

Parent/Teacher Information Evening

Wednesday - 24th February 2021



Structure for this evening....



1st Session - 6.00pm - 6.30pm

Turnaround time 6.30pm - 6.35pm (please move quickly to the second session)

2nd Session - 6.35pm - 7.00pm

(The 2nd Session is a repeat of the first session for families with more than 1 child here at St Nicholas School).

For families with 3 or more children please touch base with your child's class teacher (via email) and ask for any handouts and/or information to be forwarded on to you.

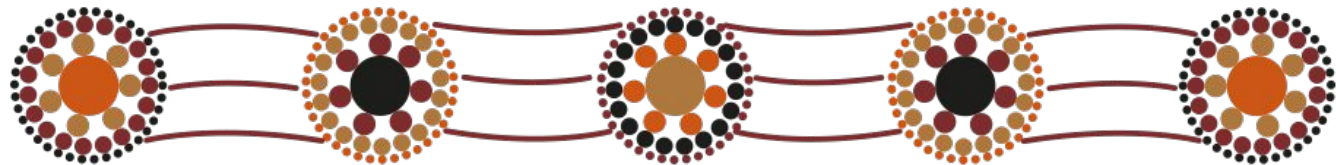


Welcome

Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional owners of the land on which we meet; the Kamilaroi people. As we share our knowledge, teaching and learning we pay respect to the Elders past and present and to the knowledge forever embedded within the Aboriginal Custodianship of Country.

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St Nicholas School Prayer

**Loving God, we thank you for the example of St Nicholas,
who fed the hungry, brought hope to the imprisoned,
gave comfort to the lost, and taught the truth to all.
May we strive to imitate him by putting you first in all we
do.**

**Give us the courage, love and strength of St Nicholas,
so that like him we may serve you through loving our
brothers and sisters.**

AMEN



Principal's Address

Staffing 2021
New roles

Nicholas Primary School

Kate Daley
(Assistant Principal)

Hannah Matheson
Kindergarten Educator

Liddy Jaccowitz
(RVP and BEd)



Living Well, Learning Well

A Student Support Framework for the Diocese of Armidale



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Catholic Schools Office
Diocese of Armidale

I am SAFE

- * Follow safety rules for different settings
- * Take safety drills seriously (know what to do in an emergency)
- * Hands off for physical safety
- * Say nothing hurtful
- * Use technology with care (think before searching, opening, sending, sharing)
- * Be a peacemaker (give good advice)
- * Seek help for self or others when there is a safety concern



I am VALUED, RESPECTED and CARED for

- * Attend school (be part of the team)
- * Be friendly (greet people)
- * Be positive- it's catching!
- * Take time out when you need to settle
- * Choose words and tone that are right for good conversations
- * Be a good listener
- * Care for our resources, belongings and wellbeing
- * Be a helper and a problem-solver



I am a LEARNER

- * Students and staff form learning teams (be part of the team)
- * Try hard (persist when things are tough)
- * Get back on track if re-directed
- * Self-question: - What am I learning? - How am I going?
- How can I improve my work and learning?
- What help do I need? - Who can help?
- * Don't disrupt the learning of others or the work of adults who are helping us learn



Staff at my school have:

- * A collective responsibility for all students
- * A positive, high regard for all students
- * A commitment to increasing learning, well-being, faith development and life-opportunity outcomes for all students
- * A commitment to being a skilled and helpful adult support for all students

All students, all staff, all the time:

- * People have a better day because I am here as part of the school team!



