

St Colman's Newsletter

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Term 1
Week 4
17th February

2020 Term Dates

Jan 28th - March 27th
April 14th - June 26th
July 13th - Sept 18th
Oct 5th - Dec 18th



A Teacher's Prayer

Lord, thank you for the gift of teaching! Equip me to teach with WISDOM and TRUTH, and empower me to teach with VISION and with LOVE. Cover each child, teacher, and school in our nation and bless them abundantly. Let your light shine through all that I do so that every child knows your unselfish grace. I pray for leadership, guidance, patience, and strength, as I help my students explore, stretch, achieve, and grow! *Amen!*



Dear parents, guardians and students,

We are well underway with the school year now and school has settled into a regular rhythm. Now that we have completed the first half of our swimming program, we are looking forward to a less interrupted remainder of the term. We will complete the second half of our swimming in December (weather permitting). Thank you to the parents who have assisted with transport and supervision during this program.

Parish Priest: Fr Gerry Prunty

Principal: Tim Bourke

School Advisory Council Chairperson: Kate Carmody

Parents & Friends President:

Jacinta Jubb



St Colman's School Calendar



February 2020

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
17	18 No Foundation	19 Swimming Sports	20 Fire drill	21	22	23
24	25 Pancake Tuesday	26 Ash Wednesday mass	27	28	29	

March 2020

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
2	3	4 No Foundation	5	6 Athletics Sports Terang	7	8
9 Labour Day Holiday	10	11 SAC meeting	12 HCSN St Thomas' 1pm	13	14	15 WORKING BEE
16 Jnr teachers absent	17 No Foundation	18 Prins meeting School Photos	19 Prins meeting	20	21	22
23 5/6 students at Mercy Noorat	24 Mercy Open Day	25	26 Athletic sports	27 End of term 1	28	29

Opening Year School Mass

Our Opening School Mass on Tuesday was a great celebration where we prayed for a happy and safe year together. During the ceremony we blessed and commissioned our school leaders and our new foundation students. Well done to the Gardiners who joined us on the day.



Birthdays

Ryan McKenzie

24th February



Swimming Sports

Our swimming sports with St Thomas' are on this Wednesday the 19th of February. The Foundation children will have their rest day on Tuesday this week so that they can participate in the sports on Wednesday. We will begin around 10am, when St Thomas' get here, with the senior program. The Foundation, 1 & 2 classes will remain at school until their events which will begin around 12 midday. It looks like cooler weather on the day so please ensure your child has warm clothes to wear before and after their event.



We are seeking assistance with parent helpers for setup and to work on the BBQ on the day so please contact the school if you are able to help.

**Athletic Sports**

We have begun preparing the children for the Athletics sports that are to be held in Terang on Friday the 6th of March at the Terang Rec reserve. Please try to keep this date free as the success of the day relies on parent volunteers to help with the events.

**Very Sad News**

It is with a very heavy heart that we farewell Riley Hutchinson who passed away peacefully last Friday surrounded by family after a long battle with cancer. Riley attended St Colman's until Grade 1 when his family relocated to Queensland in 2016. Our thoughts are with Julie and Barry and their family in this time of sadness and loss.



P & F

Parental Support

As a Catholic School we receive around 85% of our funding from State and Federal Government grants. The remaining 15% is collected through local contributions. This is done through school fees and money raised by our Parents and Friends Association. Our P&F committee is desperate to gain support for this vital element in our school and I will be contacting each of our 27 families to see what part they can play in this role and how they can help.

Parents & Friends
Committee Working Together

Winter Jacket Order

We are placing an order for the winter jackets that were added to our school uniform last year. If you would like to purchase a jacket, please contact the school for sizing. The jackets cost \$65.

**Produce Trolley**

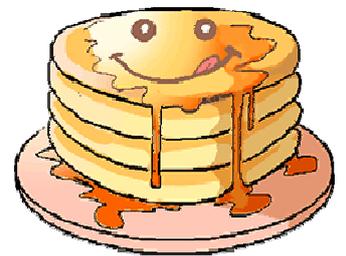
Don't forget to check out the bargains on our produce trolley as you enter school. The children love planting, tending and harvesting these items from our school farm so they are lovely and fresh. At the moment we have eggs, carrots, cucumber and corn on offer.

**Fire Drill**

To ensure we have effective safe emergency evacuation procedures we have a fire drill every term. We will be conducting our first this Thursday the 20th of Feb at 11:30am. If you are at St Colman's at this time, please participate in the activity fully. This drill is for an internal emergency where we evacuate to an onsite location. The other drills are an offsite evacuation, a lock in drill and a lock out drill.

**Shrove Tuesday**

Next Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday) and we will be sharing some delicious pancakes for play lunch. The tradition is that families would use up the contents of their pantries with this feast as lent begins the next day on Ash Wednesday.

*Shrove Tuesday***Ash Wednesday**

Next week we celebrate the beginning of the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday mass at 10:20am in St Colman's church. The community will receive ashes on their forehead as a visible sign of repentance and preparation of the miracle of Easter. Families are invited to join us at this celebration.

**Working Bee**

We are conducting our one and only working bee for the year on Sunday 15th March beginning at 11am. We would ask that all families are represented at this event or provide morning tea if they are unable to attend. This is a double points event on our volunteer register.

