne on the news that they will be having a baby toward of the end of the year. We are all very happy for Emma and Dan and I'm sure you will join me in wishing them well as they prepare for the arrival of 'Baby Browne'.

Stay safe and I look forward to the next exciting semester of learning.

If you get a chance we have a visual display in the front office of the two building projects that will be happening in the next half of the year. VERY exciting times ahead for our community.

Kind regards

Adrian Grbin

## **School Board Report**

The school board met on Wednesday evening 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

The Board received an update of the St Joseph's School Masterplan. Plans for the Multi-Sport Space Development are underway. This space will feature a full-sized court and new grass area. These plans can be viewed in the front office. Please come and have a look when you have the chance.

Teachers have been busy with the National Consistent Collection of Data process (NCCD). This process allows students with disabilities to receive funding to support them at school. All data from schools are collected nationally and funding is distributed accordingly to needs of students. It is a lengthy process and lots of documentation and we thank the teachers for all their time in preparing these documents.

The Board had a discussion about reports and the reporting process. Teachers have spent time learning about moderating work, not only with colleagues from our school, but with teachers from other schools as part of the pupil free days. This process helps teachers to assess your child in their learning. Reports are an opportunity to chat with your child about their learning so far and setting goals for the next term. Reports will be distributed in week 10 of this term.

Rosa Angelino

## **1SM**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 our school celebrated World Environment Day. World Environment Day is a vehicle for encouraging awareness and action for the protection of the environment. To mark the special occasion, 1SM was lucky enough to visit The Gums with our Year 3 buddy class.

When we arrived at The Gums, we were met by some of the lovely volunteers who are part of the local Landcare group. They had been working hard to grow native seedlings and dig holes for us. Each of us were invited to plant the seedlings into the ground which was very exciting because we know that trees are very important, providing habitats for animals and cleaning our air. Some of us were really excited to think that these trees might be around longer than us!

When we had finished planting, we went on a treasure hunt to find green and red sticks. These sticks represented native species and weeds/ unwanted species. We learnt about how all the plants got there and explored the wonderful world of seeds.

When we got back to school, we used some of these seeds and things we found at The Gum's to make our Acknowledgment of Country posters for Reconciliation Week.



## COVID-19 Reminders

Please remember that we are still under some restrictions due to COVID-19.

Please remember to:

- 'QR Code' Check In
- Social Distance in the school grounds
- Keep your child at home if they are unwell in any way
- Once you have picked up your child at the end of the school day please move from the School Yard as soon as possible
- Wash hands and sanitise regularly

## Uniform Shop Holiday Open Times

### July School Holiday Open Hours

Closed 2<sup>nd</sup> July- 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Re-opening Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 9am

Monday 8am-12pm

Tuesday 1pm-5.30pm

Wednesday 8am-12pm

Thursday 1pm-5.30pm

Saturday 9am-12pm

Book your Appointment online now!

### Why do I need an appointment???

Due to social distancing requirements for COVID 19 we still have restrictions on how many people can be in store at one time. We are expecting a high volume of families in the store during the school holidays. If you do not have an appointment you may have to wait outside until all appointments have been completed first.

### How do I book?

Book online at <http://belgraviasportsonline.com.au/pages/school-uniform-fittings>

### What if I know exactly what I need?

If you know what you need, place an online order and simply collect in store or have it sent directly to the school. All online orders placed in the holidays will be delivered to the school on Thursday of Week 1 term 3. <http://belgraviasportsonline.com.au/pages/uniform-shops>





# MARS

Marden Sporting Complex



# JULY HOLIDAYS BASKETBALL CLINICS

**WEDNESDAY 7th &/OR  
THURSDAY 8th JULY**

Early Bird  
SAVE \$5 off 1 Day &  
\$10 off 2 days  
Available online until Mon 21 June

## Beginners Reception - Yr3

10am - 2pm each day  
1 Day \$50  
2 Days \$90

## Advanced Yrs 3 - 7

10am - 3pm each day  
1 Day \$60  
2 Days \$100

Early Drop off &/or Late  
Pickup options available  
when registering

**REGISTER: [tiny.cc/JulyHolidayClinic](https://tiny.cc/JulyHolidayClinic)**

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