Year One Team



**Miss
Constable**

**Mrs
Bevan**

**Mrs
Tighe**

**Mrs
O'Connor**

**Mrs
Scott**

**Mrs
Hughes**

**Mrs
Blanch**

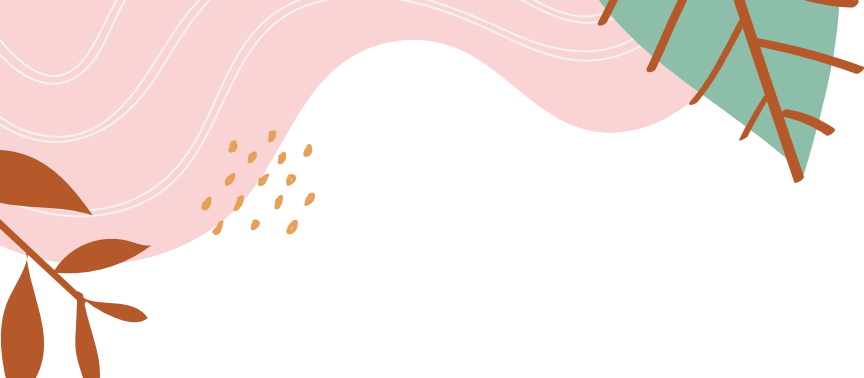
**Mrs
Clery**

**Mrs
Dever**



Welcome to Year 1






Welcome



- Miss Bree Constable (1C)
- Mrs Dayna Bevan (1B)
- Mrs Kim Tighe (1T)






Our classrooms are in the **Hive** (Infants Block). We are delighted to be your child's teacher this year and we look forward to a year of fun, growth and learning.

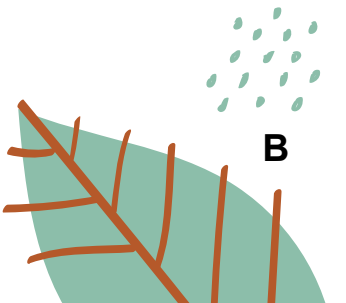



Morning routine

Classes begin at 8:45am and finish at 2:55pm. If you need to speak to your child's teacher before school, please feel free to come through the Main Office and the teacher will be telephoned as sometimes they may be in meetings in the office before school.



We are very happy to answer
any questions you may have.
Email is one of the best ways
to get in touch with your
teacher.



Prompt arrival in the mornings appreciated.

Please try and be prompt each day as important messages are often given each morning.

Upon arrival...

Each morning, the students will be asked to bring in any notes etc and to place them in the class mailbox or in the classroom. They do not need to bring these into the classroom before the bell rings. Lunch orders need to be ordered online via the QKR app.

- **Esteem Kids**--With before school care now available to parents through Esteem Kids and with a duty of care to staff and students, from Week 6 onwards, St Nicholas School gates will not be open until the arrival of the first school bus at approximately 8.10am. It is not appropriate for children to be at school before this time.


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Emails

It will often take us a day or two to reply as we are teaching at all times throughout the day. If it is a message about a child concerning that day ie the child has an appointment at 11am, it is a good idea to send a written note to give to the teacher. If it is a question, please be aware that we will do our very best to reply as soon as possible however we may have several emails to answer.





Please email us now or this week with your contact details and
your child's name in the subject.

Our email addresses are:

1T- Kim- ktighe@arm.catholic.edu.au

1C-Bree- bconstable@arm.catholic.edu.au

1B- Dayna - dbevan@arm.catholic.edu.au



Communication



In Year 1, we communicate via email, paper notes and the Year 1 Facebook Group. If you haven't already, please join the Year 1 Facebook group to stay up to date with information and reminders.

Please note - only direct family members/carers can join this group. If you would like to be added to the class email list please email your child's teacher by this Friday.



FACEBOOK

The Facebook pages are intended to provide you with appropriate information, and are not for communication between parent and teacher.

Please only send messages to the teacher via email, note or phone call, not through Facebook.

WEBSITE

Our St Nicholas School website will be updated each Thursday with the weekly newsletter. Please contact the office staff if you are not receiving an email prompt to view the newsletter. The newsletter is always a good read to keep up to date with the latest diary of events and news.

STUDENT **PHOTOGRAPHS**

Our Facebook, Website and Newsletter contain photographs of our students. Please inform the school if your permission for Photography consent has changed.






