



Something Beautiful for God

ST HELENA'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - ELLENBROOK

Principal's Message

8 December 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

Welcome to week 9 of Term 4! We have "two more sleeps" until the school year ends. Who can believe it??

As another year draws closer to its end, it is good to stop and reflect on all we have shared during the year...the successes, the challenges, the learnings, the relationships, the questions, the quality conversations, the robust discussions, the decisions, the opportunities for growth and so much more.

A sincere thank you to all St Helena's families for your ongoing support of children, staff and the Leadership Team throughout the year. Family life, as we all know, is busy and at times very demanding, however we hope St Helena's will continue to be a place where you can enjoy good support, quality relationships and multiple opportunities that support your children to thrive and flourish.

As a school Principal, the quality of my staff and the potential we have for making a profound difference in the lives and the learning of the children in our care has always been and continues to be of paramount importance to me. Our school relies on staff who are not only very good at what they do but understand that students learn best when they are working in a safe, respectful, supportive and creative learning environment. I feel very blessed to work with the calibre of staff who serve the St Helena's community unstintingly and as each semester goes by, we are seeing the incredible fruits of all our planning, hard work and collaboration.

I sincerely thank each member of the St Helena's staff for their ongoing commitment and dedication to our school. I thank in a special way Sascha Saulsman and Albert Borrello, members of our Leadership Team, for their expertise, advice and support in helping to lead our school, both are outstanding educators and leaders who are a gift to this community. I also thank Tracy Papenfus, Rebecca Delauney and Tracy Detata for the work they do in the administrative and financial areas of our school. The varying layers of compliance that are now part and parcel of school life make running a school a complex and complicated task and these three women are an invaluable part of our school team.

Special thanks are extended to Fr Bona, our Parish Priest, and to Fr Kenneth who was our Assistant Parish Priest until recently. Both have supported our school in 2021 and are very much valued for their faith leadership and gentle encouragement.

I thank the members of our School Advisory Council for the work they have done in fulfilling their function of bringing the voice of the community into the school. The Council has provided valuable support and input throughout the year, and I thank each one for their contribution to the work of the Council and for their dedication and support.

I also extend my thanks and appreciation to the St Helena's P & F Executive for their outstanding efforts in 2021 to continue to build community and raise funds to resource our school. The generosity of our P & F never ceases to amaze! Their work has often come at great expense to their own families and energy levels and yet they have remained committed to their role with great stamina and focus. Thank you, Kylie, Mary, Lindsay, Jacinta and Mitch.

At the end of this school year, I also recognise the wonderful students of St Helena's who bring enormous pride and joy to each day. In a special way, I mention our Year 6 Graduands. Let our prayer for each of them be that our gracious God will continue to bless and guide them as they go forth from this place.

I acknowledge all those who help our school in whatever way they can. As I have already said, this is very much a community school, and many people help to build our community. Your generosity in assisting in lots of different ways has not gone unnoticed and you and your efforts are appreciated.

As the year draws to a close, I extend blessings to all and wish each member of this special school community a joyous, safe and holy Christmas.

Wishing you God's blessing.

Lina Bertolini

Pupil Free Dates for 2022

4 March 2022

3 June 2022

7 June 2022

18 July 2022

22 August 2022 (Catholic Day)

School resumes for students on Monday 31 January 2022

Connie's Corner

Last Friday evening, we celebrated our annual School Christmas Carols. We were blessed with a beautiful (albeit warm) night.

Miss Panaia worked hard planning the night and practicing with our students and choir to put together many memorable performances. Our classroom teachers must be thanked for all the rehearsal time that they spent on their songs.

Families were able to support the St Vincent de Paul by purchasing drinks and sausage sizzles on the night. Our P & F, along with some wonderful volunteers, made the night extra special with some amazing decorations, especially the stunning cross, and we thank them profusely for their time & effort. They also provided a wonderful Christmas hamper that was raffled on the night.

Last, but most definitely not least, students and parents alike were entertained by a special performance by the teaching staff.



Year 6 Graduation Mass

Last night, we had the pleasure of celebrating Mass with our Year 6 Graduating Class.

It was an opportunity to acknowledge every student finishing their primary school years at St Helena's Catholic Primary School and to wish them well in their endeavours as they move to high school. We wish them every blessing in the years ahead.



School Calendar – Important Dates

- Thursday 9th December - Year 4 Geckos Reconciliation
Combined Christmas Carols
Kindy Incursion – Muddy Gully
Pre-Kindy Graduation @ 12.30pm**
- Friday 10th December - Thanksgiving Mass @ 9am (all welcome)
Last Day for Students**
- Monday 13th December to
Friday 17th December - Staff PD Week**

**The School Office will be closed from Thursday 16th December 2021 until
Monday 17th January 2022**

Please access the [Parent Hub](#) on our school website for up-to-date calendar information.

St Helena of the Holy Cross Parish

Parish Priests: Fr Bona

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Ellenbrook

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Mass Times: Saturday 6.00 pm

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am & 5.45pm

Weekdays: Tues-Sat 8.30 am

Reconciliation prior to all weekday Masses

Christmas Mass Times

St Helena of the Holy Cross Church

Carols will be held 30 minutes before each Mass

* Christmas Eve Mass 6.30pm outdoors on the Church grounds

* 12am Midnight Mass

* Christmas Day 8am and 9.30am



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From the Team at Forte, have a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe holiday break!

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