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Message from the Principal

22-4-20

Dear parents, friends and Father Arsenio

I am so pleased to begin this newsletter with a welcome to Father Arsenio. He officially took up his position on April 1st and it is so strange that I can't introduce him to you all in person. On behalf of all in our community I want to wish him all the best as our parish priest.

As for the circumstances that we find ourselves in now, I am sure I echo your thoughts when I say it cannot end soon enough. I want to congratulate our staff for the work that went on behind the scenes in ensuring that learning from home started so well last week. I cannot thank you, our parents enough either. Firstly, for the way you have assisted the learning from home for our students. Our staff will lead the teaching and learning however it does require supervision at home. Secondly, despite the school being open I have managed to keep the teachers at home working on the teaching and learning. This too could not have worked without your help. I do not expect parents to be teachers at home. And cannot stress enough the importance of checking in with your child's teacher for any assistance required.

The feedback from staff, parent and students has also been helpful in adjusting what we are doing. I have also appreciated feedback from Danie McNeil and Matt Porter which resulted in my first video to the community. I apologise for the informality of it, however given the circumstances I think it was ok.

There are a number of supervision issues we need to ensure are addressed when working remotely with students. This is the only reason that any video conferencing has not begun. On Wednesday 22nd April Ben will assist by doing a second roll out of devices to families. This will put us close to 100 devices having been sent home for families to use. I am so grateful that our school has the resources to call upon to do this. The fine work of the P&F in past times has well and truly paid off.

A number of businesses in our community have found the current circumstances to be challenging to say the least. I am very happy to promote these businesses on any of our platforms. If you have a business or work for one that has been affected please get in contact so we can help promote you.

Extend run our before and after school care at our school. They are open for business and can take casual bookings. If you would like to avail yourself of their services they can be contacted via our website.

Please don't hesitate to contact me via email or the school phone if I can assist.

Duncan



PARISH NEWS

Welcome back to a very different and strange Term 2. The Parish House, Chapel and Church at the moment are closed. Please note there are no masses, activities (including baptisms) or sacraments as directed by the Archdiocese. You can still of course contact us via email ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or you may leave a message on our answering machine and we will get back to you. Jenny and I pop into the Parish House to check on mail, emails etc.

Father Arsenio Tuazon, our new Parish Priest, commenced on Wednesday 1st April to a very quiet and different Parish. We have been unable to officially welcome him due to the current pandemic situation. When everything settles down, we will have an official welcome for him and we will certainly keep you, our school families, informed. This is a very difficult time for us all, particularly for Father as he comes to us without being able to meet any of our Parishioners or school children and families.

The weekly Parish newsletter "The Word" is still being produced and is available on the Parish website, www.holyspiritparish.org.au By logging on you can be kept up to date with the Sunday Readings, prayers and a reflection from our new Parish Priest, Fr Arsenio. If you look back at the Palm Sunday/Easter edition of The Word, there is a note from Father about his commencement with us at Holy Spirit under these very different circumstances.

Please keep up your prayers for the world and please keep yourselves safe and well during these very difficult times. Please remember that your Parish is still here for you and that we care very much for you and your children. May the Good Lord be with you all.

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Meet Father Arsenio

My dear friends in Christ,

Moving in as your new parish priest in unprecedented times is unusual. There's uncertainty, anxiety and challenges. But rest assured of my thoughts and prayers offered for you and the whole school community as I still celebrate Mass privately.

I also write to you with a bit of my background. I was born in 1966, in Bulacan, Philippines. The youngest of 5 children with an only sister to Arsenio Sr. and Juliana who were both gone to eternal life. I studied twelve years from minor seminary thru theology years and was ordained diocesan priest in 1992. I had four years of parish experience and a formator in the seminary before coming to Australia in 2005. I was assistant priest in Craigieburn, Mill Park, and Essendon. I was parish priest in Castlemaine, Noble Park, and Lilydale/Healesville parishes. Two years ago, I was incardinated to the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Please don't ask, but - I barrack for the Kangaroos! 😁

I do look forward to the opportunity meeting you once back to normal situation. Keep smiling and be safe. God bless you!

In Christ,

Fr. Arsenio Tuazon
Parish Priest of Holy Spirit,
Ringwood North.



Wellbeing and Learning Diversity News

To say that home learning has definitely had an impact on all of our lives this term is an understatement. My prayer for all of you is that you remain as positive as you can, but not dismissing the reality that challenges will exist along the way.

Parenting has become more about multitasking than ever before and teachers are also experiencing the same with their families working at home. From my perspective the recipe for stronger parent and teacher partnerships is at its finest. An opportunity given to us not by choice, but congratulations to all for showing resilience through these times.

Resilience is not about always getting things right, but learning to accept shortfalls and take risks even when we don't know the outcome. Our current circumstances with COVID19 is calling for this and challenging our connectedness.

I wonder how you are connecting with your family without it being solely on academic learning. I wonder how much you accept that you and your family are different than any other and manage in different ways and that is ok.

I am wondering if you would challenge the term learning in a broader sense and have some vision around experiences.

I am wondering if our families have been stretched into looking at our world from a more vulnerable perspective and how our children could benefit from this perspective.