Professional Learning Team

Mrs Sue Scott (1B), Mrs Jude Blanch/Mrs Jane Dever (1C) and Mrs Laura Hughes (1T) will be our PLT teachers for Year 1 this year.

On the week of the “PLT Day”, students will be well-prepared in advance and will participate in normal learning activities on this day as planned by the classroom teachers.



Assessment days

This year teachers will be accessing days to assess the students and monitor their learning progress. Year 1 have been allocated Thursdays/Fridays on a rotational basis. Once every three weeks, Mrs Jess Clery will cover your child's teacher for the day so that these one on one assessments can take place.

As with the 'PLT' days, the assessment days will follow the usual classroom routines and curriculum.

When your child is absent...



Please notify the school if your child is absent. This can be done using the 'Add Attendance Note' function in the Compass Parent Portal. Due to government legislation, notification of your child's absence must be received no later than 7 days after your child's last day of absence.

Going home

Please inform us if your child's afternoon travel arrangements change.

Car Pickups

Please ensure that you display your child's name/surname in the windscreen (A4 size, clear font).

Please also ensure that your child is able to strap themselves into their car seat. Please remain calm and vigilant during afternoon pick up. The safety of your child is paramount.

Crossers and Walkers.

Crossing at the crossing -- the duty is called
Crossers and Walkers.

It is imperative that parents actually get out of
their car to collect the child from the crossing or
road area.

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Nut free

Just a reminder we are a 'Nut Free' school.
Products containing nuts cannot be consumed at
school.

Buddy classes and Birthdays

1B- 5S (Mrs Sedon)

1C - 5SM (Mrs Scott and Miss Maloney)

1T- 5D (Miss Dewhurst)

Each child is assigned a special friend from the other class to guide them in pastoral care and learning at St Nicholas.

Birthdays

We prefer cupcakes or water icy poles (not Zooper Doopers) if you're going to send in something to share. Round cakes are difficult to cut equally. A reminder that we are a Nut Free School and cakes should not contain any traces of nuts.



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VCOP

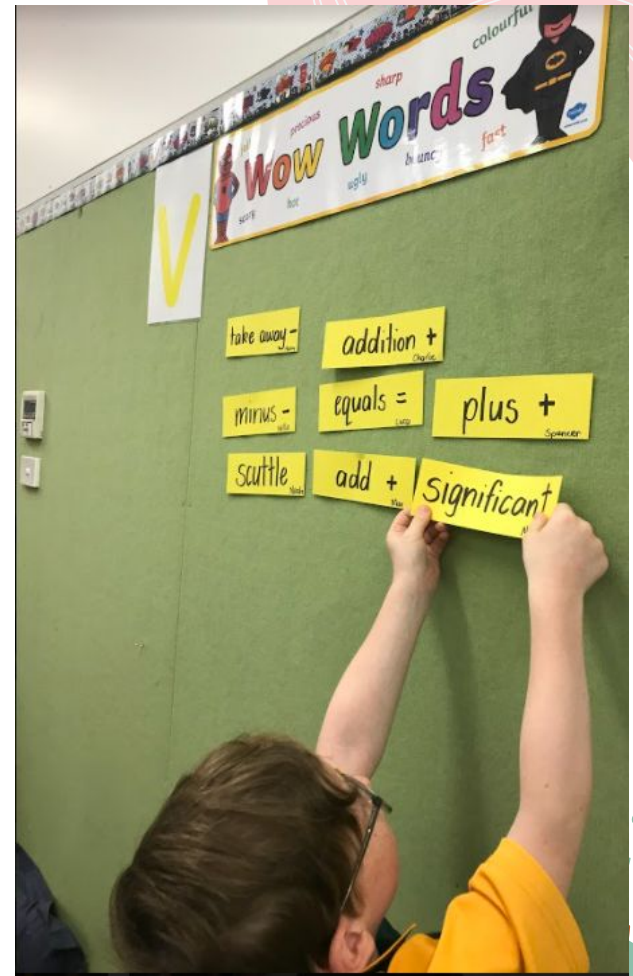
'VCOP'.

