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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a wonderful time welcoming all our children back to school yesterday under a stream of bubbles, balloons and signs made by the wonderful staff. It was so lovely seeing the children's beautiful, smiling faces enter the school grounds. They are settling back into school routines with great maturity.

Just a reminder that we are in level 3 restrictions from Monday 25th October. I refer you to some key points from my communications last week regarding the full return to school:

- Regretfully parents are not permitted on the school grounds.
- It is not mandatory for children to wear masks while at school, but it is strongly recommended.
- Children will be kept in their cohorts to minimise opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 and to enable effective contact tracing and containment. This means minimising interaction between children on school grounds and keeping cohorts together where possible. Our cohorts are defined as stage cohorts.
- We are obliged to support the community not to gather on the footpaths and to wear masks for pick up and drop off. Hence our staggered pick-up arrangements. After reviewing the process over the past two days there will be some slight changes in staggered collection times, **effective as of tomorrow, Wednesday 27th October**. We will delay the staggered pick up to begin at **2:45pm with Kindergarten**. See the timetable below for the remainder of pick-up times.
- Teachers will always supervise the safety of children.

Changes to staggered pick up arrangements - as of Wednesday 27th October

<u>Time</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Where</u>
2:45	<u>Kindergarten</u>	With no siblings	<u>Main gate</u>
2:45	<u>Kindergarten</u>	With Siblings	<u>Hall gate</u>
2:50	<u>Stage 1 - Year 1 & 2</u>	With no siblings	<u>Main gate</u>
2:50	<u>Stage 1- Year 1 & 2</u>	With Siblings	<u>Hall gate</u>
3.00	<u>Stage 2 - Year 3 & 4</u>	With no siblings	<u>Main gate</u>
3.00	<u>Stage2 - Year 3 & 4</u>	With Siblings	<u>Hall gate</u>
3:05	<u>Stage 3 - 5 & 6</u>	With no siblings	<u>Main gate</u>
3:05	<u>Stage 3 - 5 & 6</u>	With Siblings	<u>Hall gate</u>

We thank you all for your flexibility as we manage and respond to structures and routines that we trial upon the return to school. Any procedures we are following have safety and health as our priority.

As the children step back into school, social-emotional wellbeing will be a key focus. Getting back to school saw a range of emotions, some of which we can't control like happiness, fear, anxiety, and excitement. Though what we can control at a school level is the support we have in place for the children in our school. Thanks to extra CSBB funding through HBL+ we have an extra full time staff member, Mrs Harrison, working closely with Mrs Jones on the Learner Diversity team. For the remainder of this term the two teachers and their learning support staff have a busy schedule supporting all K-6 classes with extra small group instruction, some co-teaching and release for teachers to conduct one to one assessments with each child.

Through varied assessments over the next few weeks, the teachers are working out where each child is at in their learning journey and this information is being utilised to inform the next eight weeks of targeted teaching and learning in the key areas of English and Mathematics. Every day the teachers spend 90 - 120mins on English and an hour each day teaching Mathematics. Other focus subject areas that may be taught this term will include Religious Education, PD/H/PE and Visual Arts. The children will continue to have their weekly specialist classes with Mr Brinley (Japanese), Mrs Whyte (Dance & Drama/Music) or Mrs Cummings (Library).

All the teachers have been planning quality programs to support wellbeing and engagement for our children as they transition back to face-to-face learning. The children are having powerful and meaningful conversations around feelings, friendships, learning and the future.

Semester 2 School Reports

Due to extended remote learning because of Covid, the Semester 2, 2021 Written Reports will be like the Semester 1, 2020 Reports. Extended remote learning has meant that there was a focus on essential learning and priority given to Religious Education, English, and Mathematics.

The teachers will report using a 3-point scale and general comment for English and Mathematics. The 3 Point scale will appear as Working Towards, Working At, Working Above. A comment will be included for Religious Education and an overall general comment will also be provided.

Zoom Assembly

This week's award assembly will take place on Zoom from 2:15pm. We invite all parents to join us via the link which we will email to families on Friday, at midday.

Final word...

It has been so lovely to have you all return this week. I am truly thankful for all the support families have shown the teachers during this challenging time. They have been heartened by your encouraging messages and many generous treats.

