



COMPASS

All things through Christ



COVID-19: Opportunity or threat?

COVID-19 has certainly shown the world once again that it can turn on a dime; that very few things are really certain, and we are dependent on so many things in life. Like the Spanish Flu of the early 1800s, the Bubonic Plague of the 1300s, and so many other world-changing events that have occurred over the centuries, the world has changed once more. I have heard many talk about these changes and I don't think a person on the planet has not been affected by this pandemic. It has reminded me of several things:

- that we really are not masters of our own destiny - the world can change in an instant
- that we are acutely dependent on our circumstances - the environment, the financial systems, the health of our bodies, etc
- that the Bible once again proves itself to be true and right in all of this

I can't help but think of all the plans made prior to COVID-19: new business ventures just signed - new global connections,

new economic trade deals, new personal plans for 2020, and the list goes far and wide. But there has also been so much good that has come out of COVID-19. Families spending more time together, teenagers wanting to continue to go on



walks with their parents, new creations in the arts (songs, books, sculptures, screenplays, theatre, etc), new business ventures that may not have been thought of before the coronavirus, communities (though separated) looking out for one another; and the list could be needless.

In the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, it states:

To everything there is a season,

and a time for every purpose under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die,

a time to plant and a time to uproot,

a time to kill and a time to heal,

*a time to break down and a time to build,
 a time to weep and a time to laugh,
 a time to mourn and a time to dance,
 a time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones
 together,
 a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
 a time to search and a time to count as lost,
 a time to keep and a time to discard,
 a time to tear and a time to mend,
 a time to be silent and a time to speak,
 a time to love and a time to hate,
 a time for war and a time for peace.*

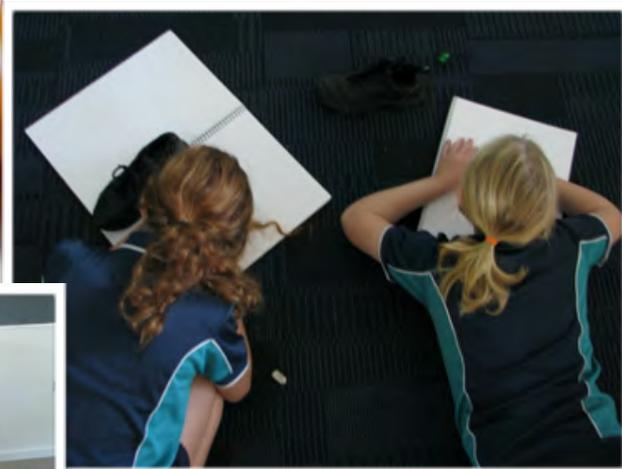
May we be the kind of people, and may we teach our children
 to be the kind of people who look at set-backs as
 opportunities to grow, to learn new things, to re-think our
 plans and purposes, to encourage others, to care more
 deeply about the things that really matter, to look to build and
 to serve, to press into God and seek His face, His forgiveness,
 His righteous. After all, it is the Lord who said:

*Forget the former things;
 do not dwell on the past.
 See, I am doing a new thing!
 Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
 I am making a way in the wilderness
 and streams in the wasteland. (Isaiah 43:18-19)*

What opportunities lie before each one of us, and what
 choices we make regarding those opportunities will acutely
 determine the 'shape' of our days ahead. May we all look at
 change as an opportunity to move forward and onward -
 appreciating the past, but determined to make a better future.

Peter Connell

From the Art & Design room



Year 5 & 6 Visual Art class at the beginning of Term 3 involved students taking off their school shoe and drawing it!

School shoes are excellent to draw because they have so many details - patterns, textures, stitching, brand names, labels and tags, laces and eyelets We made a list of all the parts of our shoes and made sure we included everything in the drawing. With our black school shoes we can also do a strong drawing, developing dark tones.

