



Continuity of Education - Update

I hope all enjoyed the (shorter) week!

You may have noticed that my *Prayer, Chat and Dad Joke* has been absent a number of days this week - I have been trying to learn how to use an iPad and have had mixed success. Please apologise to the children for me - they must be very sad that they missed my jokes!!!! (This [link may work for today's Prayer, Chat & Dad Joke.](#))

Our venture with Wellbeing Wednesday also had mixed results. The parents who joined us for the virtual *Parent Room Coffee and Chat* really appreciated the 'downtime'. The activities were very popular which in itself caused technical difficulties when a lot of students tried to access them - we are trying to solve this issue, but remember that these are optional activities and children can work on items from their Take Home packs.

As part of Wellbeing Wednesday we are encouraging all students to participate in *The Bishop's Religious Visual Arts Prize* for 2020. It is a Broken Bay Diocese initiative using **film** to reflect on and respond to The Gospel of Matthew. Students are to select a story about Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew and produce a short film of up to 3 minutes that reflects on the meaning and significance of the story. We will provide students with further information on Wellbeing Wednesday with instructions, examples and ideas for beginning this project which will require both online and offline learning time.

Just a reminder that CSO has a program to assist families who are experiencing difficulties with school fees due to COVID-19 on the [Parent Hub](#).



When we begin Phase One (from Week 3, May 11) of transitioning back to school, I ask that if you are dropping your children to School to use Kiss and Drop at pick up and drop off times so that we abide by social distancing guidelines. Avoid coming into the school, unless you have an important reason to do so, such as; picking your child up early from school or collecting something from the front Office.

The Walking the Way [eBulletin](#) has a variety of simple ways to walk with your children in faith, hope and love. It contains prayer and celebration tips for families at home. The Catholic Education Office is offering an opportunity to be involved in a [Home Based Spirituality](#) program. All the details are in the link which outlines the topics and the process of involvement.

Click to read the [Parish Bulletin](#).

Please join us on Monday, May 4 at 8:30 am for another **virtual Parent Room Coffee and Chat** by clicking one of the links below.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/92726542286>

Join from telephone (meeting ID: 927 2654 2286): (02) 8015 2088 (Sydney)

Join from Skype for Business (Lync):

<https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/skype/92726542286>

Have a great weekend,

Regards



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