

Continuity of Education - Update 27-03-2020

Not with fear, but with love.



In 1969, I took this photo of a dandelion puffball.

Over the years it has become the symbol of my life's work;

a symbol of Celebrating What's Right with the World.

This tiny orb, backlit by the sun, shining with truly unexpected beauty and shining with incredible potential for growth and possibility as well.

I send it to you today at a time
where many in the world are filled with dread.
I send it to remind us that there is far more
to celebrate on this planet than there is to fear.
To remind us that by celebrating what's right with the world;
we will find the energy, the love, and the compassion
to deal with what's wrong.

We will get through this, my friends. Not with fear, but with love. It's our choice, each and every day.

Courtesy of Fr John Frauenfelder



Our second day of Class - Home-Based Learning and things are going well!

I was able to join our FLO, Rebecca Leahy, and a number of parents for the virtual Parent Coffee & Chat - unfortunately I didn't have a coffee!!!

The wellbeing of all in our community is so very important, which is why I am so grateful to those in our community who are checking in on others. Rebecca will hold another chat on Monday, March 30 at 2:00 PM Click this link to access the chat: (Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android): https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/i/413276928

Staff really want to have face-to-face chats with their students and we will gradually introduce ZOOM to allow this contact. For the safety of all, the Catholic Schools Office (CSO) have developed guidelines (please click the linked documents): 2020 Video Conferencing Guidelines for Parents; 2020 Video Conferencing Guidelines for Students - I ask that parents/carers read both these documents.

To help you communicate with your child's teacher, personnel from CSO have worked with us to create a <u>form</u> for you to complete - it is very user friendly. We will also upload the link to our <u>website</u> for easy access (click Notes & Forms from the home page). If possible, make it a Favourite on your browser.

We have a number of devices at School (not enough for all students) that we can send home for use when you have more than one person who needs to access online work. If you would like to take advantage of this, please read <u>Take Home Device Terms and Conditions</u> and then complete this <u>form</u>.

Now more than ever it is important to stay connected with our children. The <u>Australian</u> <u>Childhood Foundation</u> have shared some very useful ways to share connection, comfort and care with children right now.

Please click this <u>link to access</u> the Parish Bulletin:

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I wish all a safe weekend.

Regards

Craig McNee Principal