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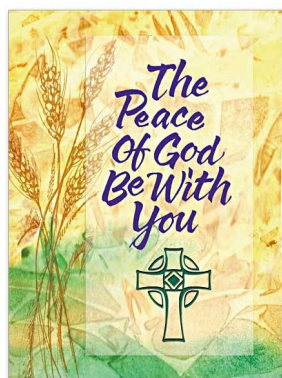
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## From the Principal



"I give you peace...So don't be worried or afraid." (John 14:27) As I read this my thoughts were taken to the commemoration at ANZAC Day and the many stories and messages from too many wars that Australians have taken part in. One particular letter that stood out for me was written by a soldier to his girlfriend where he apologises to her for not coming home to her and thanks her for the person she is and for their time together. The letter was written the night before he was killed in action but there was no sense of fear or regret for what he was trying to achieve for a people in a tragic situation. He wasn't lamenting his situation or choices and he was not afraid, I wonder if he had the peace that Jesus said only he could give? This soldier gave his life for others, not unlike the sacrifice Jesus made for us!

The story of Christ's sacrifice and indeed the many stories of sacrifice and courage in times of war certainly put my worries and problems in perspective! That Jesus should give me peace should be enough to stop worry and fear.

In her book, 'Aspects of the Heart', Sr. Joan Chittister makes an observation about both Jesus' promise of peace and the futility of war when she writes, 'It is time to stop defining peace as the absence of war, and start defining it as the presence of God'. It's why being greeted by students with a smile, a hello and 'peace be with you' brighten my day, may God be present in yours!

## Please consider our neighbours

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking in Highfield Road. We have received complaints from residents about cars blocking driveways. This is not the first time we have received complaints and it is a frustration and inconvenience that our neighbours can do without.

## Helping children make and keep friends

Many years ago I was meeting with a parent to try to put in place strategies to assist her daughter in developing stable relationships with her peers. The child was not without friends but her mother was very astute when she described her own daughter as someone "who quickly wore her friends out!" Michael Grose shares some ideas in the article 'Helping children make and keep friends.' Read the full article attached to the newsletter email for insights or confirmation of what you are already doing.

Lou Dogao - Principal

## From the Assistant Principal

### Naplan

Over the last 2 weeks our Year 3 and Year 5 students have sat Naplan testing. The testing ran fairly smoothly and the students coped very well with the online format. NAPLAN provides schools with valuable data to support good teaching and learning but it is only one tool that our staff use.

## Supervision before school

The care of our students is of utmost importance to us. Please be aware that supervision of the playground begins at 8:15am. The amount of students arriving before this time has been increasing and,

# Diary Dates

May		30	Salaka Drumming Performance - Whole school
27	8.40am Prayer Assembly - 1G		
27	12.30pm Chess Coaching (Music Room)		
28	Diocesan Cross Country - Fagan Park	3	Year 1&2 Excursion to Vaucluse House
28	7.00pm P & F Meeting	3	8.40am Assembly - 3/4W
30	Da Vinci Decathlon	3	12.30pm Chess Coaching (Music Room)
		4	Year 6 Debating - Prouille Wahroonga

in the importance of child safety we ask that parents do not leave children unsupervised on the school grounds. Any student who is at school before this time should be placed in before school care where supervision can occur. Please note, if you are dropping off a child for training, siblings should remain with you until the playground is supervised at 8:15am.

### Car seat safety.

Recently there have been media reports about when a child can safely travel in a car using an adult lap-sash seatbelt. Although children from 7 years of age can legally use an adult lap-sash seatbelt without a booster seat, most children of this age are not at the recommended height to do so. The child's size, is the most important thing to consider.

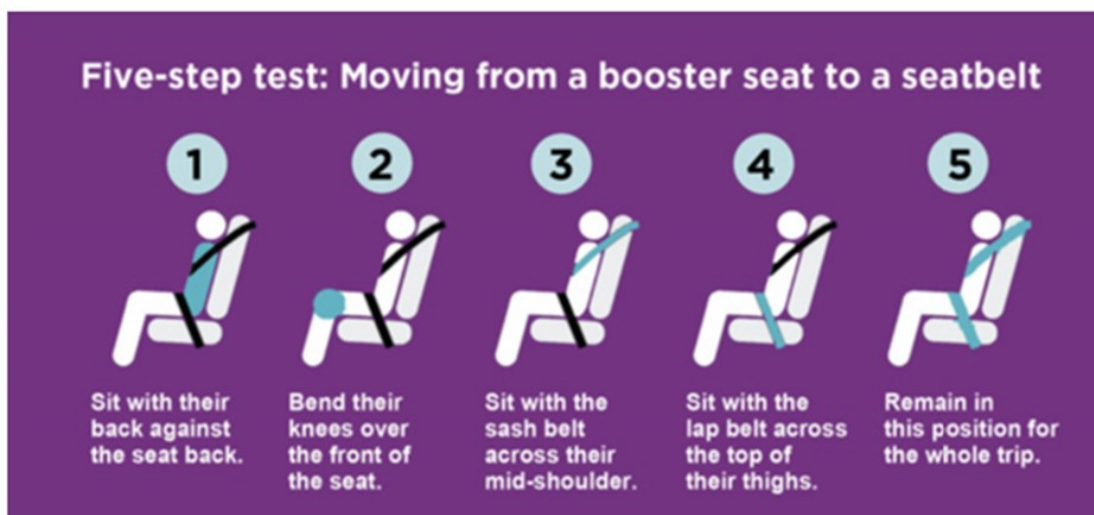
It is strongly recommended that; children should not use an adult lap-sash seatbelt until they are a minimum of 145cm tall. Some children don't reach 145 cm tall until around 10 or 11 years of age.