V- Vocabulary (WOW Words)

C- Connectives

O- Openers

P- Punctuation



Independence and keeping track of belongings.

LOST PROPERTY - We have set up a large lost property box in the undercroft near the canteen. Each afternoon any clothing, containers, drink bottles etc left lying around the school will be put into this container.

Parents can play an important role in this process by:

- **Making sure your child's belongings are clearly labelled**
- Talking to your child about taking responsibility for their belongings.
- By encouraging your child to be accountable if they lose their belongings.

Uniform, Library and Sport

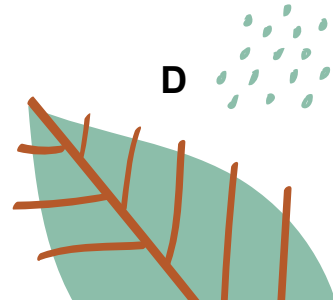
- School Uniform- Sports Uniform worn 3 days - Monday, Wednesday, Friday by all grades. Please ensure children have correct socks, jewellery (1 signet ring, plain studs, medical bracelet), no nail polish, green hair ribbons/bows or school fabric scrunchie only.
- Year 1 Library Day is Wednesday
- Sport day is Friday
- Don't forget clothing pool for second hand uniforms.
- Please send in paint shirts and headphones as soon as possible.

