

Week 5 Term 1 4th March 2019

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Digital Safety has been the order of the day at present. It is one of those things we often don't think we need to be aware of until an incident occurs and then we need it.

I will be running a parent evening this week... I do encourage you to come and have a listen. I am not an expert by any means but I can share some advice.

If your child spends time on the internet and uses social media then this is for you.

God Bless Jacqui Luxton





Digital Safety Parent Information Evenings...

Does your child access the internet or have a cell phone?

Are you unsure of how to make your way through the Social Media/Internet maze?

I am running an evening to highlight some of the dangers and get you thinking about this very difficult to manage topic.

• Please RSVP to Ivy on 343 1227

Thursday the 7th March at 5.30pm in the library.

Not suitable for students.





6th March at 2pm in the School Hall. Please come and join us.



7 tips for making Lent meaningful

Give up: your favourite food or pastime to remind you what Jesus gave up for us

Slow down: set aside 10 minutes each day to read the Bible and pray together as a family

Read: an inspirational book together

Commit: to attend church, all age Lenten activities, weekly family devotions

Be kind: do something nice for someone each day and share it at dinnertime

Volunteer: your time to your church or community

Donate: Pick a worthy cause to raise funds for or donate clothes or food to

PRETZELS: A LENTEN TREAT

Pretzels originated in Europe during the Middle Ages. A monk was making unleavened bread for Lent with flour and water because eggs, milk and butter were not eaten during Lent. He twisted some of the dough into the shape of people praying with both arms folded across their chests. He decided it wold be a perfect treat for children learning to say their prayers. He called the treats *pretiola*, the Latin word for "little reward".



Giving Up and Taking On for Lent

Christians often give up things we love during the 40 days of Lent like certain foods, or television or spending money on ourselves. We do this to remind us how much Jesus gave up for us. HE GAVE UP HIS LIFE!

We also try to take on extra things during Lent to help us get closer to God. Some things that can help us feel closer to God are reading our bibles, praying, helping others, raising money for those in need, going to church and meeting with others to think about Jesus' life and teachings.

WHAT WILL YOU GIVE UP AND TAKE ON THIS LENT?



The second commandment is 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:31



In Term 1 we are focusing on the Gospel Value of Inclusion.

We would love you to take the time to talk about and reinforce each aspect of our ICIC Gospel Values with your child.

This week we look at Togetherness... there are 4 skills that we can work towards.





Girls Winter Uniform

I know it seems early however this creeps up so quickly...

We still have the winter skirts and tunics for sale. Andersons will take this over once stock is gone.

Please get your orders into Ivy asap so we won't have any delay.

Year 7 & 8 Skirts: \$80

Year 1 - 6 Tunics: \$85



Hat time!

We have a no hat no play policy! Our sun is fierce! Children without hats sit in the shade. They can read and chat but the goal is to have all children out playing. Please ensure your child has their hat at school every day.

We also need those hats named please. White twink works well as does black vivid marker.

All students are required to wear these at break times.



<u>March</u> 4th: JLC trip to Ranana 5th: Intermediate Club - Lawn Bowls 6th: Ash Wednesday Liturgy 2pm • JLC & Room 3 at the Splash Centre • Year 7/8 Tech @ Cullinane Kapahaka Rotary Readers 7th: • Pita Pit go to lunchonline Digital Safety Parent Evening 5.30pm in the library - please RSVP to Ivy 8th: Gifted and Talented Mass at Cullinane Rooms 6 & 7 12th: Intermediate Club - Lawn Bowls • 13th: JLC & Room 3 at the Splash Centre • • Year 7/8 Tech @ Cullinane Kapahaka Rotary Readers • Assembly Room 9 14th: Pita Pit go to lunchonline • 15th: Gifted and Talented • • Mass at Cullinane Rooms 6 & 7 • Super 6 Swimming 17th: School Mass - On the field at school 9.30am bring a morning tea picnic Staff Only Day 4th June