Wellbeing is our number one priority at Holy Spirit and we would encourage you to have daily walks, meals together, gardening and phone/video calls are just a few to list.

It has been wonderful to see that many Wellbeing platforms have been added to our online learning as well with exercises, and artistic areas for our students.

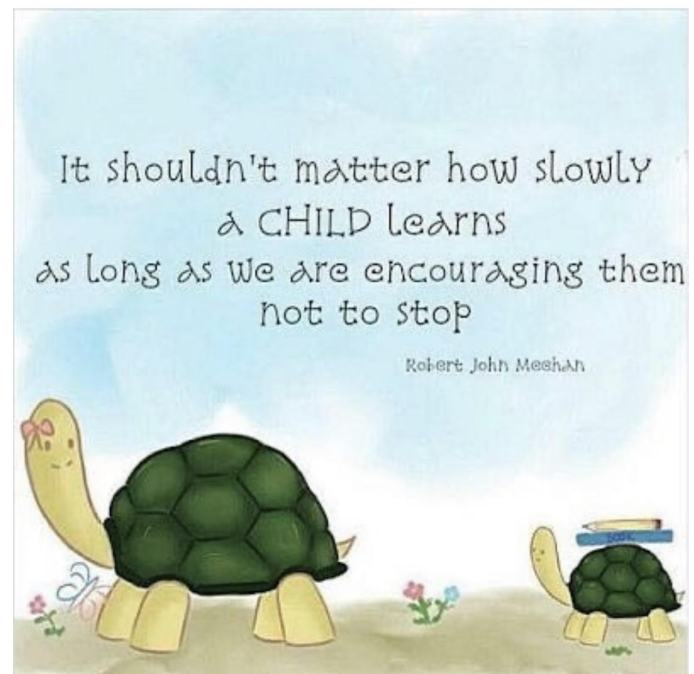
A very big thankyou to our staff for making wellbeing and learning as connected as possible. Our Learning Support staff are working alongside our teachers to continue their support of students with additional needs. Videoconferencing is enabling contact with our students who require extra support with their learning and wellbeing.

Please let me know if you need assistance or can be of help with any of your families.

I can be contacted on
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Kind regards,

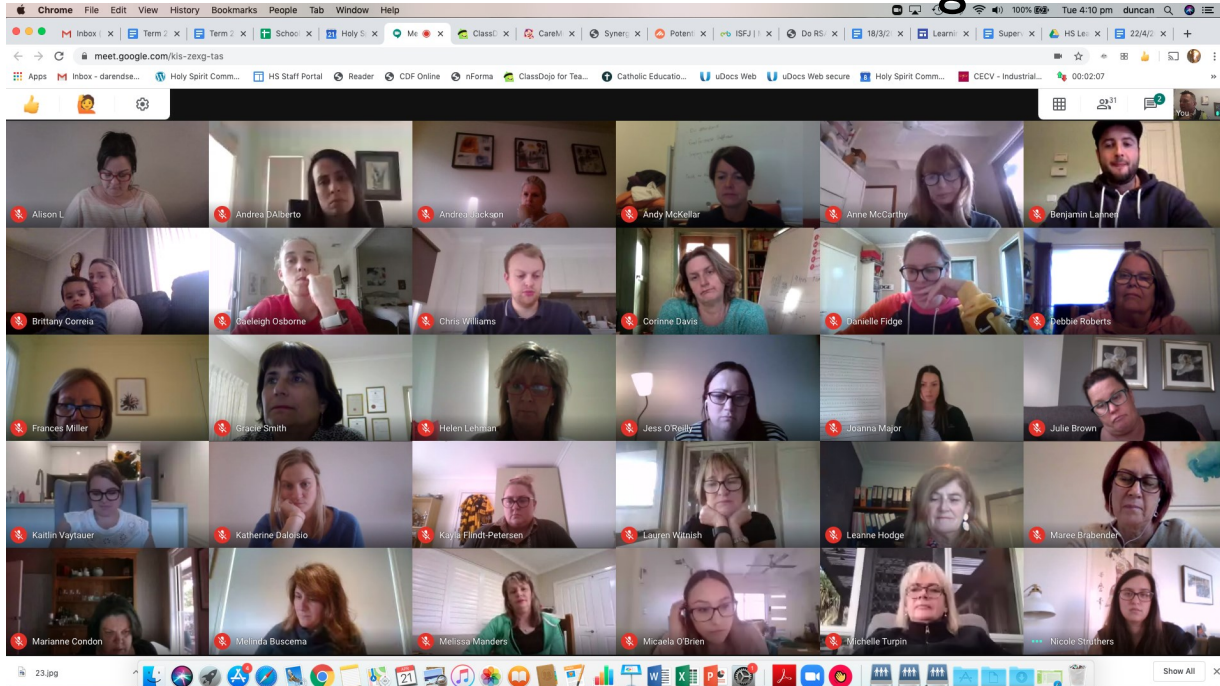
Melinda



SCHOOL NEWS

Business as (un)usual

Our new look staff meetings



Aidan Wolff completing his music lessons online. We are most grateful to Chris Nardella for working with us to ensure continuity of student learning.



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