



13th August 2020

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Term 3 Week 4

As a community, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Darug People, and pay respects to Elders past and present, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the cultures and hopes of Aboriginal Australia.

We must always remember that under our Holy Family gardens, paths and playgrounds, this land is, was and always will be traditional Aboriginal land

Message from the Principal

Greetings!

As you may know I have been away for the last couple of weeks. I would like to thank Mrs. Figuero for her leadership of Holy Family during that time. It has been good to see everyone again.

Over the last couple of weeks we have celebrated some important feast days. On the 31st of July we celebrated the feast day of Saint Ignatius who was the founder of the Jesuits. Even Though it is a little late, I would like to wish a Happy Feast Day to our local Jesuit friends, Father Greg and Father Pat. Thank you for all that you do for our school and parish communities. Last Saturday we celebrated the feast day of Mary MacKillop the founder of the Josephite nuns. Happy feast day to our favourite Josephite nun, Sister Katherine. Thank you for all that you do for our community.

Unfortunately we are still living in the shadow of Covid 19. I would like to thank you for your continued support with our protocols for the morning drop off and afternoon pick up. I would love to see parents and carers gathering in the school grounds again, however, it is unlikely to be the case this year. Could I ask please that you remember the 1.5 meter gap when you are waiting to go into the hall and out the gate please. Social distancing is still one of the best defences against Covid 19. We are maintaining the extra cleaning procedures that we have in place.

At this stage we are not participating in any excursions away from school and all inter school sporting and cultural events have been cancelled. Catholic Education Parramatta is following all NSW Government requirements. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about our procedures.

The staff are planning how we can offer Parent Teacher Interviews given the restrictions with visitors onsite. At the moment we are exploring a number of options including Zoom meetings and phone calls. We will update you on the processes in the next week or so. We feel that it is important to keep you informed and part of your child's learning as much as is possible in the current circumstances.

Thank you parents for all that you do to support us.

Best wishes,

John Spradbrow

Kindergarten Enrolments 2021

Kindergarten enrolments for 2021 are now being accepted. If you have a child who will turn 5 by July 31, 2021 please talk to Monika Cunningham about enrolment forms.

To begin the enrolment process we will require a completed enrolment form, child's original birth certificate and immunization record.

Should you have any questions regarding the enrolment please contact Monika Cunningham on 8869 7200.



Tell Them From Me Survey For Parents

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at **Holy Family Primary Emerton**.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/w75mq>

Complaints/Grievances Forms

Please note if you would like to make a complaint or grievance in regards to any school matter, you can pick up a form from the school office.

All matters will be attended to under strict confidentiality.





BOOK WEEK 2020

Book Week this year will be looking a bit different to previous years!

Book Week will commence this year on **Friday August 28th** with an online visit from indigenous poet and author, **Kirli Saunders**.

Kirli will do an author talk with all children in their grades and then, following, will run a poetry writing workshop with Years 5 and 6 over the rest of the day.

Furthermore, there will Kirli's books are now available for purchase from the office for \$21.25 until Week 8.



Other Book Week activities will take place from Tuesday September 1st to Thursday September 3rd. At this stage the big **Book Week Parade** that we usually have in the hall will not be taking place. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, parents, families and the pre-school will not be able to attend.

By Marybella, Levi and Mrs Marie

Learning Corner

Support for Families in Building Mathematical Understanding in their Children

Recently we have been informed of a helpful website that will support families to develop mathematical understanding for their young children. This has been a joint effort between Monash University, the Victorian Department of Education and Training and Catholic Education, Melbourne.

Findings from the research project tells us that there are many ways that families are engaging their children with mathematics, but that they also want early childhood education and care settings to do this more as well. The resources from this website form the beginning of how families can engage young children in learning about mathematics in everyday experiences.

The website is called [Numeracy@HOME](https://www.numeracyathome.org.au/). Exploring the 11 ways can support families and educators to enrich children's knowledge and confidence in understanding and using mathematics.