Mums and Dads and carers, thank you for all you have done to support your family over the last 15 weeks or so, I do understand how hard this has been for many. The fact your children come back to us as prepared, resilient, and enthusiastic is testament to your hard work and support.

I pray this will be the last time this community is separated in such circumstances and that those who have been separated from loved ones for too long by border closures and quarantine, find each other again soon.

Take care and stay safe!

Marta Chylewska
(Principal)

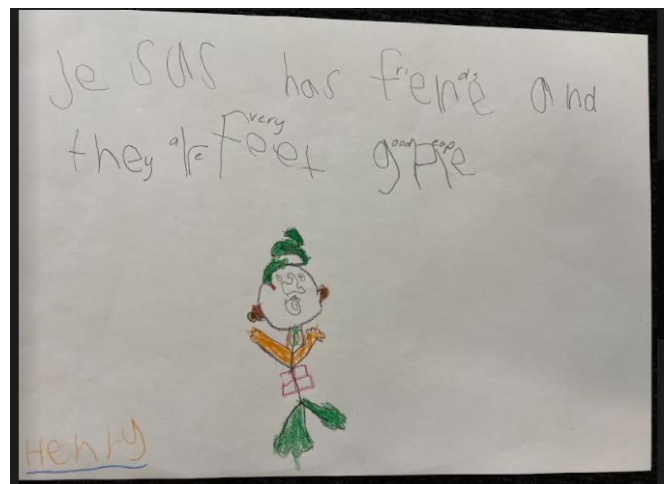
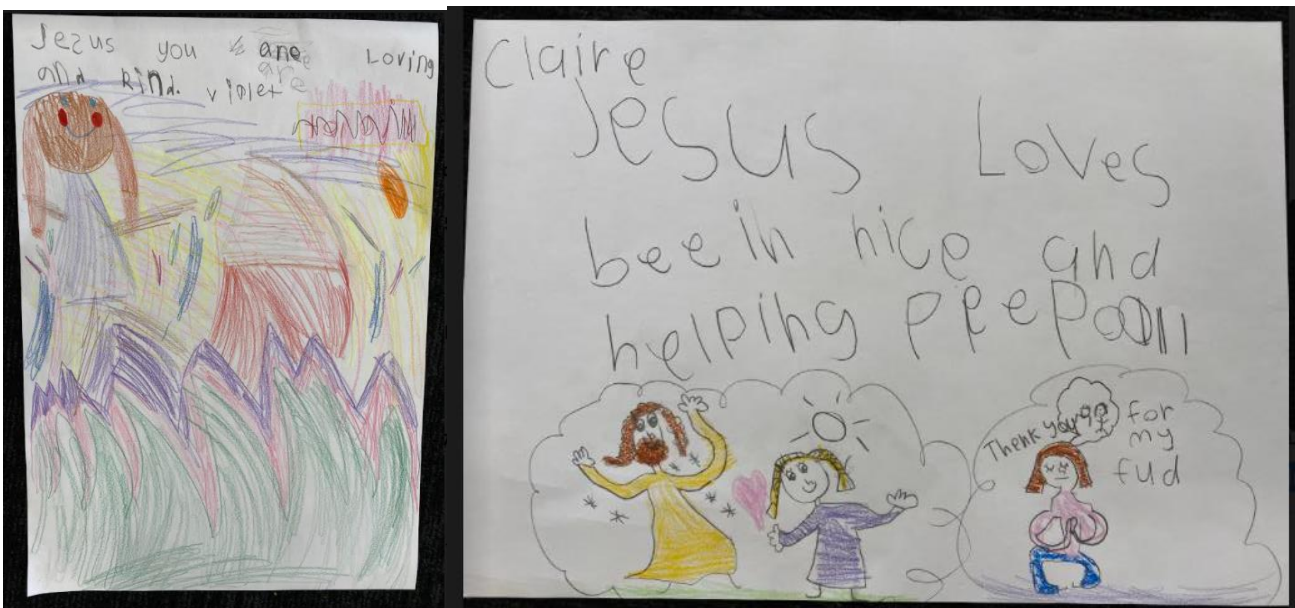
FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

LEARNING ABOUT SCRIPTURE

It has been fabulous to welcome back the children this week and see what they have been learning about in Religious Education.

