



STELLA MARIS NEWSLETTER

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from the Principal



Dear Stella Community

Easter 2020 at Home

We come to Holy Week knowing that this Easter will be one like no other we have experienced, knowing we will spend this time with little face-to-face connection to our broader family and friends. I encourage you to be with your immediate family and support them.

Here are some resources that may be of comfort during this time:

- 1. An Experience of Holy Week Resource - [CLICK HERE](#)**
An outline of how you can connect to the Catholic community in Broken Bay this week.
- 2. Broken Bay Mass on Demand**
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/places/mass-on-demand>
- 3. Holy Week at Home - [CLICK HERE](#)**
A Holy Week Reflection for young people.

Community Thank You

I wanted to express my deepest gratitude to the wider Stella community for the resilience and support you have demonstrated over these last weeks. I am grateful for the leadership of Amy Smith, Louise Yeates and Zita Briones during this challenging time and thank the many parents and carers who have contacted us to convey their gratitude for the extra support given to the girls, both for their learning and their wellbeing.

Please take the next two weeks as a time to reflect and strengthen yourselves for the term ahead. We will wait for the Federal and State governments to indicate how best we face the next term as a school community.

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal

Easter Prayer

The veil of darkness
Transformed to the brightest light.

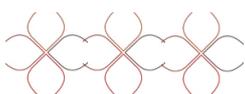
The most dreadful end
Became the most beautiful beginning.

The depths of despair
Fade to reveal hope everlasting.

The curse of death
Defeated by eternal life.

Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.

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Principals for distribution to teachers, staff and communities

5 April 2020

A note of appreciation in this time of COVID-19

To Principals, Staff and Communities of GSE Schools

During the past two weeks as increasingly, complex requirements have been put in place to keep people protected from COVID-19 one outstanding area of Australian life has been the way in which schools have rallied to support students, families and the wider community.

I write on behalf of the GSE Governing Council to congratulate the work and the response of the staff in our ten Good Samaritan Education schools in meeting the unexpected demands and challenges placed upon them.

From parents, Company Members, Principals and Board Directors, the Governing Council has heard nothing but praise and gratitude for the way in which school staffs have risen to the undreamt-of challenges that have beset them.

Principals have told the Governing Council of the long hours all staff have worked; of the initiative shown to put in place online programs and of the unstinting efforts staff have made to ensure that their students will learn and progress over the coming months while the virus is with us.

Thank you on behalf of GSE for all you are doing - we are full of gratitude and admiration. Be assured that each and every one of you is in our prayers as our wonderful school communities live out the mission of Good Samaritan Education in the Benedictine tradition.

As we commence the Easter week, I hope that all staff will take a well-deserved Term One break to recoup energy, relax and enjoy some downtime with their families.

Wishing you student free time, a joyous Easter, hope in this time of uncertainty and confidence that your dedication is greatly appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Moira Najdecki'.

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