This is just the start of this project. After we have explored shoes in lots of different shapes, styles and colours we will be making a creative one as a ceramic sculpture. If the final sculpture students make is as good as the drawings made this first lesson, we shall have a very successful project.

Cross Country 2020

At the end of the last term, we held our annual ECC Cross Country Carnival. As is customary with our carnivals it started with a downpour (some students had mentioned they wanted it to rain as it was cooler). I was so proud of our students as nearly all students participated, including students running at home or coming to school to run and heading back home due to safety precautions and Coronavirus-19.

Stories of secondary students running alongside primary students to encourage them, students who had injuries or had been in hospital decided that is what safe and they wanted to run, and students who walked the course for house participation points. Another highlight for 2020 was our senior students who ran 6km for 18-year-olds females and 8km for 18-year-old males.

A big THANK YOU to all the parents and staff who supported the students and a special mention to our ECC Chaplain who road with the students on the track.

Congratulations to all runners!



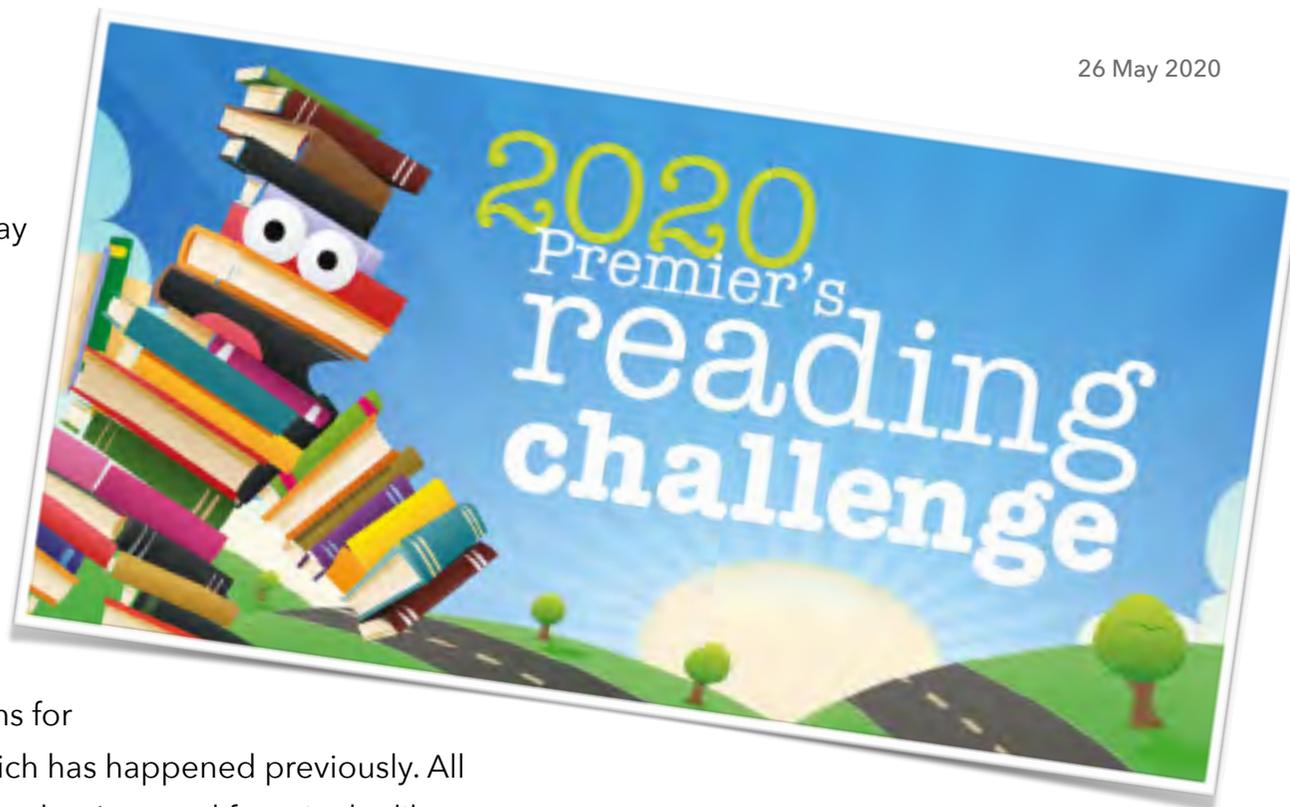
We are again entering the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. The challenge started on 11th May and will end on 28th August. This is open to students from Prep to Year 9.