Some of the categories for exploring and learning include:

1. COMPARE AND MEASURE
2. EXPLORING SHAPES
3. WHERE IS IT?
4. EXPLORING PATTERNS
5. USING TIME WORDS
6. EXPLORING TIME

And activities look like this:

Take the time to explore the website for great ideas on how to help your child understand the mathematics in the world around them.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal

Watch and Listen While Children Play- Learn About Their Thinking

Watch children notice and talk about:

- things that happen in the **morning, afternoon** or **night**.
- the **time of the day** or the **season of the year**.
- the **day of the week** and what happens on **different days**.
- each other's birthdays and **when** their birthday occurs.
- family and school **routines**.
- **when** celebrations and events occur.



eSafety Webinars for Parents/Carers

At Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP) we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. In partnership with the eSafety Commissioner, CEDP would like to invite you to join one of the following free webinars for parents and carers:

1. *Helping Kids Thrive Online (5-12 yrs) - Thursday 20 August 2020, 12:00 - 1.00 pm*
2. *Tech, teens and time online (secondary schools) - 7 September 2020, 7.00 - 8.00 pm*

These live webinars explore the latest research and they are a great way to learn how you can help your child develop the skills to be safer online. All sessions are delivered by the eSafety Commission's expert educators.

About the webinars

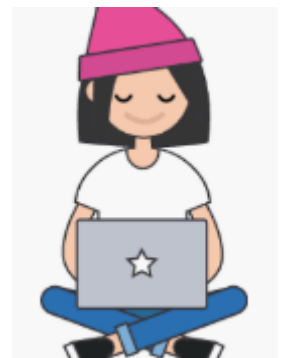
1. *Helping kids thrive online: is a one hour live webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 5-12 years old.*
2. *Tech, teens and time online: is a one hour live webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 12-18 years old.*

Both sessions will cover topics including:

- ideas to start the chat about harmful content, contact with strangers and online bullying/harassment
- strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- skills that young people need to protect themselves online
- how to get help if things go wrong.

What you need to do

1. Please register for the course on the secondary site via the following link:
 - 20 August 2020 session - [link to register](#)
 - 7 September 2020 session - [link to register](#)



If you have any further enquiries please email safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Fruit & Veg Month 2020

Our school will be participating in Fruit & Veg Month 2020.

The theme for this year's event is **'Planet Fruit & Veg!'**

We need to take better care of ourselves and the planet, so let's teach our kids to eat more fruit and vegetables, to choose local and in-season produce and not to waste fresh food. This year's Fruit & Veg Month is all about looking at fruit and vegetables through the lens of sustainability.

Fruit & Veg Month 2020 runs for the last four weeks of Term 3 – from Monday 31 August to Friday 25 September.

As part of Fruit & Veg Month, students will be involved in various classroom and school-based activities which encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables. We will also be sending home resources to support this learning.

If you require more information on what activities our school is doing for Fruit & Veg Month, please contact the school or your child's teacher.



Healthy Kids Corner



Perfect for breakfast, lunch or dinner these wonderful healthy ham and egg pies are delicious. Eat them hot with a salad or cold out of a lunchbox.

Ingredients

- oil spray
- 3 large slices lean ham (75g)
- 4 eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 tbsp milk
- 3 spring onions (shallots), finely chopped
- 1/2 cup canned creamed corn or corn kernels
- 1 tbsp chopped basil
- 1/2 cup (40g) grated low fat tasty cheese
- salt and pepper

Method

- Heat oven to 200°C (180°C fan-forced) and spray 6 cups of a muffin tray. Line each cup with ham and set aside.
- Whisk eggs with milk, spring onions, corn, basil and grated cheese. Season with salt and pepper.
- Divide mixture among the 6 cups and bake for 25-30 minutes until pies are set in the middle.
- Remove from oven, run a blunt knife around the edge to loosen and allow pies to sit in the tray for 5 minutes.
- Remove pies from the muffin tray and enjoy with a salad.

