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**TERM 3:
ST. BRIGID'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL.
2020**

**Welcome To Our
School Bulletin!**



Lockdown Edition



Farewell
Mr. Russo



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We will miss you Mr Russo

Questions and Interview by Ethan and Rhiannan

When are you leaving St. Brigid's?

End of term 3 and officially 4 October (last day of holidays.)

What sort of sport do you like?

Football, Cricket and playing golf and racing cars.

What will you miss about St. Brigid's?

I will miss the least the traffic to and from work (outside covid times) I will miss the most - our students and the way we all get along together - our close knit community.

If you had three wishes, what would they be? (You can't ask for unlimited wishes!)

1. We are able to travel again!
2. Is that everyone at St Brigid's has enjoyed their time learning and growing during my principalship.
3. Our students all benefit from their time here and grow up with boundless opportunities to explore.

Did you know Collingwood would win against Carlton?

Definitely - no need to worry.

What do you do in your free time? Spend time with family, play golf, sometimes I like to travel (but not at the moment.)

What will be the thing that you'll miss the least and why? I will miss the least the traffic to and from work (outside covid times) I will miss the most - our students and the way we all get along together - our close knit community.

What was the first school you taught at? St Gabriel's Primary School in Traralgon West.

What sort of food do you like?

Pizza and Pasta and anything fried!

What's your favorite thing to do in quarantine? Walk the dogs - because I'm home from work early enough to do this (Lola and Bemo.)

Do you think you will change Football teams?

Never - Black and White side by side forever!



In the scenario that we only had one day to live, and we could do whatever we'd like, what would you do? Race my cars with my family - Corvette sports car, 1987 Van Diemen Formula Ford.



FORMULA ONE
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

What's your favourite movie?

James Bond Movies and Indiana Jones Movies.

What is your favourite music?

I like lots of Australian Bands (SilverChair) and also INXS.

Do you have a favourite book or book genre?

Tintin (illustrated text) by Herge - favourite of mine growing up in Primary years and I now collect copies of these and the books which explain the meaning behind the stories.

How many schools have you taught at before St Brigid's

St Brigid's is number 6.

If you could only save one thing in a fire (excluding human beings) what would it be?

My passport!

What's your favourite international place?

Italy and Dubai.



Do you have any pets, if so what type of pets are they, and what are their names?

(Lola and Bemo) - Chow Chows (dogs.)

If you had a superpower, what would it be?

To be everywhere all at once! Or Eat ice cream quickly and not get an ice cream headache!

What made you smile today? Did you perform or did someone else perform an action of kindness for you today?

Sunshine - plaque being finished - a compliment I received from a student at onsite learning. Yes - Mrs Sullivan and Tracey bought me a coffee.

Would you rather be extremely poor but regardless be happy, or would you be filthy rich but sad.

Happy!

What's your favourite ice-cream flavour?

Chocolate Ice Cream.



What's the best thing in your life?

My family - wife Claire and my sons (Tim 18 and James 16.)

What school are you going to?

Sacred Heart Primary School in Croydon.

What made your weekend?

Spending quality time with my family.

In your perspective, what's the simplest and significant yet best thing you enjoy?

Nature - sometimes we take its beauty and power for granted - it is great to marvel at nature and place within it.

What's your favourite season and why?

Summer - sun, outdoors, swimming, warmth, and daylight savings!

Do you have a favourite hobby?

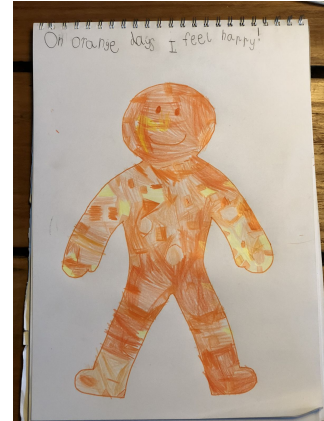
Collect and restore old racing cars.



Ava C: 1/2 CD



Georgina K: Foundation ZF
Rainbow Wishing Well

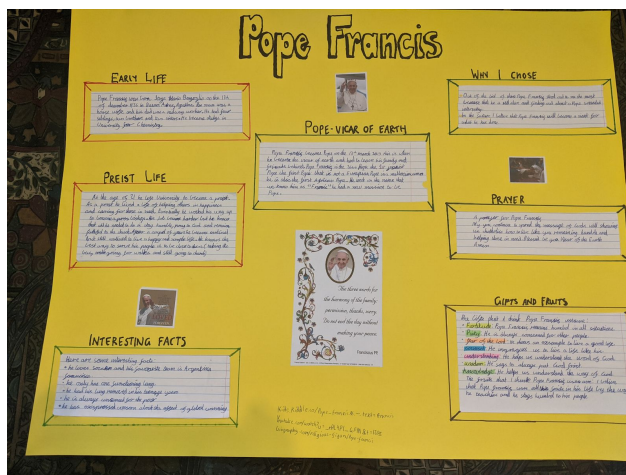


Che F: Foundation ZF

The Coral Wonder

The Great Barrier Reef is the largest coral system in the world with about 3,000 individual reefs, 1,500 different species of fish, 30 species of porpoise, whales and dolphins. The Great Barrier Reef is about 500,000 years old. But there have been some changes over the years affecting this natural wonder. After time there have been changes affecting the reef, this includes climate change and a special starfish. Climate change has affected the water increasing the temperature by one degree, since this happened some of the coral is dying.

