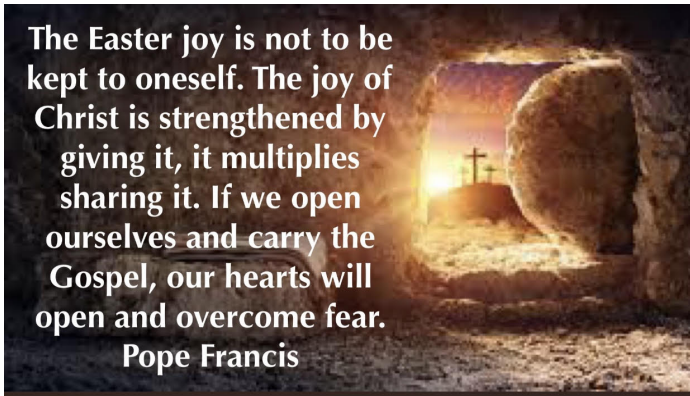




## LEARNING UPDATE - 12

Friday, 22 April, 2022

Working so that our students feel they are known, understood, valued and learning.



The Easter joy is not to be kept to oneself. The joy of Christ is strengthened by giving it, it multiplies sharing it. If we open ourselves and carry the Gospel, our hearts will open and overcome fear.  
Pope Francis

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back. We want to thank you for your support throughout the last term. In the main we were able to maintain the consistency of teaching in our classes. This was very much due to the commitment of our staff who despite additional pressures were able to maintain our Breakfast program on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as our Open Mic Friday concerts on Fridays. We are looking forward to a really successful Term 2.

**Term 2 starts on Tuesday, 26 April** - Students are encouraged to prepare by:

- Organising their school uniform, including blazers and ties;
- Removing any holiday hair or nail colours that do not meet school rules;
- Packing their school bag;
- Completing work due for Week 1;
- Checking Student Email accounts and Google Classrooms for important notifications;
- Setting their morning alarm earlier over the weekend to help their body adjust to normal wake up time after school holiday sleep-ins;
- Preparing for a fresh start with new goals and healthy habits for a new term!



**This Week:**

- Competitors Only Cross Country is Thursday, 28 April. Students can contact our Sport Coordinator, Luke Eisenhuth (see email address below) if they haven't yet signed up.
- We will be marking ANZAC Day with a ceremony on Wednesday Period 1.

### **Gracious and loving God,**

*The cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all.*

*Open our minds to your vision*

*as we remember all who suffered involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.*

*Grant all service persons*

*who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace.*

*May we, who inherit the freedom for which they fought, become instruments of your peace*

*in our homes, workplaces and world.*

*We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.*



## Thinking Ahead:

### 2023 Enrolments

We will continue to provide reminders for our families to make sure that **siblings in Year 6** are enrolled for 2023.



Delaying your application until the end of the year could mean that your child misses out on a place next year. We are doing everything we can to avoid this. Enrolment application forms are available at the front office. If you need any help with your application please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Enrolment forms for **siblings** must be completed and submitted by **Friday, 10 June**.

## School Tours

### Come and see our school in action

School tours are conducted **every day at 9.00am**. Please come and see our school at work and see our students learning. We are very proud of the facilities we can offer but even more so of the calm sense of purpose that exists. Please encourage friends and family who may be considering enrolling their child at our school in 2023 and in the future to come for a tour. Seeing is believing. Even 15 minutes of your time will be very instructive.

**NO NEED TO BOOK** - just come along and our helpful office staff will arrange the tour with our Principal, or another member of our Leadership Team.

### Athletics Carnival

Our whole-school Athletics Carnival is scheduled for **Thursday, 5 May**. Due to Covid and rain, the last two years we have been unable to hold this important community event so we are very much looking forward to this year's carnival. This is a compulsory school day for all students and we look forward to seeing everyone there. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.



**From Tuesday, 10 May to Friday, 20 May** students in Years 7 and 9 will participate in NAPLAN. These are helpful assessments for students, teachers and parents/carers. All Year 7 and 9 students complete NAPLAN unless they have applied for exemption through Debbie Watts, our Diversity Leader. Over the two week period, students have normal school days, with tests occurring on some days which take no more than 60 mins in total. More information on NAPLAN for parents / carers is available [HERE](#). We will also provide further information in the coming weeks.

### Year 12 Retreat

**From Wednesday, 18 May to Friday, 20 May** all Year 12 students will go on the annual Year 12 Retreat. This is an important occasion for Year 12 students in their formation and in helping them prepare for their next steps in completing their HSC and preparing for post-school. Our whole community looks forward to seeing our Year 12 students participate in this event and return to school refreshed, enlightened and mature.

A purple rectangular banner with the words 'Year 12' written in a white, elegant, cursive script font.



**Bringing the Yarn Up into the Catholic community allows for further opportunities to connect with traditional ways of sharing cultural knowledge, building relationships and understanding our role in the community.**

**Bishop Vincent Long, Greg Whitby, Executive Director, and Maura Manning, Director Learning, will be joining us for an open forum and discussion.**

**The Jarara Indigenous Education team invites you to share in this experience.**

**WHERE** Performing Arts Centre (PAC)  
CathWest Innovation College -  
Loyola Campus 91 North Parade,  
Mount Druitt 2770

**WHEN** Tuesday, 3 May, 9am to 12pm

A light lunch will be served, please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

Please RSVP to Sam Forbes at  
[sforbes@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sforbes@parra.catholic.edu.au) or call 0428 365 489 to  
confirm your attendance  
**no later than Wednesday, 27 April.**

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