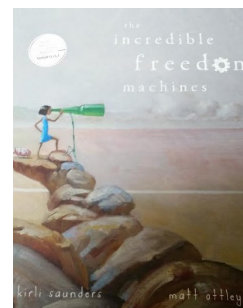
Library News

Book Week Information

Parents, Please note that because of COVID 19 restrictions, there will be no Book Character Dress Up Parade this year. This is the first time ever that our school has not been able to hold the parade! Unfortunately too, parents will not be able to attend functions at the school for any of the activities that we have planned.

However, a number of fun in-house activities are planned for the children. Parents will receive plenty of video and photos via the Skool Bag App and Facebook

- ♦ **Friday August 28.** Kirli Saunders, author and poet, visits Holy Family via Zoom. Kirli will talk to all students about how she writes and gets her inspiration. In the afternoon, Kirli will run a poetry writing workshop for all children in Years 5 and 6. Please note that Kirli's books are on sale at the school office and that if any parents would like to look at them before buying, you can at the school office.
- ♦ **Tuesday Sept 1.** Storytime on the Oval. a whole school activity where the children in their class groups will read and play games on the oval. A great way for everyone to have a good look at the Book Week Shortlisted books!
- ♦ **Wednesday Sept 2.** Borrow a Living Book! We will have some wonderful living books for classes to borrow and find out information from. A whole school activity.
- ♦ **Thursday Sept 3.** Book Week Theme : **Curious Creatures, Wild Minds.** Children will be involved in doing fun activities around books about strange creatures, in their classrooms.



Other activities are still in the pipeline. Stay tuned for more information!

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2020

We have some great news, in that, all children have finished the Challenge this year! We have 214 children validated to receive an award! All children, due to COVID 19 conditions, were able to access books and book readings online, whilst the school was in lockdown and teachers were able to continue promoting those books when school resumed. **Congratulations everyone!** Certificates from the Premier will arrive towards the end of Term 4. Again, stay tuned.

Overdue Books

A number of overdue notices were sent out last week, with more to follow this week. Some of our students still have books out that they borrowed at the end of last year for the Christmas holidays! If your child receives a notice, please help him or her find the books at home. Thank you to those parents who have already assisted us with this. Please keep looking everyone. A book found is a book for everyone!



Kind Regards,
Mrs. Janet A. Marie
Teacher Librarian

RE News

When do I need faith in my life?

As an educator, I've had some pretty powerful questions in my time. As Year 5 & 6 begin to investigate this concept of 'Human Dignity', the teachers were posed with some very confronting questions from the students last week:

- When do I need faith in my life?
- If I'm not religious, do I need faith?
- What is faith?
- Is faith and hope one in the same?

Deep questions! Confronting questions! I think these questions are timeless and apply to all of us throughout our life's journey. When asked about these questions I was somewhat perplexed in how to answer - I needed time to think.

I suppose the first question is the most relevant - *'When do I need faith in my life?'*...

Each Sunday my family and I attend Mass, either physically or online at Emu Plains. As I sat last Sunday listening to the readings, the answer to *'When do I need faith in my life?'* was literally presented. Fr Paul began a reading from the Gospel of Matthew (14:22-33). The passage retells of a boat far out on the lake, which was carrying the disciples. As time went on a storm grew and the boat began to battle heavy seas and wind. In the twilight of the morning, Jesus presented himself on the shore and began walking across the water towards them. The disciples were scared and thought it was a ghost. Jesus called out *'It is I! Do not be afraid'*. Jesus called Peter to come and join him. Peter got up and out of the boat and began to walk across the water to Jesus, ...*"but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?'* And as they got into the boat the wind dropped."



Each of us in our lives will make decisions that we believe to be right and sets us on one path over another. However, life can sometimes throw curve balls and fill us with uncertainty, anxiety, doubt and maybe even a sinking feeling. Take for instance the situation we now face with COVID. We can hope for something better, but hope is usually tied to chance - it might happen, it might not. Faith is a little different. It is a deep knowing that it will be okay. Faith takes away all doubt, it stills our life. It grounds us. COVID will retreat and we will have normality restored over time, whatever that new reality brings.