**This five-step test** can help assess whether your child is big enough to be safely restrained by an adult lap-sash seatbelt. (diagram below).

The child should be able to:

- Sit with their back against the seat back
- Bend their knees comfortably over the front of the seat cushion
- Sit with the sash belt across their mid-shoulder
- Sit with the lap belt across the top of their thighs
- Remain in this position for the whole trip.

National child car seat laws <https://www.childcarseats.com.au/legal-requirements>



Have a lovely weekend

Maree Board - Acting Assistant Principal

 From the REC

### Easter Mass

Thank you to Year 6 for helping us celebrate the Easter season at mass last Wednesday. Mrs McNally, the choir and Mrs Overton did a wonderful job of leading us in the singing. Our next mass will be in Week 6 and it would be great if you could join us.

### Dates for your Diary

#### Whole School Masses

Pentecost Mass      Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June      9:15 am - Year 2

#### Class Masses and Liturgies

Year 6 Mass      Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June      11am

K/1 Liturgy      Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June      11am

Year 5 Mass      Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June      11am

Year 2 Liturgy      Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June      1pm

Have a lovely weekend

Carmel Hogan - Acting REC



## From the Tuckshop

**Tuckshop Roster**  
**9.00 am - 1.30 pm**

### **Monday 27th May**

Volunteer Needed (3/4W)

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### **Thursday 30th May**

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## From the Learning Support Team

### **Learning Enhancement**

#### **The team:-**

Cathy Chapman– **Learning Enhancement Teacher**

Lisa Chung and Nicholle Stenhouse – **Learning Assistants**

The Learning Enhancement Team support teachers in catering for diverse learning needs and abilities to ensure that students have access to inclusive and high quality educational opportunities.

#### **Our role involves:-**

- promoting an inclusive education model
- developing learning opportunities which excite and engage students
- encouraging students to actively engage in their own learning and adopt a growth mindset
- collaborating with all stakeholders
- communicating and consulting with students, parents and external providers
- resourcing for parents and teachers
- conducting assessments
- explicitly teaching/modelling
- tracking learning
- providing Professional Development to staff
- adopting a case management model



### **Reading and writing at home**

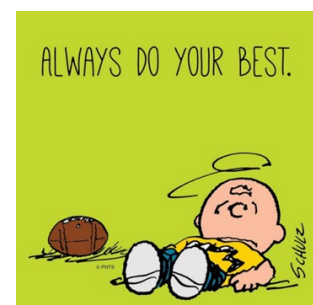
There are some great parent tips in this PETA (Primary English Teaching Association of Australia) Parent's Guide

[http://www.petaa.edu.au/imis\\_prod/w/Teaching\\_Resources/Parents\\_guide.aspx/](http://www.petaa.edu.au/imis_prod/w/Teaching_Resources/Parents_guide.aspx/)

If you would like and more information please contact Cathy Chapman.

## From the SRC & PBL Teams

**PBL FOCUS -Always do your Best**  
**HABIT- Sharpen the Saw**



### **Lost Property**

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May all the items from the Lost Property will be displayed on the playground for collection, from 8.15am.

Anything that was clearly labelled has been returned. All other items will be available for students to take if they need something. As we have limited storage lost property cannot be stored long term.

There are many items of clothing in excellent condition, so please come along on Monday if you are missing something you need.

Thank you

## From the Music and Drama Department

### Morning of Music and Song

Just a reminder that our musical morning, our showcase of musical talent, for both infants and primary students will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, commencing at 9am. Nomination forms with act details need to be returned by Friday 7th June, with auditions being held during week 7 & 8. Nomination forms will **not** be accepted after the 7th June so please make sure they are handed in on time. Students can perform in only one solo act and one group act, (not including Choir or Band).

Brigid McNally - Music & Drama Teacher

## From the Office

### Earn & Learn

Don't forget to keep collecting your earn and learn stickers from Woolworths, with every \$10 spent, one sticker is collected. We'll be able to use the stickers you collect to purchase equipment for Holy Family, so please keep collecting those stickers! Completed collection sheets and/or stickers can be dropped into the Woollies box in the school office.



## From the Parish

### Our parish youth group for Years 3 to 6:



**On SUNDAY 2nd of JUNE  
from 4 to 5.15 is BLAST**


In another meeting in our series of "Life Skills" we're talking about "Communication" at BLAST. All games and discussion will centre around this important skill and kids will learn how to develop ways of communicating with family, friends and God.

Please sign up on Trybooking if you are able to come (no charge):  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BCLAB>



LINDFIELD-KILLARA CATHOLIC PARISH


1ST SUNDAY  
EVERY MONTH  
5.30PM  
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

 youth & family mass

*Run by youth. Open to all ages.*

next mass  
2 June

Featuring ...  
Potluck dinner for ALL following mass  
in Shirley Wallace Centre

**Fusion** YOUTH  After dinner, high school-aged  
teens are welcome to join us in our  
new youth space, "The Basement"

 **VISION** personaltraining

**GIVING BACK TO THE PARENTS**

**2 WEEKS COMPLIMENTARY PERSONAL TRAINING** T&Cs Apply

*Including:*

- Initial Consultation & Body Composition Analysis with our New Vision BioScan
- Goals Session & Personalised Exercise Plan
- Nutrition Session & Personalised Eating Plan
- 2 x 1 on 1 Personal Training Sessions

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