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The wind blows where it pleases (Jn 3:8).

The creative Spirit is not enclosed within boundaries which we construct, but is at work in artists, writers, engineers, teachers ... in all of us who are alive with the Spirit, sharing in the creative life of God. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom (2 Cor 3:17).

Spirit of God, come as light to waiting minds.

Spirit of God, come as fire and kindle a flame of love in our hearts.

Spirit of God, come as morning dew to refresh us.

Spirit of God, come as the gentle breeze and fill us with your life-giving power.

Amen

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

A message from Principal Marisa Matthys

First Reconciliation

Yesterday we celebrated the Year Two students' First Reconciliation. The celebrations were a beautiful reflective time spent in our Church listening to Fr Steve speak about the Prodigal Son and God's love for each of us. I thank Fr Steve, Fr Tao and Fr Dixon for celebrating the sacrament and I congratulate Gabee Leone, Cassie Lia and the Year 2 teachers for preparing the students and organising the sacrament. Thank you also to the leaders who helped on the day. Our prayers are with the children and their families at this important time.

Transition

Our 2022 Prep students experienced their third and final transition day at St Mary's. Last week we could finally have the three classes all at once with their 2022 class teacher. It is so lovely getting to know everyone.

Farewell and Thank you

Congratulations and farewell to Mary McEntee who has chosen to have some 'me time' in 2022 which is so well deserved after dedicating 14 years of her life to the students, staff and families of St Mary's. I have valued Mary's support over my two years and look forward to hearing about her adventures. Mary will also be providing St Mary's with CRT work, of which we are extremely grateful.

Congratulations to Olivia Sharpe who has decided to take a break from fulltime classroom teaching to study and do CRT work. We will miss Olivia and thank her for her wonderful teaching, dedication and all she has contributed to St Mary's over the past 3 years. We wish her well and look forward to inviting her back for regular CRT work as well.

A message from Principal Marisa Matthys, continued.

VISION STATEMENT

**St. Mary's is a
dynamic Catholic
community of
empowered
learners engaging
justly in the world.**

Farewell and Thank you cont.

Farewell and thank you to two of our incredible Learning Support Officers, Lisa Tsakmakis 23 Years at St Marys and Jenny Browne 13 years. Both of these women have provided amazing support for the students (and staff) of St Mary's over many years. Their dedication and commitment has been immense and we are sad to see them go, however both are wanting to dedicate time to caring for their families and Jenny will also be travelling. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing about their lives after St Mary's and wish them well.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Victoria Pickworth, Catrina Studdert, Danni Ibbott, Aaron Harris and Luke Egan for their dedication and work. It is not easy coming into a school midway through the year and ensuring continuity, high quality learning and deep knowledge of the students yet all have shown a great commitment to teaching and wanting the best for our students.

Staffing 2022

I am pleased to be able to share our 2022 Staffing with you.

Prep: Marianne Di Fabio, Sally Kerr, Carolyn Smith

Year 1: Vesna Bosnjak, Angie Varvaris, Tania Micomonaco.6/Louise Zannino.4,

Year 2: Kirin Geale, Emma Maerz, Kate Hoseason .6/ Cris Brewer .4

Year 3: Grace Gibbons, Cassie Lia, Nichole Sorockyj

Year 4: Annie Bell, Joelle Lake, Taylor Leslie

Year 5: Robyn Vorster, Briar Wagner, Rob Williams

Year 6: Michelah Fabiyanic, Jeanette Merlo, Michelle Polifiore.6/Fiona Maclsaac.4

Specialists

Phys Ed: Fergal O'Reilly

Performing Arts: Kurt Geyer

Science/Digital Technology: Rochelle Lopez

Visual Arts: Jan Tivisini

Italian: Michelle Polifiore.2 /Gessie Burgio

Library: Fiona Maclsaac.6

Literacy Coach/Tutoring: Bec Mellerick

Intervention: Karen Watson.6

Chaplain: Jude Caspersz

Learning Support

Bernie Benson, Maggie Bradley, Bernadette Degiorgio, Linda Doherty, Daniela Feltrin, Fiona Henderson, Chloe Holmes, Renee Indovino, Vesna Karaula, Nancy Marino, Libby Salerno, Sam Sankey, Peter Shuttlewood, Holly Spicer, Lisa Trinh, Karen Weaver and Daniel Marasco.