Do you need to be religious to have faith? No, but sometimes in religion we find answers to these life-long questions.

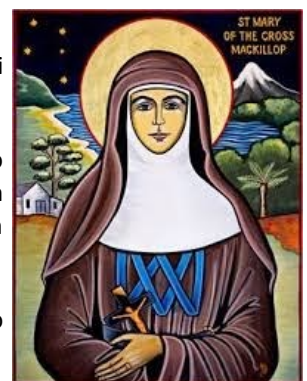
St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Feast Day

Last Saturday marked the Feast Day of Australia's first saint - St Mary of the Cross Mackillop.

In celebrating this feast, on Friday 14th August we are asking students to come dressed in mufti (bright colours) and to have crazy hair! We are asking for a gold coin donation.

All monies raised will be donated to the Sisters of St Joseph (the order in which Mary Mackillop belonged). The Josephite sisters have a Mobile Kindergarten Program operating in Fiji, in which they are in need of more supplies, in which to provide educational opportunities to children in poor and remote communities.

Please note that we are asking students to have their hair done prior to coming into school. No coloured hairsprays are allowed on site.



Kind Regards,

Ben Oxley

Religious Education Coordinator

Year 1 Duckling News

Year 1 had a surprise delivery on Monday morning. The giant left some eggs in our learning space. We waited patiently for the eggs to hatch and on Tuesday night we had three baby ducklings. Year 1 have been looking after our fluffy and yellow ducklings by giving them clean water and fresh food every day. We are currently writing an informative text about our ducklings using adjectives and verbs.