All books, Lexile or not, can go towards the challenge. Parents/Caregivers only need to write down the title and author of any book that their child has read that is not a Lexile book, sign the paper and send it into the library and I will enter them onto the student's record form. Keeping the record forms at the school stops having multiple forms for students and the possibility of them losing forms, which has happened previously. All Lexile books students read will be entered onto the student's record form in the library.

All Prep and Year 1 students are allowed to have all the books that are read to them entered onto their forms, every library lesson at least 4 books are read to these students and these are entered for students who are present for the lesson. Any books read to these students at home can also be added to their list, I only need the author's name and the title of the book to enter it on the form.

As the student's record of books read needs to be entered onto the website database just after 28th August it is important that any list of books you may have compiled at home is brought into the library by 28th August the cutoff date. Those students who complete the challenge will receive a certificate from the Queensland Premier in November.

If you have any queries please contact Ms. Kirsche in the library.

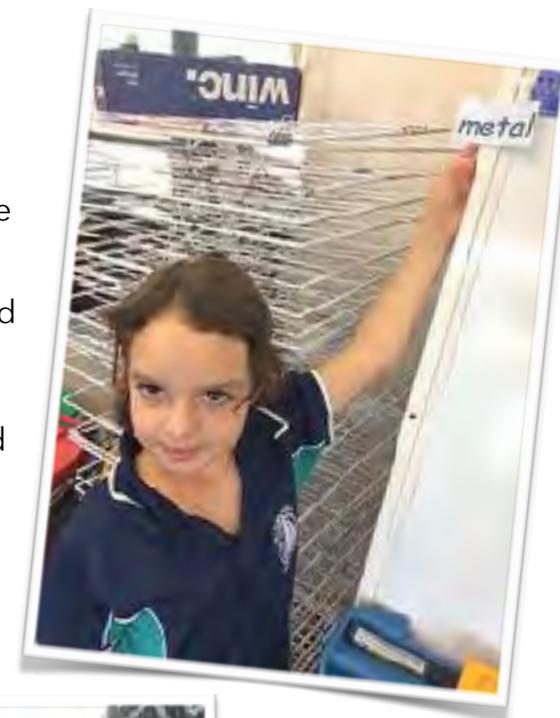




In science, we have been investigating what things are made from.

We have learned that some things are natural (like trees) while some are man-made (like tables and chairs). We explored where wood comes from, how cutlery is made from metal, and how plastic bottles are made in a factory.

We discovered different items in our classroom and identified what they were made from. It was fun to experiment with a magnet, and we learned that plastic, glass and wood are not magnetic while some metal can be.



Making learning fun!

We have had a lot happening in Year 1/2!

In Digital Technologies we are learning to program Bee Bots with simple algorithms. We have combined this with our ILR consonant and vowel sounds to create mats to navigate the BeeBots on.

We focused on a Fruit of the Spirit and this week we are learning about Patience. We have planted sunflower seeds in the garden and we are *patiently* waiting for them to emerge.

In English we are investigating procedures through Wombat Stew, learning to break down everyday tasks into steps.