A general day of learning in Year One

Morning Session - Literacy Block

Middle Session - Maths, Religion and News

**Afternoon Session - Key Learning Areas eg
Science, History, Art, Health**



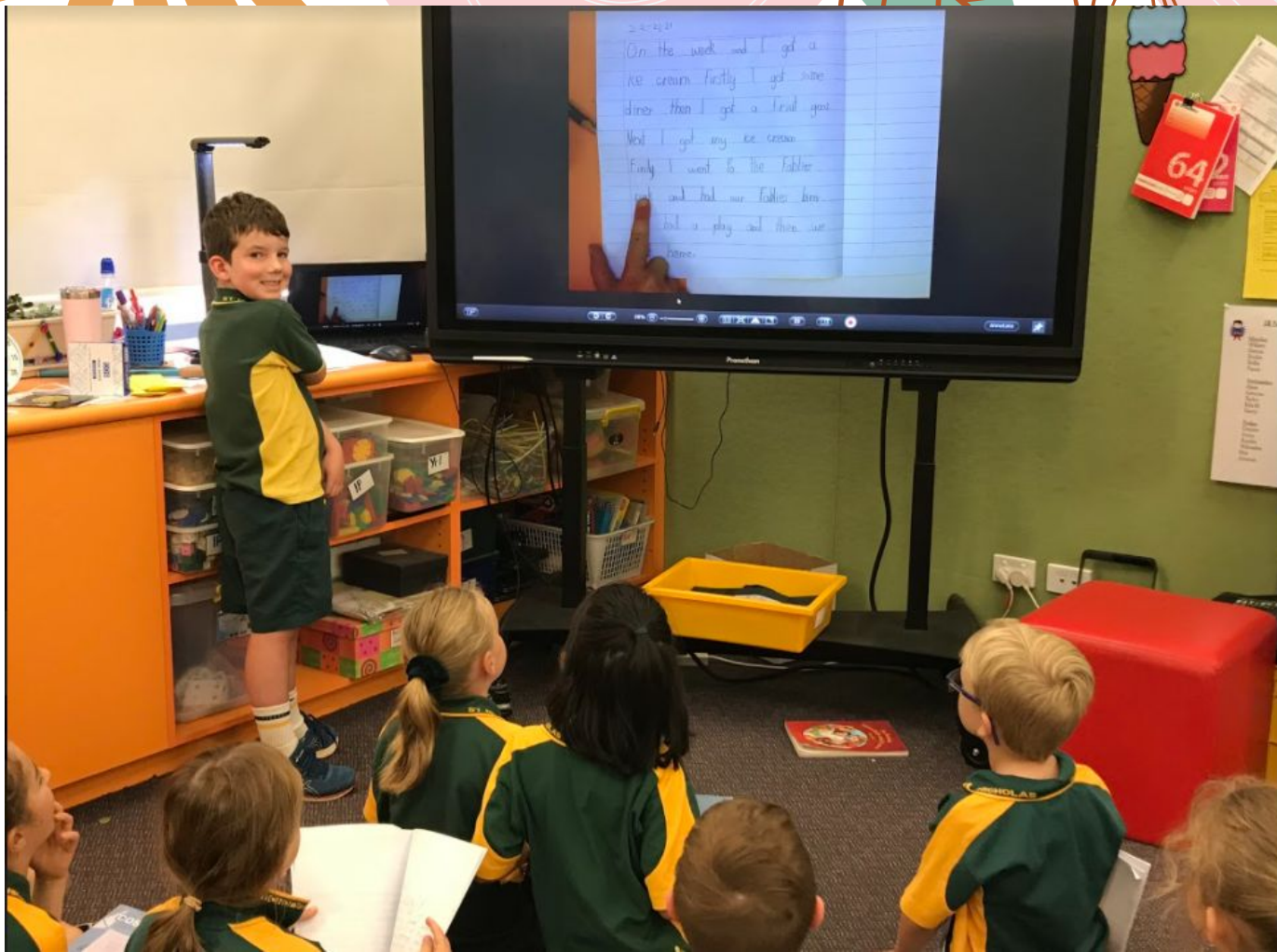


CAMPFIRE
Instruction time.

Whole class
learning.

1 speaker.

Students asked
to share ideas.



CAMPFIRE

Not always the teacher as the speaker. Students also share their ideas and knowledge. **D**



Waterhole

Students work in small groups with or without the teacher.



Cave

Students work independently on tasks. They have choice of where they work in the classroom.