Admin Team

Finance Manager: Rochelle Mietus

Administration Manager: Jennifer Baker

Administration Assistant: Sharyn Ryan

Art Exhibition

We look forward to sharing 'It's A Beautiful World' St Mary's art exhibition with you all via a link. Each class will visit the art areas around the school (in a covid safe way). The artwork has certainly lifted the spirits and the walls in our various buildings. What talented students we have at St Mary's! Congratulations to all of our artists, to Jan Tivisini and all staff who assisted with the exhibition. Special thanks goes to the Art Exhibition team who have spent many months organising this event.

School Closure Day Fri 26th November

Staff will be working in their teams with all new staff to plan for 2022. We are very excited to be working on consistent practices across the school, building a culture of learning and student voice, engagement and agency. Camp Australia will be open all day for any students who require supervision.

A message from Principal Marisa Matthys, continued.

Compass

We are excited that our parents will be moving onto Compass. The staff have been learning about the various functions and elements of the platform. Having one platform of communication will certainly assist the connection between parents and staff. So many of the functions will make life easier for parents and our Admin team. We will all require a certain amount of patience as we roll over, once again to a new way of working. From 2022 most forms of communication from admin will be through Compass eg. the Candela, reports, correspondence and attendance.

Keeping Covid Safe

Thank you to our parent community for supporting our Covid safe practices. Thus far the positive cases in Year 6 have remained at 5. We hope they will continue to decrease as our students recover. Thank you for supporting our practices of student mask wearing, hand hygiene and physical distancing where possible. The cases have certainly reminded the students that they are expected to wear a mask indoors and wear them correctly. We look forward to when all of our students can return to school.

Graduation

We are so excited that we can provide a graduation for our Year 6 students. Similar to last year, due to restrictions we are unable to have parents attend at this stage. We understand how disappointed parents will feel. We are currently looking into companies who can live stream the event.

Condolences

I recently received some sad news from Jacinta in the Parish Office. Christine McAllister who ran the Tuckshop, passed away yesterday. The three McAllister siblings attended St Mary's. The funeral will be on Saturday 25th of November at St Mary's Church at 12pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this sad time.



God Bless,

Marisa Matthys

Principal



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NOV



21	22	23	24 Reconciliation 12pm, 1pm & 2:40	25 Art Exhibition and Gallery Walk	26 School Closure Planning Day	27 First Eucharist 6:30pm
28 First Eucharist 8am, 10am and 5pm	29	30				

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5 First Eucharist 8am, 10am and 5pm Confirmation 1pm & 2:30pm	5	7 Year 1-6 Orientation	8 Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass, 9:15am - 10:15am Italian Fiesta Day!	9 Carols Night, is ONLINE	10 Yr 6 Big Day Out! Years 1-5 Dance & Gym	11
12	13 Final Assembly 2021	14 End of Year Thanksgiving Mass, 9:15-11:15am Year Six Graduation TBC	15 Handover Day Administration Staff			


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School Fees



Dear Families,

Attached with this Candela is important information regarding 2022 School Fees. Please read this carefully in preparation for the next year. There is a slip attached to the letter that will need to be returned to the school by the 3rd of December to acknowledge that you have received the information.

Thank you to all families that have paid their fees this year. Outstanding 2021 Fees are now overdue. If you do not have an existing arrangement, please make your payment as soon as possible. All fee statements are sent via email at the start of each term. Please ensure that you check your SPAM folder if you have not received your statement in your inbox, or contact me to check.

Many payment plans need to be assessed to ensure that the amount will cover you for 2022. Please check the new fees information and assess your amounts. Any adjustments to existing plans can be emailed to accounts@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au.

Please note that existing payment plans may have an end date if you did not nominate for it to be ongoing. Please check with me if you are unsure. Payment plans that have an end date will require a new form.

If you would like to start a payment plan please fill in one of the attached forms and return to the email as above, or drop it in to the office. These forms can also be located on the school website under Enrolments, School Fees.

Thank you and kind regards,
Rochelle Mietus
Finance Manager



Student of the Week

Prep S

Finn F

For always giving positive feedback to his peers and using the Three R's in our classroom

Dylan B

For working hard as a learner and sharing his thinking with his peers

Prep D

Matthew G

For doing a fantastic job settling in at your new school. You are always trying your best to follow classroom expectations. Keep up the great effort Matthew!!

Indiana P

For showing determination as a writer and making a wonderful effort into finishing your stories. Keep up the great work you are doing as an author!!