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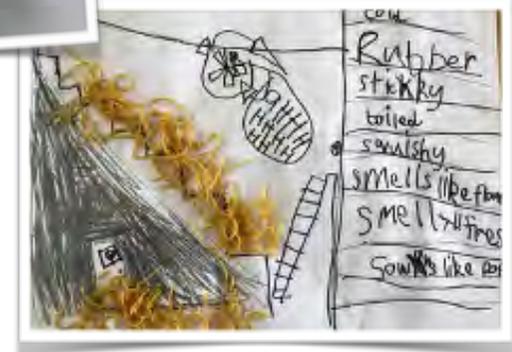
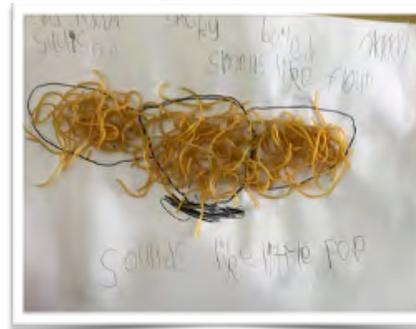
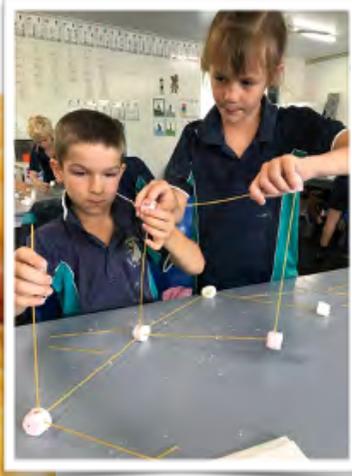
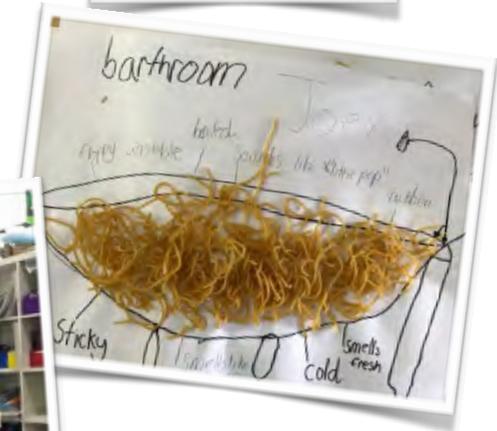
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Spaghetti Science

In our Year 1/2 Science lessons we are learning about how things change so we have explored melted and frozen icy poles, cooked and uncooked spaghetti and heated and cooled chocolate.

When we investigated and compared the properties of cooked and uncooked spaghetti we made spaghetti art in response to a spaghetti poem and built towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows.



Just "Plogging" along...

With large gatherings banned and social distancing laws in place, we've had to postpone our regular Clean Ups. Yet the amount of plastic waste is surging because of the coronavirus pandemic and it is feared the increase in single-use plastics will have long-term impacts on the environment.

We've heard a lot of you are going a bit stir-crazy with the lockdown and what could be better than getting fitter by picking up litter? So, step up, step out and start **PLOGGING**, with registrations for the inaugural Clean Up Australia PLOG-A-THON now open!

What's plogging? We're glad you asked! It's the combination of two words "jogging" and the Swedish phrase for pick up, "plocka upp". It means you keep up your fitness and make a difference - all while maintaining your social distance. And no, jogging is not mandatory - walking, hiking, plodding and paddling are all totally fine! How you participate is entirely up to you - the important part is picking up rubbish as you go...

REGISTER NOW



ANZAC Day 2020



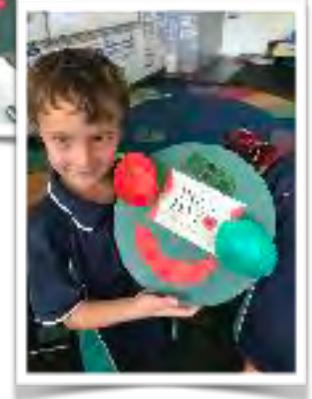
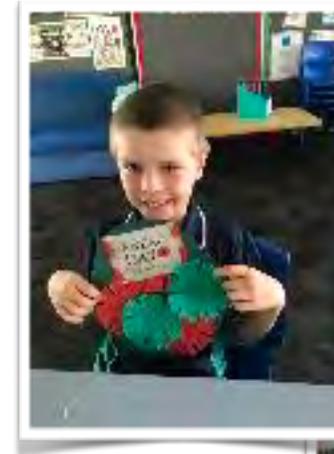
ANZAC remembrance services across Australia, in 2020, saw individuals stand in silence in the pre-dawn, reflecting on sacrifices made for our freedom.