Soundwaves Spelling

Interactive

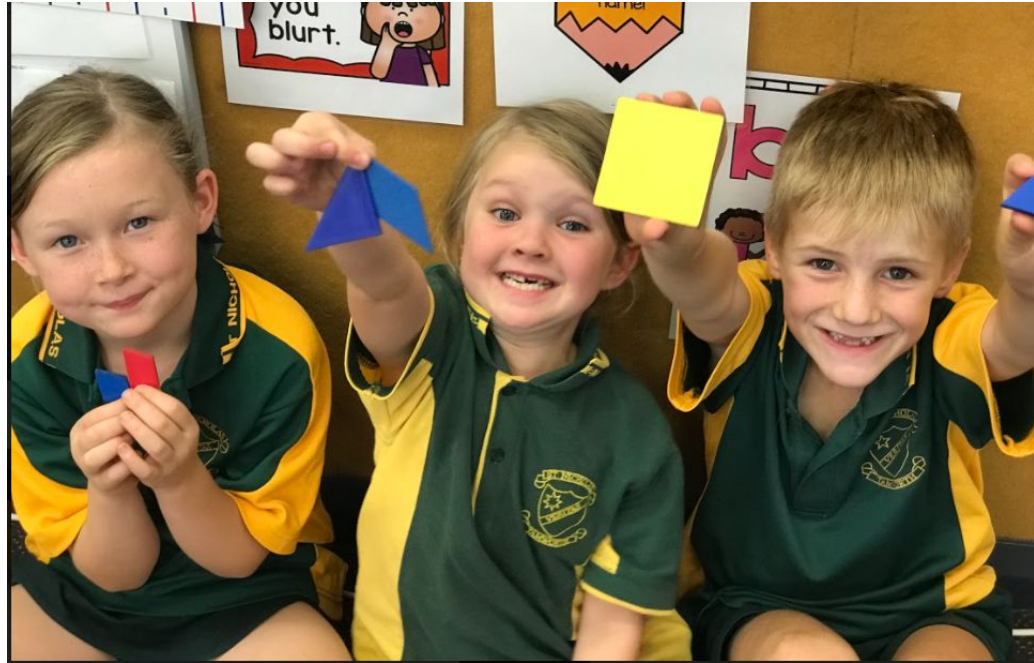
Weekly sound focus

Daily spelling focus activities



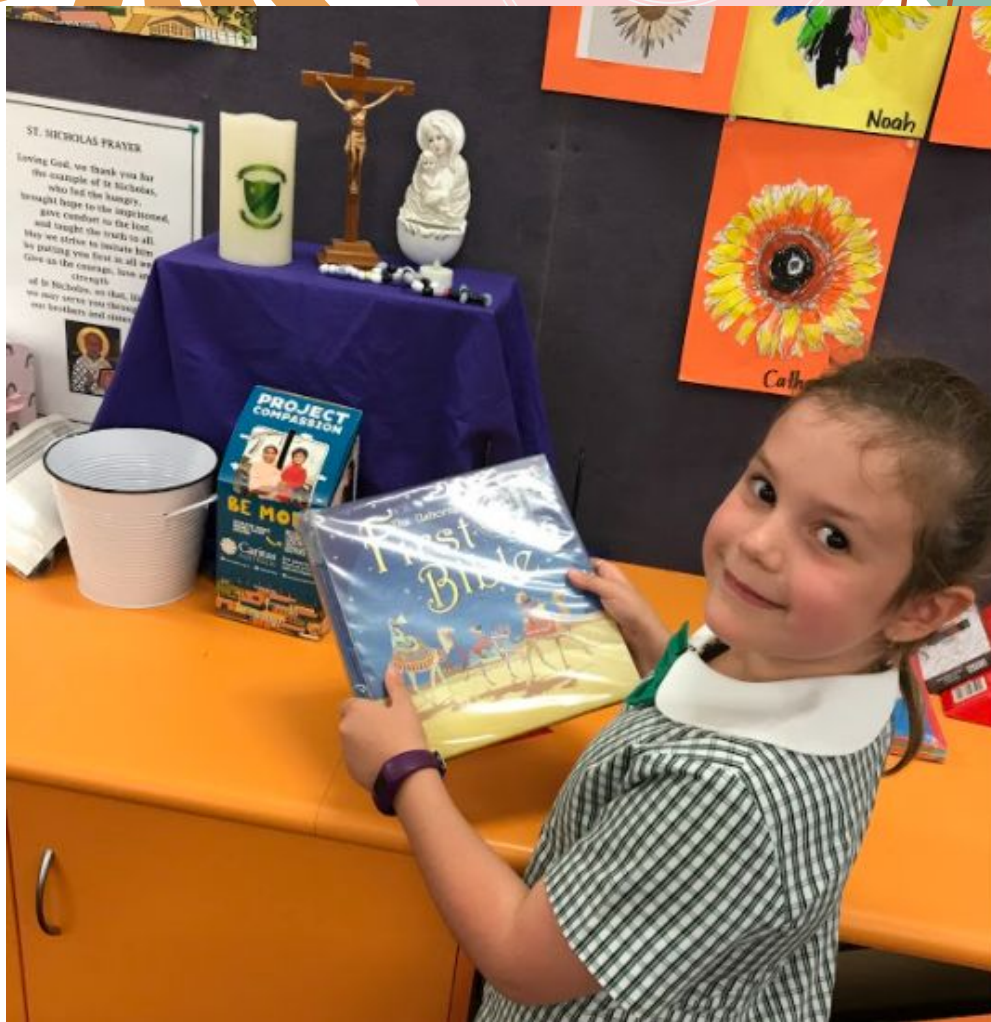
Reading workshop

Small group reading intervention with the teacher, focused on reading skills and comprehension strategies.