Prep KB

Elisha P

For the effort that you have made to begin your day in a positive and happy manner. It has been wonderful to see you grow in confidence this term by sitting on the mat with your peers and joining in class discussions to share your ideas. We are so proud of you Elisha!

Evie H

For the wonderful effort you have put into showing how you can be a responsible and respectful learner in the classroom and for the hard work you have been putting into your writing. Keep it up Evie!

1MZ

Hudson B

For showing amazing resilience when learning from home once again and great joy as you engaged in Google Meets with the whole class. Congratulations on showing us what resilience looks like!

Chelsea M

For the joy that you bring to your learning. You show so much enthusiasm in our classroom and always willingly share your ideas and experiences with the class.

1V

All students in 1V

For the incredible resilience you have all shown. Thank you for continuing to smile and demonstrate a positive attitude. I am so proud of you all!

1W

Max C

For continuing to work hard on your writing and creating an engaging Pig the Pug narrative. Keep up the great work!

Louis P

For displaying resilience during tricky tasks and always trying your best. Well done!

2P

Nate L

For the hard work and dedication that went into your persuasive writing presentation on why Macbook Pro is better than Windows. Well done on a great presentation and your excellent persuasive writing skills.

Spencer S

Your excellent syllable division skills. You have been working very hard in your reading activities and you are making great progress. Keep up your awesome attitude towards learning.

2M

Gabriella B

For all the MAGNIFICENT, KIND and CONSIDERATE students of Two M who extend kindness and thoughtfulness to one another.

Jack WT

For responding positively to advice about listening carefully and selecting positive working environments.

2S

Jayden A

For making a significant effort to demonstrate responsible behaviour in the classroom and for working hard to complete all your learning tasks. Well done Jayden, you stood out this week!

Charli Z

For working so hard on your persuasive writing piece and creating an excellent slideshow with cue cards to present to the class with pride. I love your enthusiasm and zest for learning life!

3G

Hannah S

For continuing to give your best effort during learning tasks and demonstrate resilience towards the end of a challenging year. Keep up the great work, Hannah!

Beth S

For continuing to be engaged in all learning areas and making consistent and valuable contributions to our classroom discussions. You're a valued member of our classroom, Beth!

3S

To all of 3S for your amazing resilience in Ms Sorockyj's absence.

3L

Isabel G

For always being a respectful and responsible member of our classroom. You demonstrate strong initiative and independence at all times. Well done Isabel!

Madeline K

For showing resilience in 3L and out in the yard. You have shown such positivity and growth in all of your learning since returning onsite. Keep it up Maddy!

4HW

All students in 4HW

For their consistent efforts and persistence as we near the end of Term Four. You are all superstars and we are so proud of you all! Keep the momentum going!

Student of the Week

4L

Xavier K

For working so responsibly and conscientiously in our classroom and always willingly helping others. Great work Xavier, we love having you in our classroom!

Flynn A

For approaching his school work with maturity and a positive attitude and being so responsible about your learning. You are doing a fantastic job Flynn - keep it up!

4M

For all 4M students. You have shown persistence and perseverance in all that you do. Your enthusiasm, motivation and willingness to do your best inspires you all to keep succeeding. Super proud of you all!

5G

Archer P

For always being a responsible class member, you show great leadership in the classroom by always helping others and contributing

Eva M

For approaching your school work with maturity and a positive attitude and being so responsible about your learning. You are doing a fantastic job Eva - keep it up!

5V

Lucas P

For demonstrating respect, responsibility and resilience at all times. You set a wonderful example for others to follow. Keep up the fantastic work Lucas!

Sienna N

For always demonstrating a positive growth mindset and being a wonderful example of our 3R's. Keep up the great effort Sienna!

5W

Emerson B

For settling in well and returning to school with a positive attitude. Well done Emerson!

Alannah F

For always demonstrating a positive growth mindset and always trying your best. Keep up the great effort Alannah!

6O

Maggie B

For your wonderful, magnificent, heartwarming free verse poetry about organ donations. Your descriptive piece of writing emotionally engaged your audience and highlighted how the generous actions of one person can aid another.

Hayden P

For your wonderful, magnificent, insightful free verse poetry about time. Your descriptive piece of writing engaged your audience on a journey of discovery regarding time and how precious time is to all of us.

6B

Alexia U

For putting a lot of effort into the design of her Primary School Memory Book. You have created a lovely memory keepsake to cherish forever. Well done.