William A 56CD



Stephen O: 5/6 AH



Types of Clouds:
Kyle B: Foundation ZF



Marshmallow Tower
Thomas E: 5/6 AH

Lockdown:

We look at our rubric and sigh
 We wish covid would fly
 To somewhere like Mars
 Because we want to go in cars
 To somewhere like a park.
 We hear our dogs go bark
 They just want to be free
 Who else does? Me!
 We want to see our friends
 And we want this to end.
 Why now? Why us?
 We want to go on a bus
 Home is boring
 We want to go on a swing
 But we are doing
 The right thing

Alice R: 3/4 KM



Animal Portrait.
Grace W. 3/4 FD

How has Fr. Andrew coped with Iso?

One of the saddest things about coronavirus has been hearing about the many people who have died. My prayers went out to those families. Also it has been really tough not saying mass on Sunday and having people coming. A big part of my role is Sunday mass. But thinking outside the square meant having mass recorded and put onto my own YouTube channel. This has brought me great joy knowing that lots of people are still able to participate in mass online. I know that it's not the same but it means that people still hear from me and can see inside the church that they miss. I have also recorded some masses for the school as well. I have some more time to pray as well.

In my downtime I have been keeping myself busy with cooking new recipes, doing lots of jigsaw puzzles and going for many bike rides. Before lockdown 1.0, my bike had flat tyres, lots of cobwebs and feeling very neglected but since I have more time, I thought about getting the bike back in action only to find that I really enjoy getting out and about. I think that we are really lucky to live where we do because there are many bike paths worth exploring.

I have been sending lots of emails and texts to families along with many phone calls trying to stay connected with everyone. This is the best that I can do whilst not being able to see people. I have lots of Zoom meetings with people, a bit like how you all conduct Google meets with your teachers. Using technology this way is great but I must admit that I am looking forward to seeing everyone again face to face.

Father Andrew.

Thank You Prayer

God, thank You for this day!
Thank You for the birds and the animals, the flowers and the trees, the lakes and the streams, and the sun that rises and sets over them each day. Thank You for creating everything we see! Thank You for the life we live, and for making each person different. Thank You for Jesus, who died for us so that we can go to heaven one day just for believing in Him. What an amazing God You are! In Jesus' Name,

Amen



Refugees: Through the 5/6 year level, we have been working hard to come up with persuasive texts to refer to refugees problems and how Australia should be obligated to take the majority of them in. We've produced some amazing persuasives with compelling arguments. We're going to show you some of the best persuasive introductions and conclusions there are to offer.

Imagine the terror of being stuck in a tiny, little boat and when you finally find somewhere to go, they treat you atrociously. Would you really like that? Do you want to be treated like animals? These poor, poor people just want somewhere nice and cosy to live in but they can't find anywhere. Our country is an extremely lucky country and we're not sharing it very well because I believe we're not welcoming.

Roman A 5/6 AH

We are a very privileged country, it wouldn't hurt if we could let a few more refugees into Australia because they have had it hard. Just imagine if you had to flee your own country home because you weren't safe. Where we live we feel safe and very loved. Even if we gave a handful of refugees a trial to stay for six months and we keep an eye on them and if they are good they should stay, and that way we could accept more refugees. I'm telling you now the majority will stay.

Isla B: 5/6 WR

Australia has been welcoming refugees into our country for 75 years. We have given over 800,000 refugees the opportunity of a new life, as they had to escape poverty or war in their country. When a refugee travels to find a new home they usually have to travel by boat which takes them about four months to arrive at their destination. Refugees most likely need to have a document which is like a passport that allows them to come into our country.

Riley D: 5/6 WR

I strongly believe that Australia should keep inviting and welcoming refugees like we have been doing for the last 53 years.

Jayden V: 5/6 WR.

Australia along with other countries have agreed to look after refugees. By sponsoring the refugees they can have a safe country and live happily. Refugees have to have a health check before they officially move to Australia. Ways that we are helping refugees with the current pandemic is to provide information in different languages and deliver food to refugees that need it, is a virtual book club.

Gabrielle H 5/6 WR

Refugees should be welcomed because refugees bring their culture and teach us about it. They enhance our lives and they appreciate our country. My friends' grandparents fled their country when the Vietnam war was happening and they came to Australia. They felt happy coming to a new country and they taught me about their culture and what foods they made.

Alex K: 5/6 WR

Australia has a proud history of welcoming refugees. It is a key part of our national anthem. Over the years Australia has built support structures for refugees and continues to invest in these services. We may all be proud that Australia is such a welcoming country...Clearly Australia is a welcoming country.

Sophia M: 5/6 CD

I truly believe that the Australian government should be letting more refugees into our free and welcoming country. This is a global issue and some people live extremely hard lives while others just sit around in their mansion trying to get the latest technology. This is not acceptable and we must be taking action as soon as possible. It's time to start putting others first and stop thinking about yourself.