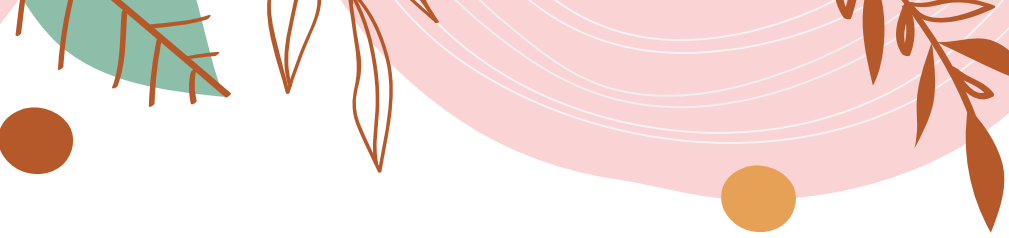
Maths

Hands on learning experiences.



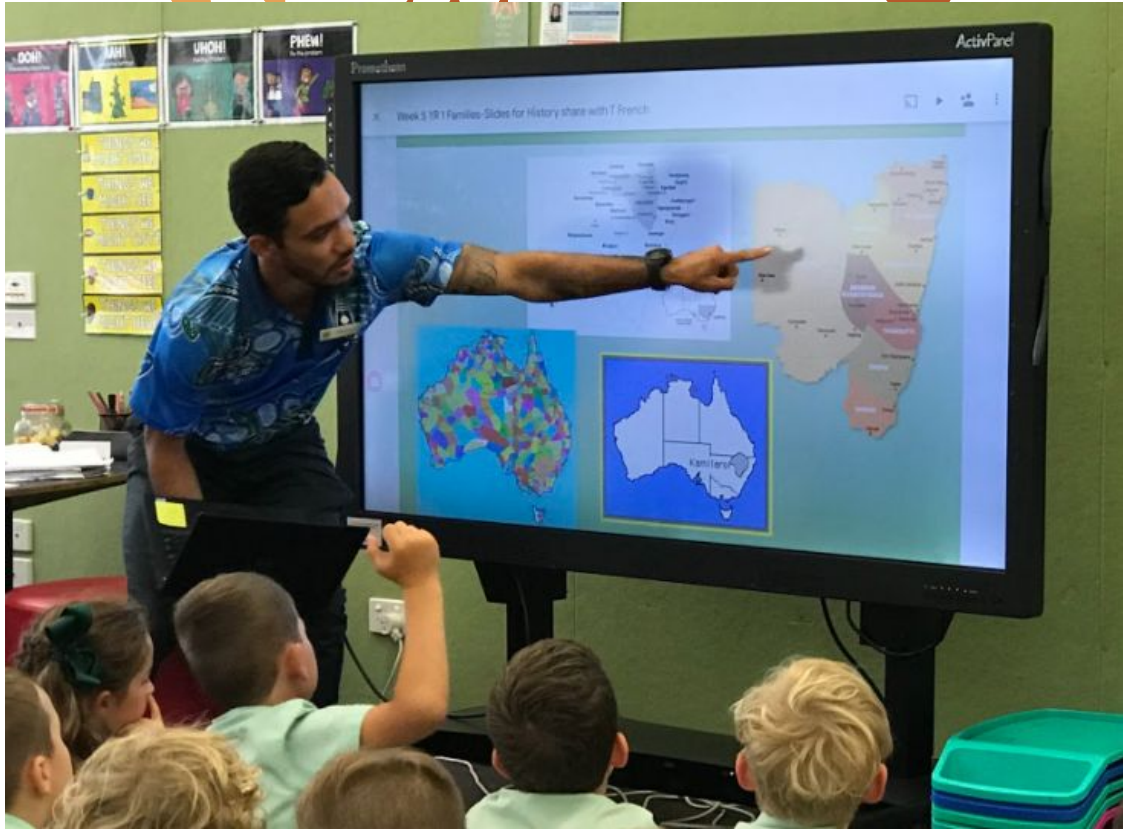
Religion

Learning about our Faith.



News





Afternoon KLA's



Thank you!

We value your support.

Please feel free to email us if you have any questions.

Bree, Dayna and Kim

