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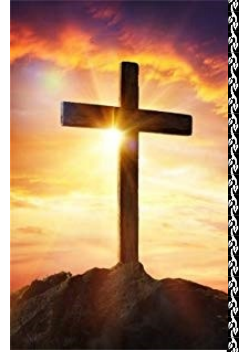
NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 3

May 1st 2020

Awaken Hope By Joyce Rupp

When I meet people in whom you are hidden from my view on my Emmaus road of life ... Awaken hope in me.
When the planet's war, terrorism, hunger, violence and disease envelops me with its pain ... Awaken hope in me.
When, like Mary in the garden, my own illusions and expectations keep me from finding you ... Awaken hope in me.
When the best in me feels beaten down by the worst in someone else ... Awaken hope in me.
When you surprise me by showing up unexpectedly in what I resist ... Awaken hope in me.
When I cannot heal the ones I care about or take away their struggles ... Awaken hope in me.
When I refuse to come close enough to you and keep you at a distance by my self-endeavours ... Awaken hope in me.
When the mystery of death and the secret of the soul's ongoing journey take me into darkness ... Awaken hope in me.
When my inner goodness is entombed and I lack the courage to bring your love to life ... Awaken hope in me.
When the Fire of Pentecost seeks to fill me with your challenging energy and enthusiasm ... Awaken hope in me.



Dear Families,

Thank you to those families who have sent back feedback regarding Remote Schooling through CareMonkey. We know that there have been some issues experienced in some families and are working to resolve these. Your feedback on what you have found to be working well and what can be improved is vital in us working through these, so if you have not taken the opportunity to complete this survey I encourage you to do so.

Eucharist Program

Shortly the Year 4 children will begin their formal preparation for the Eucharist Program. Staff will plan this program in conjunction with Caroline Madigan, our Religious Education Leader, and post these activities online as part of their daily Remote Learning tasks. Due to the nature of Remote Learning the tasks posted will be as close to those they would have experienced in class with their teacher as possible. In light of the restriction on Masses at the present time, there will not be a Presentation Mass and we cannot confirm that the actual ceremonies will go ahead on the scheduled date of the 13th June. We will keep you informed as to any developments with this program as they arise.

School Fees

There have been some inquiries with regards to school fees during this time. Recently the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria met to consider a coordinated Victorian approach to fee relief. Their response included the following relevant points -

1. no family is denied a Catholic education due to an inability to pay school fees and
2. as some families are more affected than others, there is no requirement for blanket fee relief and schools are asked to offer adjustments on a case-by-case basis to ensure that support and assistance goes to where it is most needed.

In light of this please see either Fr Michael or myself if you wish to discuss school fees and your individual situation.

A reminder to all that even though we have moved to Remote Learning at Home it is vital that children are still attending to their school work as they would have done if they had been at school. **Attendance at school, remote or otherwise, is a requirement for all children** and children should be up, out of bed and ready to start their school work at 9am as they would have if they were at school. Teachers will be checking Seesaw/Google/Hapara each day to see who is completing and posting their work. Children who do not post any work will be followed up via an email to a parent or guardian. If we are unable to contact you this way we will phone you to ask about your children and the reason they have not been online doing their work. Calls will usually be from a "Private Number" so we ask you to answer these calls.

God bless and stay safe

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

Be Cybersafe

As our children are online more than ever we need to be vigilant about their digital safety - which is not an easy thing to do!

Here are some things that you might like to do depending on your child's age and exposure to different online platforms.



Don't forget to tag us and use **#7dayonlinesafetychallenge**



7 DAY FAMILY ONLINE SAFETY CHALLENGE

The Family Online Safety Challenge has been created for busy parents, carers or teachers to help protect the children in their care. It is designed to complete a simple task every day. Feel free to adapt it to what best suits your family. Good luck!

For more information and to access tools, resources and advice, reporting and support services, please visit:

accce.gov.au
thinkuknow.org.au
esafety.gov.au

DAY 1

Create a Family Online Safety Contract

ThinkUKnow and The Carly Ryan Foundation have developed an Online Family Safety Contract to help manage the things a family might see, say and do online. Get a copy of the Family Online Safety Contract via thinkuknow.org.au.



DAY 2

Review location, privacy settings and parental controls

Review and turn off location settings, such as GPS, where they aren't necessary. Ensure privacy settings are secure, and set to 'Friends only' or 'Private'. Research parental controls to see if they are suitable for your family.