Kids Activity Corner

**EACH GROUP OF ANIMALS
HAS A SPECIAL NAME.
Match the animal with the
collective name**

A. Birds



POD

B. Swans



PACK

C. Dogs



SCHOOL

D. Dolphins



FLOCK

E. Lions



FLIGHT

F. Fish



SWARM

G. Bees

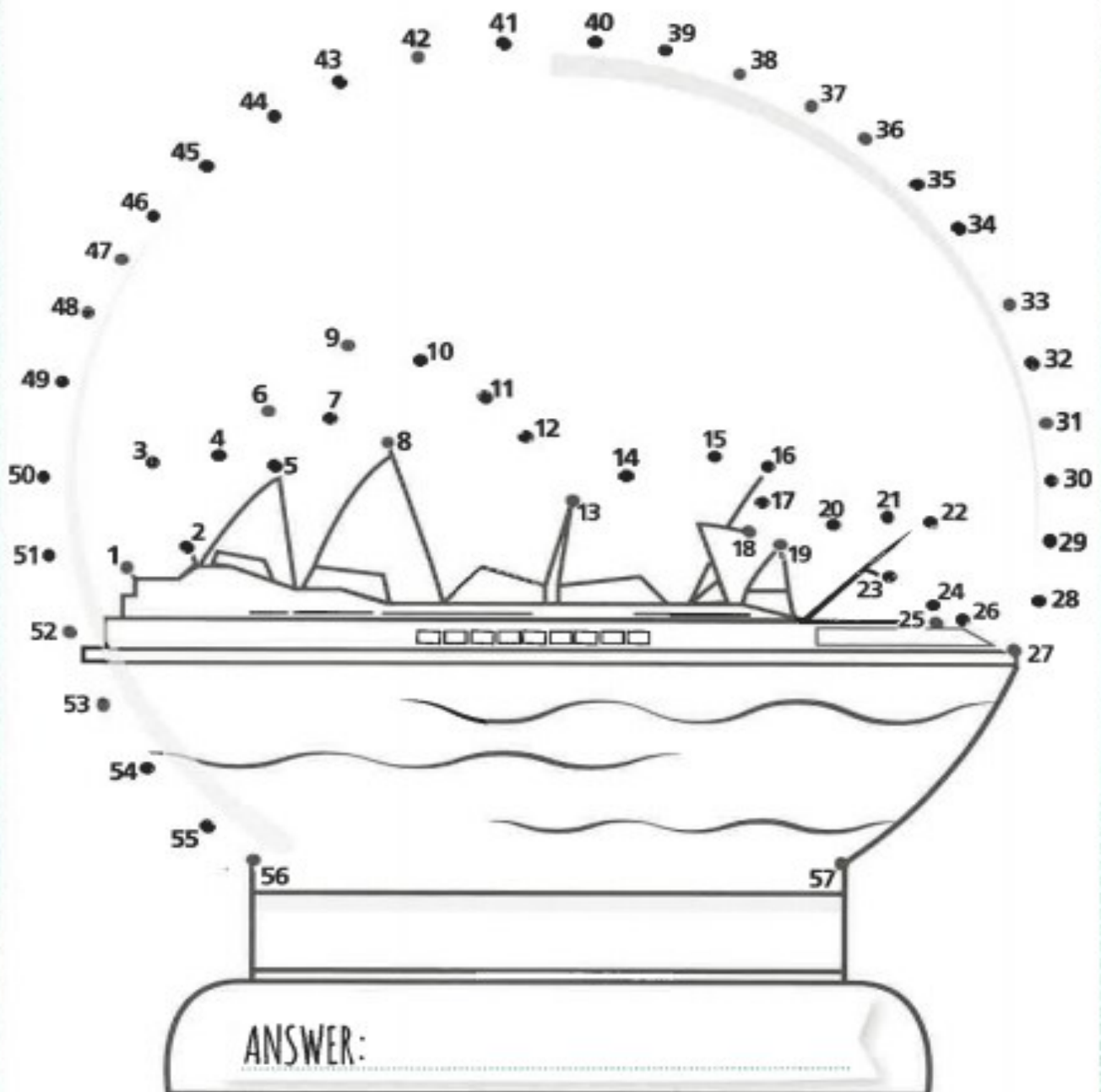


PRIDE

ANSWERS: A. FLOCK, B. FLIGHT, C. PACK,
D. POD, E. PRIDE, F. SCHOOL, G. SWARM.

Guess the landmark!

It looks like we have a mystery on our hands: which famous building is this? Connect the dots to reveal the man-made wonder. When you're done, write your answer below!



Discover Dubai



Dubai is home to some incredible structures, including the world's tallest building. Spend a bit of time getting to know the city a little better by finding the words below. Hopefully by the time you're done, you'll have a sense of this amazing place!