Lily B: 5/6 WR

COVID-19

By Tabitha C 3/4RM

This poem is about COVID-19
And how it affects me as a human
being!

Restrictions mean we've now got to
stay inside
There's many rules that we must abide
Like washing hands and wearing
masks
Remembering to wear them can be
quite a task

I'd rather be at school and hanging
with my friends
But instead I get to exercise for one
hour to stop me
going around the bend
Remote learning means I can wake up
late
I also get to spend more time with my
family which is
really great

The restrictions at first seemed very
mean
But now I know they are here to keep
us clean
When looking back at 2020
I'll have lots of memories, in fact
plenty!



Nic C: 1/2 LY, Make a
raft Challenge.



Sophia and Isabella R
Social Justice poster.



Gabby C:1/2 LY, art
activity.

Luella C: 5/6 AH

I think that we are a welcoming
country because we help lots of
countries that are poor or do not
have what they need to stay
alive. Some countries don't have
the right equipment so most of
the refugees have to come to
Australia. And if they're being
hurt they're moved as far away as
possible from their countries so
they don't get hurt, and so they
have a better future. Around the
world there are 79.5 million
people on earth who have been
violently harassed to flee their
country.



Ethan T5/6 CD and Xavier T
3/4 RM: Bird Feeder challenge.

The Story Behind the Golden Jade Pendant:



This is the closest picture to the real one, as we no longer have it, This is the story behind this necklace and why we don't have it anymore:

After the Cambodian civil war, my Grandmother and Grandfather decided to take my mum, then 2 years old and leave Cambodia for a better life. Life in Cambodia was extremely difficult and unsafe. They had heard of many stories where people who migrated from Thai Refugee camps went to other countries for a better life such as England, France, America and Australia.

My Grandparents finally saved enough money to pay a guide to take them to the Refugee camp in Thailand. It took them 2 weeks to walk to the Thai border. All they had with them were the clothes they wore. At the time, my Grandmother was pregnant with my auntie Kuon. When they got to the border, they had no visas to show the Thai soldiers. They were immediately stopped and put in jail.

The ground was wet and my grandmother was tired and wanted to lay down and sleep. My grandfather asked a soldier if he could give them something to lay on. The soldier threw them two rice sacks. Grandfather ripped it to make it bigger. To his astonishment, he saw something shiny inside between the edges of the bag.

It was a golden jade necklace. He quietly whispered his discovery to his wife. With this necklace, they bribed the soldiers to take them back to Cambodia safely.

With this necklace they were able to open a small business where my grandmother practiced as a pharmacist and nurse buying and selling medicine and other things. My grandmother gave birth to my auntie Kuon.

When my mum turned 4 years old and auntie Kuon was 2 years old, my grandparents decided to try again. They paid a guide to take them to the Refugee camp in Thailand with the remaining portions of the gold necklace. This time, they decided to arrive at the Thai border on the night of Thailand's New Year's Eve.

All the Thai Soldiers were celebrating and no one was guarding the border. They all ran across and arrived in Thailand safely without being stopped. They lived in the Thai Refugee Camp for 1 year before migrating to Australia in 1983.

Written by Lillian T 5/6WR



Art work by Ava C: 1/2 CD



**Alek's axolotl drawing:
Foundation ZF**

Elegant spiders
weaving webs
Lines of soldier ants
Carrying eggs
wiggly, wriggly worms
And busy buzzy bees
Butterflies fluttering
Through the trees
Praying mantises
Pigeons in nests
visit your garden-

It's the best!

Maria H 3/4 RM



**Gemma L: 1/2 LY, make a
raft challenge.**

There's No I In Team

There's no I in team!
Stay with them and the sun
will beam.
You don't want to be alone,
So lower your tone.
As long as you're there for
them,
They'll be there for you like a
gem.
Stick with your team no
matter what,
Your team should mean a lot.
Don't be a star by yourself
Be a constellation with your
team!
We're all in this together!!!!
By Tess K, 3/4 RM

Covid Poem:

Covid, Covid please wash
away and never come back to
the bay
Loved ones are in danger and
we need to work together and
stop this hazard.
We can't fight this no more,
Blow up the world and give us
a fresh start, just stop this
madness.
Please covid just go, go as far
as you can and never come
back, just please leave the
world as fast as you can.
Sophie D 3/4FD



Social Justice Poster: Rafael P



**Patrick R: Foundation ZF,
playing chess.**



**Billy T: 5/6 WR, Homer
enlargement for Maths.**

What Remote Learning has been like for the year 6's.

Thanks for sending in your work.

It has certainly been tough with having to be on computers all day. It has been a cool experience but after a while you just want to see your friends (in person.)

Thanks to all the people who have sent their work in. There would be no bulletin if there was no work.

The 7 Makers

Also thanks to the 7 people who made the bulletin Me (Darley), Matty, Ethan, Rhiannan, Maya, Kobe and most importantly for setting the whole thing up, Mrs. Meaden. We have put hard work and dedication into this.