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For putting a lot of effort into the design of your Primary School Memory Book. You have created a lovely memory keepsake to cherish forever. Well done.

Music and Drama

Eleanor F 6C

For working efficiently and keeping focused on your podcast tasks. Keep up the good work.

Xavier W 2S

For researching and sharing your findings about Bunjil with all of the class. Awesome initiative!

Art

To all students at St Mary's for demonstrating individuality and creativity in all of your Art Show contributions. It is wonderful to see our school alive with colour. Congratulations!

Science & Digi Tech

4HW and 4L

For displaying and sharing their wonderful coding skills. I was so impressed by how you were all helping each other out to create some pretty amazing code. Keep shining !!

Sport

Thomas T 5W

For being respectful and responsible and for sharing with the class your extensive knowledge of soccer, helping to answer questions that other students had. Well Done Thomas!

Logan T 1V

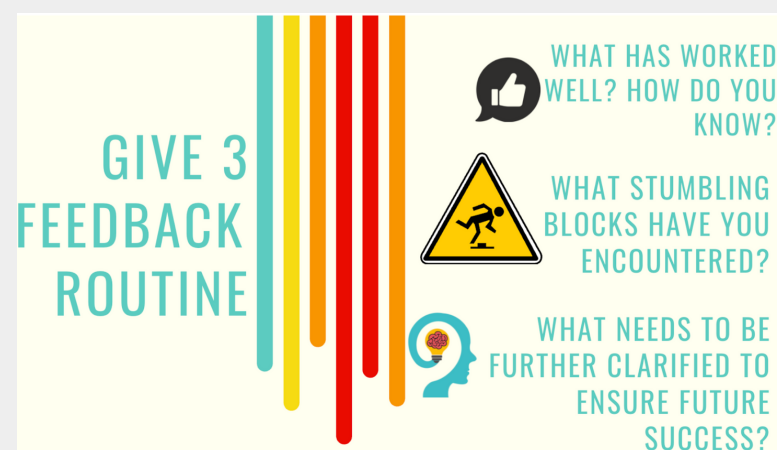
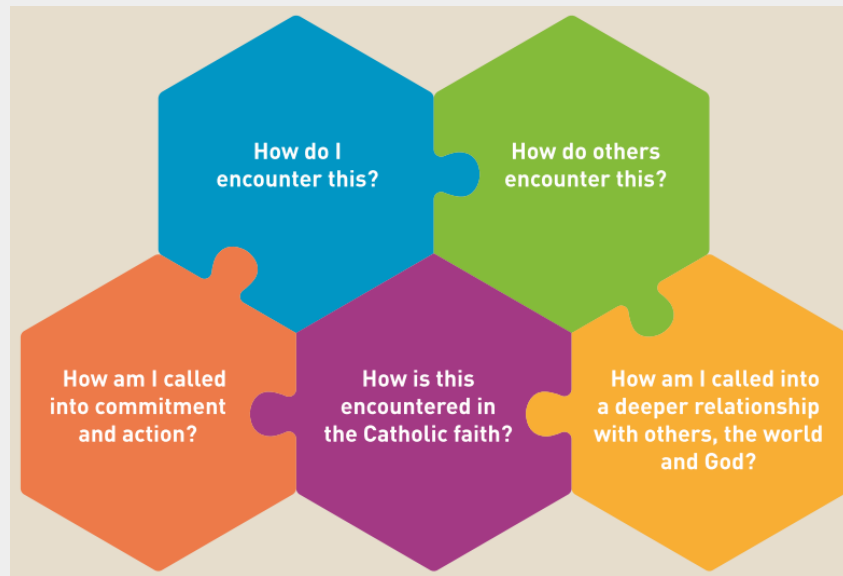
For showing great resilience and respect by showing up and enthusiastically participating in the remote learning sessions. Well done Logan!

Update on Pedagogy of Encounter

Catholic educators invite students to make sense of their world and their lives within a faith community that is faithful to the mission of Jesus (Horizons of Hope: Context, Catholic Education Melbourne 2016).

In the last few weeks all the teams have participated in Facilitated Planning sessions with Ingrid Green and myself. Facilitated planning takes place in a block of planning time during the week and it is led by the different curriculum leaders and session content varies (Literacy, Numeracy, Well Being etc) week to week depending on our Termly Professional Learning Plan.