DESERT
PALM ISLAND
BURJ KHALIFA
BEACH

SUMMER
METROPOLIS
SHOPPING
RESORTS

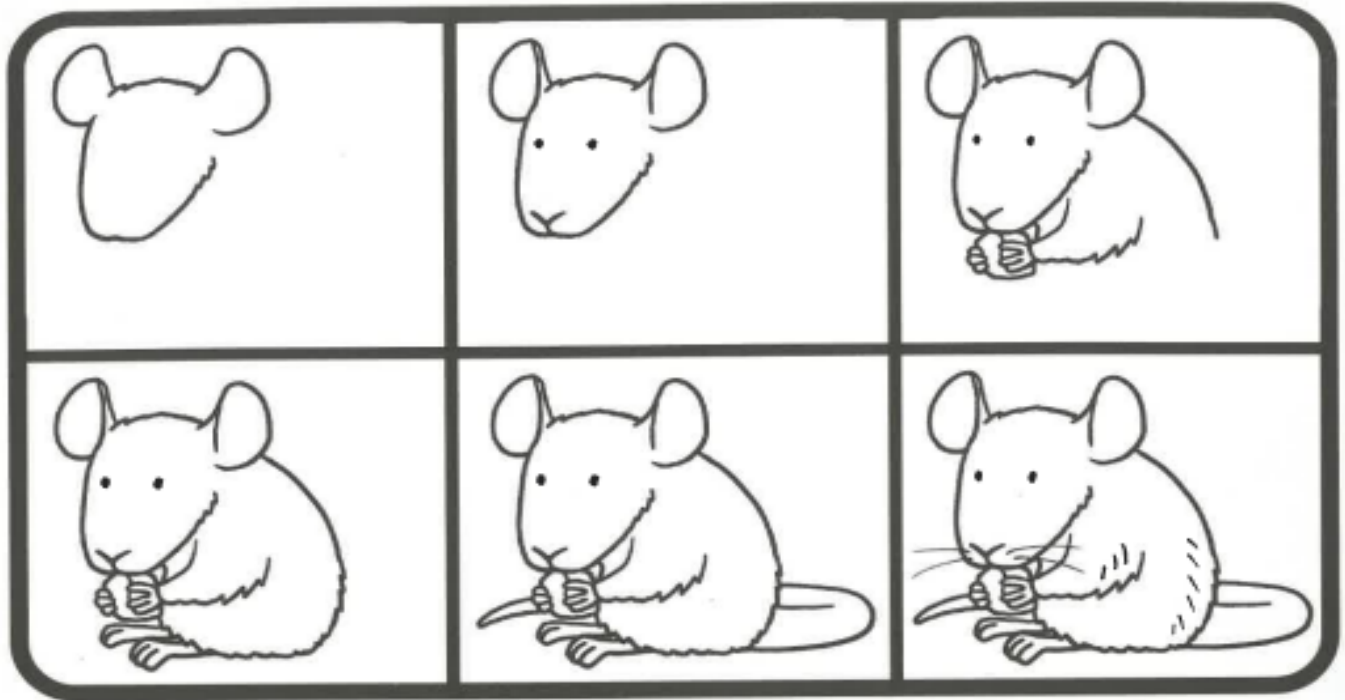
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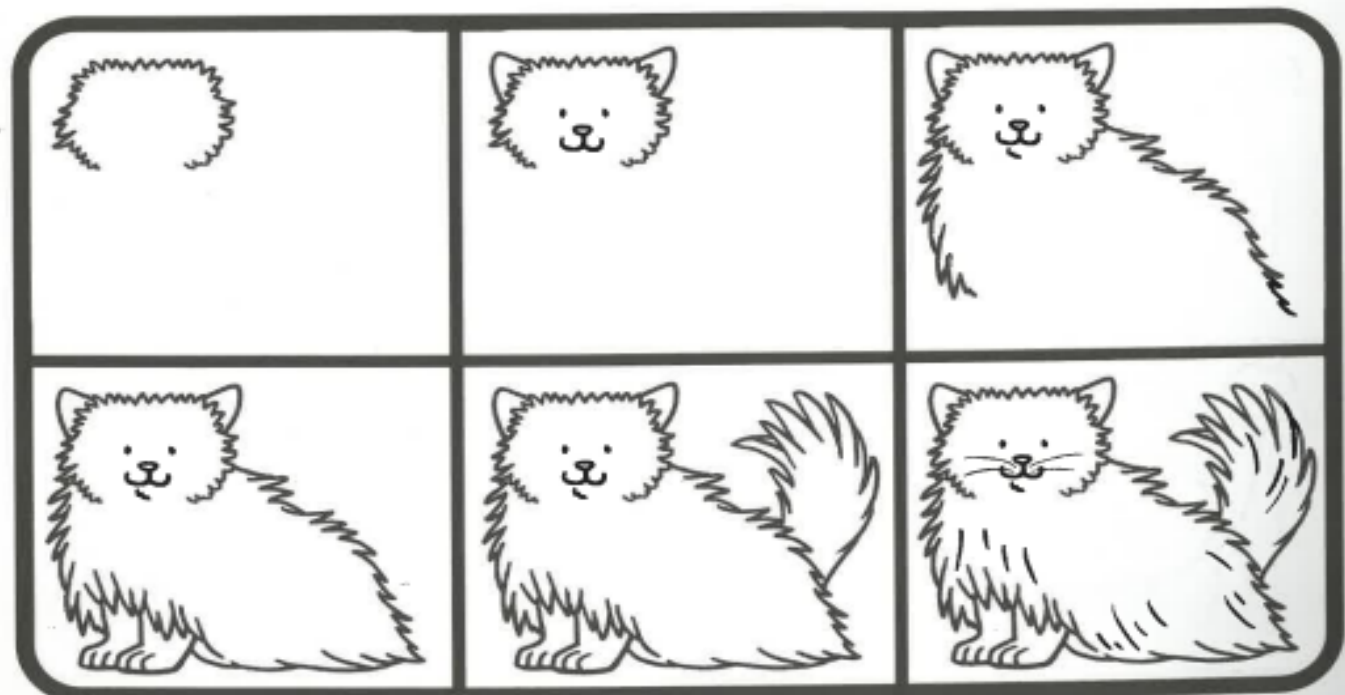