Kindergarten

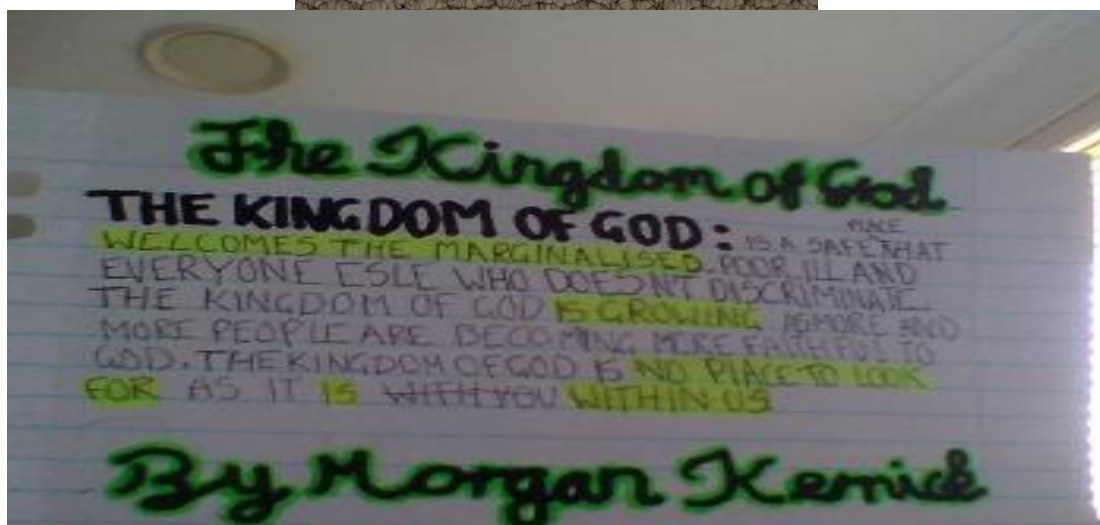
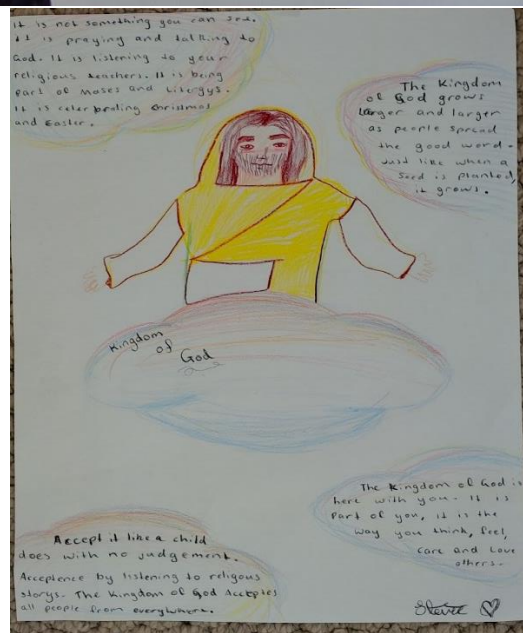
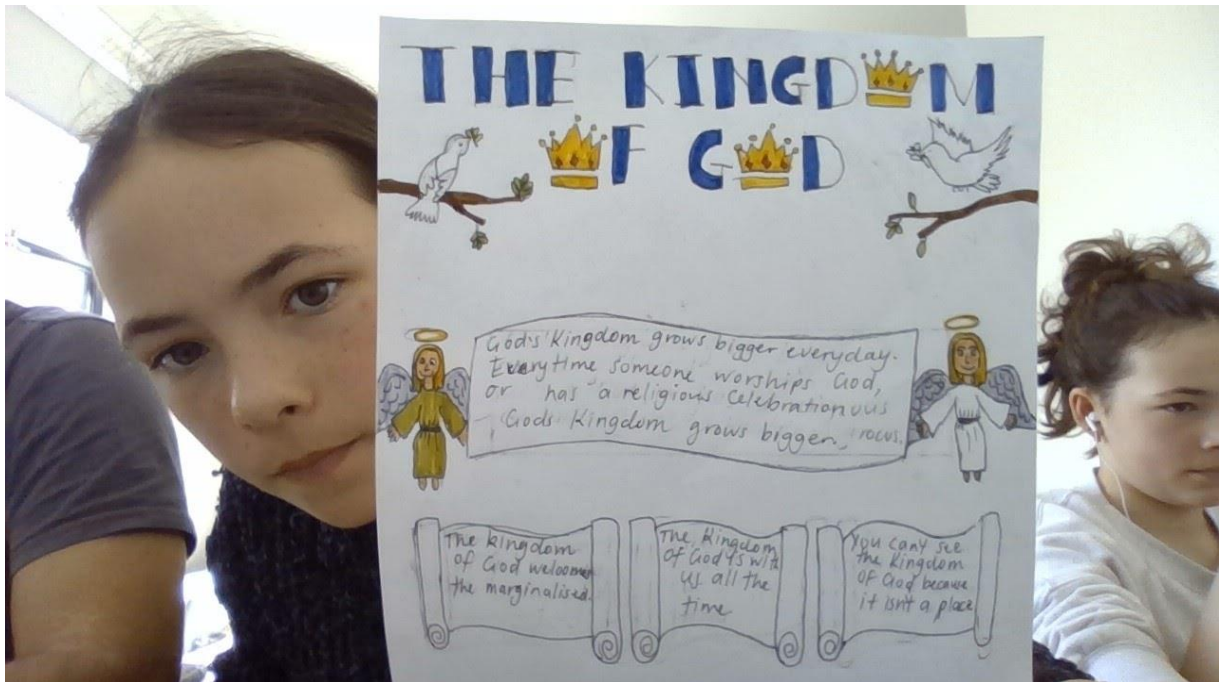
This term, the Kindergarten students have been exploring the Good Samaritan story. They have been learning about how Jesus wants us to be loving and kind to others. The students reflected on this story and created beautiful drawings.