Some reflected upon current conditions of isolation and the implications, while others reflected on the loss of connection with family and friends.

There was a 'real' connection this year with our diggers and what they may have endured.

Standing there in the driveway, listening to the Last Post echo down the street, we looked at our neighbours and smiled at the feeling of mateship and strength of our community and country.

A pride of who we were and are.



The Year 5-6 boys build their own Tah Mahal - Cooktown style!

The boys in Year 5-6 enjoy the rocks area during their break times. They have been constructing their own little cubby/fort and making great use of their creativity, ingenuity and problem solving skills. Well done boys! It is great seeing you at play and being productive and innovative with your free time.



Endeavour's building and construction team (from left to right): Benjiah Jenyns, Ned Sail, Zac Hocking, Jett Ryder, Dylan Winton and Jack Sibley



A message from your Adopt-a-Cop

Our friends from the Think U Know Program (run by the Australian Federal Police) have kindly provided some educational resources to assist with staying safe online during COVID-19.

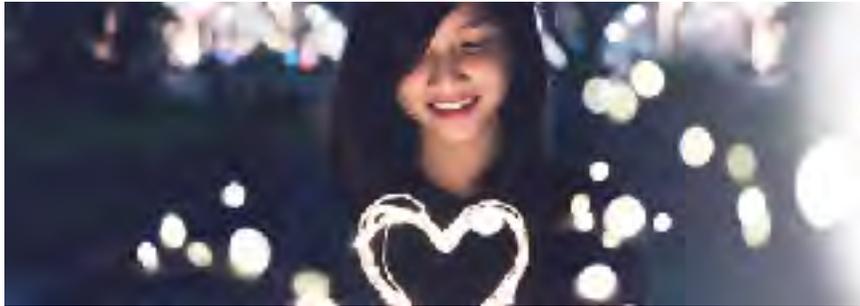
Due to Covid-19, children and young people are spending more time online, this includes staying in touch with friends and family, playing games and online learning.

To access family online learning activities, click on the link below;

<https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/for-parents-and-carers>

What the awareness and information package includes;

- **Home learning activities** - For parents/carers and children to undertake together. Online supervision, contracts, safe gaming, safe usernames and safer online interactions.
- **7 Day Family Online Safety Challenge** - A simple challenge we can all undertake to encourage safer online experiences.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR MOTHER'S DAY STALL!

We raise over **\$525** that will go to supporting Destiny Rescue's efforts in saving children from sexual exploitation and slavery.

This is not a reality most of us are faced with on a daily bases living in a great country like Australia, but unfortunately, for many others, it is. Please visit the Destiny Rescue website to see the wonderful work these people are doing and how you can help.

**Please visit the front office as we still have
heaps of jewellery left!**

**Everything is hand-made and selling for
\$5.00 each!**



SENIOR LOCKERS NOW AVAILABLE!



Senior Students from Year 10 to 12 now has access to a personal locker at school.

Students will be issued with a padlock and key once a \$10 deposit has been paid at the front office.

Please contact the front office if you wish to make use of this service.

(Lockers, padlocks and keys remain the property of the School and need to be returned to the front office at the end of the school year, or termination of enrollment.)



P&F Meeting

Remember

1 June, 5pm in Room A2

Please contact the front-office if you are available or would like to attend so we can have accurate numbers to comply with government restrictions on public gatherings.

Looking forward to seeing you there!