DAY 3

Sharing personal information online

Have a discussion with your child about what information is okay to share, and what isn't. Remind them to never give out personal information online.



DAY 4

Find out what apps and games your child uses

Take an interest in what technology your child uses and how they use it. Remember, not all apps and games are created equally, some have better safety features than others. Consider if the content is appropriate for your child.



DAY 5

Check Direct Message or chat functions on apps and games

Anonymous 'in game' chat can provide a possible platform for online child sex offenders to target young people. Consider disabling these functions or check settings to ensure they can only be contacted by their friends.



DAY 6

Suspicious online behaviour and what it looks like

Have a conversation with your child about suspicious online behaviour. Discuss with them why someone might ask them personal questions or for images. Remind them that not everyone online is who they say they are and to trust their instincts.



DAY 7

Help your child identify a support network

Make sure your child feels comfortable talking to you or another trusted adult about issues they might be experiencing online. Start a conversation to help them identify who they might go to for help and support.



2021 Prep Enrolments

2021 Enrolments are now OPEN!

Do you have a child starting Prep in 2021??

Email office@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au or click the link [here](#) to request an enrolment pack.

When lodging an application copies of your child's Birth certificate, Immunisation certificate, Baptism certificate and signed Parent-School Code of Conduct must be attached along with any VISA or legal documents if these are applicable.

All siblings of current students as well as all new applicants are required to have an enrolment application lodged. Once restrictions have been lifted you will also be required to attend an enrolment interview with our Principal Carmel Marantelli and our Parish Priest Fr Michael Moody.



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PLEASE NOTE:

As of 19th March 2020 **ALL MASSES** (including Sunday services) have been **SUSPENDED** until further notice due to the COVID-19 direction issued by The Bishops of the Province of Victoria. We will continue to provide updates via the Parish website and Parish Facebook page as they become available.


w: <http://pol.org.au/melton/Home>

 Parish Facebook Page

 Parish Instagram Page



Term 2, 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
4 Week 4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Mothers Day 
11 Week 5	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Week 6	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Week 7	26	27 *National Simultaneous Storytime	28	29	30	31
1 June Week 8	2	3	4	5	6	7

Community Notices

Melton City Council have compiled a list of support services available that may assist families during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Support for family violence and sexual assault: Ph: 1800 737 732 (24 hrs) Web: 1800respect.org.au
 Safe Steps Family Violence Crisis Response Centre: Ph: 1800 015 188 (24 hours) Web: safesteps.org.au
 Aboriginal Family Domestic Violence Hotline: Ph: 1800 019 123 (Mon-Fri. 9am to 5pm)

Support for Immigrant Women

Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence: Help in non-English languages. Ph: 1800 755 988 (Mon-Fri. 9am to 5pm)

Advice for Men

Men's Referral Service: Confidential help for men wanting to stop abuse. Ph: 1300 766 491 (Mon-Fri. 8am to 8:30pm)

Support for Sexual Assault

Centre Against Sexual Assault: Support for people who have been sexually assaulted. Ph: 1800 806 292 (24 hours)

Reporting Child Abuse

Child Protection Crisis Line: For reporting child abuse. Ph: 1300 655 795 (Mon-Fri. 9am to 5pm) or 131 278 (after hours)

Support with Personal Distress

LifeLine: Ph: 131 114. (24 hours) Web: lifeline.org.au

Beyond Blue: Help with depression or anxiety. Ph: 1300 22 4636 (24 hours) Web: beyondblue.org.au

Advice and Help for Children, Young People and Families

Kids Help Line: Ph: 1800 551 800. (24 hours) Email and web counselling: kidshelp.com.au

ChildFirst: Linking children and families to services. Ph: 9705 3939

Advice about Housing

Opening Doors: Ph: 1800 825 955 (24 hours)

St Kilda Crisis Centre: Ph: 9536 7777 (24 hours)

Financial Support and Advice

Centrelink: Ph: 13 61 50 Web: servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/centrelink

National Debt Helpline: Ph: 1800 007 007 (Mon-Fri. 9:30am to 4:30pm)

Emergency Relief

Red Cross

The Red Cross is providing emergency relief packages from the Victorian Government. These packages contain a two-week supply of food and essential items. Phone: 1800 675 398.

Emergency Relief Packages for Individuals

Assistance from the Victorian Government to help individuals affected by the coronavirus.

To find out more, click [here](https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/emergency-relief-packages-for-victorians-who-need-it-most/) or visit <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/emergency-relief-packages-for-victorians-who-need-it-most/>