Year 6

This term, the Year 6 students have been exploring the important concept of the Kingdom of God. They have been reading and reflecting on different gospels and how the Kingdom of God is

interwoven into scripture passages. The students created posters to demonstrate their understanding of the Kingdom of God.



Canteen News

Dear parents and caregivers,

A few things to remember when ordering your child's lunch on Qkr! –

- Cut off time is 8.30am every Wednesday and Friday.
- Make sure you have the correct delivery date.
- Please specify the number of chicken nuggets! If you don't, your child will only get 1.
- Icy Treats can be ordered with lunches.

The canteen has a large selection of fresh salads and sandwiches available.

Add a side salad to your child's lunch order to 'Green it up'! This adds vital nutrients and fibre to their meal.

Kind regards,

Cath Berry

Canteen Manager



Awards and Acknowledgements



Congratulations to the following students for their achievements

Academic Achievement

Kinder Gold	Kiara M	Kinder Blue	Maddison C
1 Gold	Harry W	1 Blue	Taj S
2 Gold	Cody T	2 Blue	Leviathan T
3 Blue	Hunter K	4 Blue	Hallie E
4 Gold	Sophie M	5 Gold	Lucas B
6 Blue	Luke R	6 Gold	Mikayla A
Drama	Iona M	Japanese	Finn M – 2G

Personal Best

Kinder Gold	Ashlyn L	Kinder Blue	Lilly T
1 Gold	Charlotte T	1 Blue	Lara S
2 Gold	Finn M	2 Blue	Taylor G
3 Blue	Frances M	4 Blue	Alison W
4 Gold	Abigail S	5 Gold	Indiana L
6 Blue	Jude S	6 Gold	Roxy B
Drama	Henry D	Japanese	Henry D - KB

PBL Award

Kinder Gold	Barrett M	Kinder Blue	Amelia M
1 Gold	Liam G	1 Blue	Macie R
2 Gold	Ella-Rose R	2 Blue	Bodhi I
3 Blue	Miller W	4 Blue	Kenzi G
4 Gold	Ciera H	5 Gold	Sam M
6 Blue	Ivy Y	6 Gold	Ki J
Drama	Ashlyn L	Japanese	Cohen J – 2B