

2021 Term 4 Week 8



We light a second purple candle on the second Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.

The word "hope" has two meanings in the Bible. The first, *tiqvah*, contains the sense of eager anticipation or waiting. The second, *elpis*. depicts a sense of confident expectation based on certainty. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises. For the Old Testament leaders, their hope was in the Messiah's arrival. For us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return.

God's plan for humanity unfolded in the town of Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, the Messiah, joyously fulfilling a long-awaited promise. Today we confidently wait for the Jesus' triumphant return.

We light the second candle to remind us that John the Baptist calls us to prepare for the coming of Jesus. We pray that you may deepen our compassion so that our hearts will be open to serve you in all peoples.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students on their Graduation, celebrated on Friday morning. A happy and joyful celebration of learning and friendship. Sincere thanks to Mrs Meade and Mr Huntington for your dedicated efforts to prepare the students, the mass and award ceremony. And a special thank you to the year 5 students who made individual 'Lanterns' of Light for each year 6 student, symbolising they are the 'light' and to go in the 'Light of Our Lord'.

Gallery on Brentham was a wonderful success again this year! Hope you managed to see the excellent skills of our students. What a treat indeed. Sincere thanks to the staff and special team who coordinated the display and busily worked with the students to produce such outstanding and skilled artworks.

The School Community Annual General Meeting PowerPoint will be available on the school website by the end of the week.

Early last week we welcomed many of our new students for 2022. It was heartening to see our students warmly greeting new members to their year groups. So many students looking forward to the excitement of the new school year!

Our Whole School Christmas Liturgy is this Thursday evening at 6:00pm. All are welcome to Mingle and Jingle from 5:00pm with a sausage sizzle kindly prepared by the SPA. Please see the school app for further details.

2022 Classes for your child distributed at the end of the week. The staff have used a sociogram with the children, ensuring that each child has a least 1 other child tout of the 5 that they nominated. Other important factors considered in the mixing of classes each year include, children's abilities and gender balance.

The CSPA is looking for members to join the committee. Please consider giving your time to help build friendships among community and assist in the fun fundraising events that help provide extra resources for our students. Nomination forms are available from the school office.

A message from the City of Vincent acknowledging the School's submission against the Proposed Land Sale (26 Brentham Street), has been received. A report on the outcome of consultation is **proposed** to be presented to Council at its December **Briefing (7 December)** and **Meeting (14 December)**. Please see the information on the school app.

Regular Volunteers and Parent Helpers must sign and adhere to the school's Code of Conduct, provide a Working with Children Check and complete the CEWA's Mandatory Reporting training.

The school app is another MUST have. This app is used to quickly inform parents and carers of important information. Don't forget to turn 'notifications' on so that you don't miss a message. Please download from either the App Store or Play Store.

Jonnine Lamborne

Principal

May love & peace be found here

Important Dates:

6 December	Advent Reflection Week 2 & 3
8 December	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
9 December	Whole School Christmas Liturgy 6:00pm
10 December	Whole School Thanksgiving Mass 9:15am
	School concludes for students
	Reports distributed
13-16 December	Staff Days
17 December	NO STAFF AT SCHOOL
2022	
17 January	Office Opens
31 January	School begins

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to our appeal. Th response was once again a great success and St Vinnies were very grateful.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Marys Christmas Masses

If you would like to be involved in the Parish Christmas Masses, please contact Antonella through the Parish office.





Are you a Parent or Guardian of a child with a disability?

Or Passionate about inclusive Play?

Share your thoughts to help us make parks and natural reserves more inclusive!

In partnership with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Nature Play WA is embarking on a project to ensure natural parks and conservation areas around WA are welcoming and enjoyable and inclusive of all children and families – including those with a disability.

Whether it's, camping, hiking, bushwalking, picnicking or just spending time in nature in national parks and natural reserves, your feedback will help us to inform a project plan to ensure kids of all abilities can play, learn and embrace our beautiful natural environment.



For more information, contact Nicole McNamara Projects and Events Manager Nature Play WA

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