



ST BRENDAN'S NEWSLETTER

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PRAYER

25th of May 2020

Solemnity, Our Lady Help of Christians, Patron of Australia.

O Immaculate Mary,

Help of Christians, Queen of Heaven and Earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your

children we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious. We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

St Joseph, Pray for us.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Dear Parents,

Our prayer this week has been written by The Bishops of Australia who have decided to entrust our country during this pandemic to the Immaculate Heart of Mary under the title of Our Lady Help of Christians. This prayer has been prayed throughout Australia over the past week.

Wonderful news was received across the Diocese of Wagga Wagga yesterday with the announcement of the appointment of Bishop Mark Edwards as the new Bishop. After such a long wait it is positive to have a Bishop in place and we look forward to welcoming Bishop Mark to Ganmain at some stage in 2020 as our Year 5 and 6 students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

It has been delightful over the past two weeks to have all of our students present in the classroom. This has given our teachers the opportunity to consolidate upon all of the excellent work that students have done whilst working at home. Students are all enjoying the academic challenges that are being offered and also the opportunity to socialise with their friends once again.

Much discussion has occurred between schools across Australia as to how we go about reporting a student's performance in what has been a very uncertain first semester. All primary schools in the Wagga Diocese have agreed that reporting this semester will take the form of a three way interview between student, parents and teachers and also reflections and goal setting. More information for parents including booking instructions will be distributed next week.

We understand that the current economic climate of our country has placed a great deal of strain upon families. Please find attached information regarding fee waivers. Please do not hesitate to get in touch should it be required.

Finally congratulations to the Lewington family. Peta yesterday gave birth to a new baby boy named George. Congratulations to Peta, Mitchell, Annabelle (Year 4) and Sophie on the new addition to their family.

Kind Regards,

Paul Spain , Principal