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## Reflection

Imagine that your home had an inner, hidden courtyard in which you had a garden. No one knew about this secret garden. It was a place where you planted, tilled, laboured, weeded and harvested. The produce from this garden was then secretly distributed to many to nourish and delight them. This is an image of the depths of your soul. The home symbolizes your whole self. The inner and hidden garden symbolizes the inner and secret depths of your soul. The gardener is our Lord and He is the one who secretly enters, tilling, planting, weeding, growing and harvesting the many good fruits that come forth from your life. He desires to enter in secrecy, doing much labour in your life that no one knows about. The result, if you let Him in, will be experienced by the abundance of virtue that overflows, affecting the lives of many

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Dear Parents,

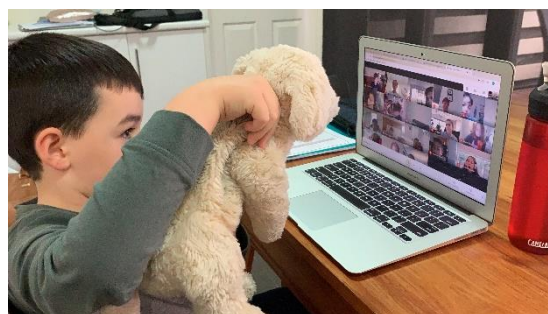
Week three is nearly over!!!! I know I keep saying it but it needs to be said, Congratulations to everyone involved (students teachers and parents) with remote learning. I have shared our approach with representatives of Catholic education informing them of the key elements that St Bede's has adopted through all of this is;

- quality teaching and learning occurring across key learning areas (google meets, daily timetable, learning activities, regular feedback)
- positive peer and teacher relationships being maintained (daily check ins)
- daily class prayer as well as religious learning opportunities (catholicity)
- every child having access to connect to school (Prep to year 6)
- technical support offered to keep everyone connected (contact school if anything is required)
- onsite learning for children of essential workers' (school is open including before and after school care)
- Maintaining the wellbeing of the students and families.

All children are different and learn differently so if at any time you need to adapt the daily program to cater to your family situation (teachers do it regularly in the classroom for all their students) please don't hesitate to do so. Please just let the classroom teacher know.

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Below you will find some photos of our students working from home. Even the toys are learning!!!!



Thank you to those parents who sent photos in last week. Please send any photos to the office so that we can include them in upcoming newsletters.

### Work commitments (essential services)

I ask that, if your family/work situation changes and you do need to send your child/children to school, that you contact the office directly to discuss this change.

### Congratulations

I forgot to mention in last week's newsletters the wonderful news of the engagement of Mr James Carbines to his partner Ali. This is a special time as they begin planning for the rest of their lives. I know our whole community congratulates them on their engagement.

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**Some more funnies from Lara (wellbeing Leader)**

**Q. What did the Dalmatian say after he ate lunch?**

A. That hit the spot.

**Q. What did the left eye say to the right eye?**

A. Between us, something smells.

**Q. What do you call a dinosaur that's sleeping?**

A. A dino-snore.

**Q. Why was 6 afraid of 7.**

A. Because 7, 8, 9.

## **School Photos**

School photos were to take place in May this year. They have been rescheduled for October.

## **Fees Term 2**

I would like to thank all the families who have finalised their school fee payments for Term 1 in the past two weeks and to those who have finalised 2020 completely.

As many in the St Bede's community cope with unprecedented changes to finances, emotional wellbeing and physical health caused by (COVID-19) I wish to reassure families that we are here to assist you in every way possible.

No parent or guardian who wishes their child to receive a Catholic education at St Bede's will be denied the opportunity to do so because of financial circumstances.

If you have concerns about your financial situation, please contact myself so that we can explore confidential financial support arrangements.

Term 2 payments are due on 13th May and those who have requested automatic credit card payments will be processed on that date.

Once again thank you for your continued support of the St Bede's community.

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This support will enable us to continue to provide rich and engaging learning activities, and strong pastoral support for all of our students.

## ST Bedes HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

During this time of remote learning the staff are constantly looking at ways we can continue the normality of school life. Our PE department have proposed the following; a virtual cross country as cross country was take place this term. Richard and Jenny have proposed the following. I remind everyone to still keep all the social distancing requirements etc that the government has put into place.

(From Richard and Jenny)

In term 2 we would have been holding our House Cross Country this week (and hopefully we still will be able to when we are back to school and can be together) but in the meantime. . .

We are still going to run our House cross country but do it individually on Thursday 7th May.

You can do it at ANYTIME during the day at a venue that you can get to with a parent. Macleay Park, Myrtle, Victoria Park, Gordon Barnard etc (most ovals are around 400 metres around the inside of the fence) or go somewhere where you know the rough distance you need to run. For those that know the school cross country route you might like to go and run your laps there.

**Your group age and distance you need to run is according to what age you are turning this year:**

Prep to Year 2 run 1km,

8, 9 and 10 year olds run 2km,

11, 12 and 13 year olds run 3km

Once you have completed your run/walk, then enter your details into the google form by 6pm (parents you might need to assist) to have your run included in the Remote House Cross Country tally.

To be included in the count you must upload a photo of yourself competing in House Cross Country (hopefully the photo is of you running in your house colours) on Seesaw or preferably attached to the google form (maybe do both)

We will make a short 2020 Collage or video to share of cross country COVID 19 style.

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You must submit and complete the information on the google form via this link <https://forms.gle/cByvDFaoTL7BYaFY9> or you can find a cross country page on the PE website from the quick links on the school website.

If you are attending school on that day please wear your house colours and you will run your distance around the school perimeter.

(We might get all staff to run also!!!!!!)

Have a great week everyone

Take care  
Brian

## TERM 2 DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY
<b>Term 2</b>	
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Commence Term 2
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> April	3/4 Family Mass @ 6pm - POSTPONED
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Mass @ 9am - CANCELLED
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> May	School Photos - POSTPONED TILL 19 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> May	St Bede's Open Day 9am-1pm - CANCELLED
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> May	St Bede's Feast Day - POSTPONED
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of Sacred Heart Mass - CANCELLED
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Yr 6 Commitment Mass for Confirmation - CANCELLED

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