



NETMA Memo
Week 8, Term 1
Monday, 16 March, 2020



Principal's Message

In response to the advice we have received from Catholic Schools NSW (CSNSW) and to reduce the number of large gatherings at our School, please note the following changes have been made to our calendar:

- ⇒ Grooving the Green, the Athletics Carnival and our Open Day have all been rescheduled and the new dates will be communicated as soon as possible
- ⇒ Our upcoming Annunciation Mass (Years 4,5,6), Holy Week Liturgies, Parish Family Mass and Friday Assemblies have been cancelled; our morning assemblies have also been postponed until further notice; all children are asked to move straight to class at 8:20 am
- ⇒ Please note all weekly scheduled Grade Masses will go ahead with only larger Masses being cancelled; this includes, the Kindergarten, Hive and Year 1 Mass on Wednesday April 1.

[Linked is a summary of advice](#) we have received in relation to COVID-19 from CSNSW, the Department of Education and Health, and the Australian Psychological Society. Also, our [School Website](#) has links to updated information.

Regards,
 Craig McNee
 Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Important dates for your calendar

Tue 17 Mar: Godly Play with Parents - Faith Formation

Wed 18 Mar: Year 2 Mass (9am)

Thu 9 Apr: Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

Mon 27 Apr: Staff Development Day (*Pupil Free Day*)

Tue 28 Apr: First Day of Term 2 (K-6)

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

7:50am: Teacher supervision begins

8:20am: Morning Bell

2:30pm: End of Day Bell
(no supervision after 3:00pm)

School Office is open from 7:45am till 3:30pm.

Telephone: 4358 1501

Email: sblm@dbb.catholic.edu.au

DEBATING SUCCESS!

[Click this link](#) to read about our wonderful debaters!

St Brendan's Catholic School invites you to

Morning of Godly Play



Godly Play is a method of telling Bible stories, parables and sacred Stories using simple materials. Godly Play is used extensively with both adults and children in many settings, from schools to hospitals, churches to aged care facilities.

We invite all parents, grandparents and friends to join us for a demonstration of Godly Play in the family room.

Tuesday 17th March from 8.30-10.30

Jo Spek & Kerry Powers (Education Officer, Evangelisation and Catholic Formation from the Catholic School Office) will be hosting a Godly Play 'Making' Workshop in our Parent Room where you will have the opportunity to help us make sets of Godly play characters and props using dolly pegs, felt, fabrics and other materials. Everyone is welcome and of course there will be a yummy morning tea.



Godly play workshop Tuesday 17th of March

Yes, we are coming to the Godly Play 'Making' Workshop.

Names: _____

Any Special Dietary Requirements _____

Please return this slip via the office



If you wish to be a part of the Workshop, you can also contact the Office.



Harmony Day 2020

Picture a World in Harmony

Go further together!



On Friday the 20th March 2020 St Brendan's will be celebrating Harmony Day! Harmony Day is a day where we celebrate inclusivity, peace and togetherness. This year we will be incorporating Autism Awareness with our Harmony Day and celebrate the gifts every person brings to our world!

In going further together we also acknowledge Caritas Australia – we know that to live in harmony and flourish, you need access to basic needs such as health care, food, water, education and a sense of belonging. Every year we support Caritas Australia through Project Compassion and our fundraising supports people all over the world, including Australia, to make things fair and just.

FIRST we want you to dress up! Wear the colours of a country or the colour blue for Autism Awareness and bring along a Gold Coin.

NEXT during class we want to see who can create an amazing poster for our school! One that celebrates our theme, "Picture a World in Harmony – Go further together". We will have a primary and infants prize! The winning posters will be displayed throughout the school. Check out some of the amazing posters from Harmony Day 2019 →

THERE'S MORE we will also have Lime Spiders available from the hall for the price of \$1.00 (lime soft drink with a scoop of ice-cream). Let's celebrate St Patrick's Day!

AND our Mini Vinnies Team will be selling a range of handcraft wrist bands for a cost of between 20c and 80c.

CHOIR will also be performing at our morning assembly!