How to Draw.....

Mouse



Persian cat



Dates for the Calendar

BASKETBALL CLINIC

Starting 10th August—21 September @ 3:05 pm

TOUCH FOOTBALL CLINIC

20th August—17 September @ 3:05 pm

School Holidays

Term 3 finishes on

Friday 25 September 2020

Term 4 begins on

Monday 12 October 2020 (TBC)

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*

FACT

Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



No Parking

No waiting. You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalties from \$183
+ 3 DEMERIT POINTS



No Stopping

You must not stop on a length of road with a No Stopping sign. The first 10m from an intersection is a no stopping zone. Yellow kerb lines are also No Stopping zones.

Penalties from \$330
+ 3 DEMERIT POINTS



Bus Zone

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.

Penalties from \$330
+ 3 DEMERIT POINTS



Mobile Phones

Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone.

Penalties from \$439
+ 4 DEMERIT POINTS

May be subject to Double Demerits

Speeding Offences



40km/h is the limit.

Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones.

Penalties from \$192
+ 3 DEMERIT POINTS

May be subject to Double Demerits

Pedestrian Crossings

1. In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing.
2. Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.

Penalties from \$439
+ 3 DEMERIT POINTS

Driveways & Footpaths

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.

Penalties from \$330
+ 3 DEMERIT POINTS

U turns

Illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across double white lines.

Penalties from \$330
+ 3 DEMERIT POINTS

Double Parking

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.

Penalties from \$330
+ 3 DEMERIT POINTS

PENRITH CITY COUNCIL

Blacktown City Council

*Fines current as of March 2018. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.



Pathways Song

Written by Michelle Dennis
and the students of Holy Family Primary School Emerton
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CHORUS

I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS

VERSE 1

WE ARE SAFE WHEN WE ARE CALM
WE ARE SAFE WHEN WE PLAY TOGETHER
WE ARE SAFE WHEN WE USE EQUIPMENT
WE ARE SAFE WHEN WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER

CHORUS

I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS

VERSE 2

WE ARE LEARNERS WHEN WE'RE IN THE CLASSROOM
WE ARE LEARNERS WHEN WE LEARN ABOUT NEW THINGS
WE ARE LEARNERS WHEN WE USE EQUIPMENT
WE ARE LEARNERS WHEN WE ARE LISTENING

CHORUS

I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS

VERSE 3

WE ARE THE FACE OF JESUS WHEN WE USE KIND WORDS
WE ARE THE FACE OF JESUS WHEN WE'RE SHARING
WE ARE THE FACE OF JESUS WHEN WE SHOW RESPECT FOR OTHERS
WE ARE THE FACE OF JESUS WHEN WE'RE CARING

CHORUS

I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS

BRIDGE

MY JOB IS TO LEARN
YOUR JOB IS TO TEACH
YOU DO YOUR JOB AND I'LL DO MINE
AND THEN AT SCHOOL WE CAN HAVE A GREAT TIME!

CHORUS

I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS
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