'Pedagogy of Encounter' opens up new ways of thinking about learning spaces as ethical, responsive, transformable spaces. It seeks ways of enabling students and teachers to open themselves up to new ways of being in the world'. (Bronwyn Davies, 2015) Operating within a Pedagogy of Encounter students' lives and questions are at the centre of the learning, with an inquiry stance to take action as part of the learning. The Pedagogy of Encounter contains a framework of questions where students move from secular understanding to become agents of change while embracing the sacred dignity of all.



"Deep learning in a Catholic school unfolds as a process that respects the diverse cultures, worldviews and backgrounds of students and actively engages them with Catholic beliefs and values relevant to their learning" (Horizons of Hope: Pedagogy, Catholic Education Melbourne 2016).

Over the past 2 years St Mary's Staff have worked with Ingrid, Ana and I to develop a deep understanding and genuine connections between Religious Education and different host areas such as History, Science, Geography and Business & Economics etc in the Victorian Curriculum through the use of provocations. Provocations are connected to the big question, begin with the secular, need to be relatable, contain an issue, avoid steering a child's thinking and promote engagement.

Update on Pedagogy of Encounter



PROVOCATION

The Bedrooms Of Children Around ...
youtube.com



- Be secular
- Relatable
- Contain an issue
- Be connected to the Big Question
- Avoid steering a child's thinking
- Act to promote engagement



During the most recent Facilitated planning the teachers participated in Collaborative assessment of student work (formally called Moderation). This is an important part of the Teaching and Learning cycle. The process involves teachers analysing students' work against the RE learning descriptors and achievement standards in RE. We discussed the components and depth of understanding using Explain, Interrupt and Reflect while reviewing work samples. The process informs planning and learning progression, it provides teachers an opportunity to have robust discussion about expectations for assessment and reporting as well as validate effectiveness of tasks and become more familiar with standards. Ingrid Green presented a framework for Collaborative assessment of student work and teachers will use the questions to first generate their own anecdotal notes and then in teams to generate student data.

There was such positive feedback from teachers about the 'Collaborative assessment of student work' session and how well supported they felt in the sessions while extending their knowledge about standards and progression of learning. We look forward to this becoming an embedded pedagogical practice that grows students learning in the image and likeness of God.

Moderation Tool

1. Which standard does the piece sit within?

2. What do you think the student achieved...against a 5 point scale

3. What reason do you have for placing the student at particular standard?

4. What does the task actually ask for?

5. What questions arise from analysing the task?

6. What ideas can enhance this task for next time?

7. Where to next for a) me the teacher? And b) the student?



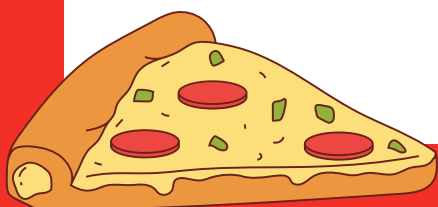
WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2021

Festa della Madonna

Any volunteers available to assist need to be fully vaccinated as per government requirements.

Any existing pre-orders for special lunch will be honoured. **Please do not reorder if you have already placed an order.** If you are unsure, you can contact Mel Mayne 0400 973 033.

If you have not placed an order you have until Wednesday, 1-December to place an order. 4pm is the strict cut off time.



Art Exhibition 2021

What a Wonderful World



It's Time to Celebrate
our Creative Talent!

All Student Artwork is currently being exhibited in
3 areas: MLC, FLC and Discovery Centre
Students will Participate in a Gallery Walk and Reflection on
Thursday 25th November

Our Virtual Gallery will be open online from Friday 26th
November.

Details will follow about how to access our online gallery.
I congratulate all students for their continued creativity and
enthusiasm during remote learning. It is great to witness
such adaptability and resilience toward our constantly
changing preparations

In the words of Romero Britto: "Art is too important not to
Share"



So I look forward to sharing the amazing talent of St Mary's
students, in the coming weeks.

Jan Tivisini
Visual Arts Teacher.




Tuckshop Opened!

Dear Families,




With the Tuckshop now able to reopen we are in need for some volunteers, even if you are able to help at our busiest time between 10am - 11:30am.


If we are unable to get enough volunteers then our options are to only open with very limited stock and a strict limit on lunch orders per day. Once we exceed that quota no orders will be further taken for the day.



Please let me know if you are able to help out especially on Thursday or Friday at our busiest days, we only require your assistance once or twice before the end of term.



Please note: At this stage there will be no over the counter sales at play time.

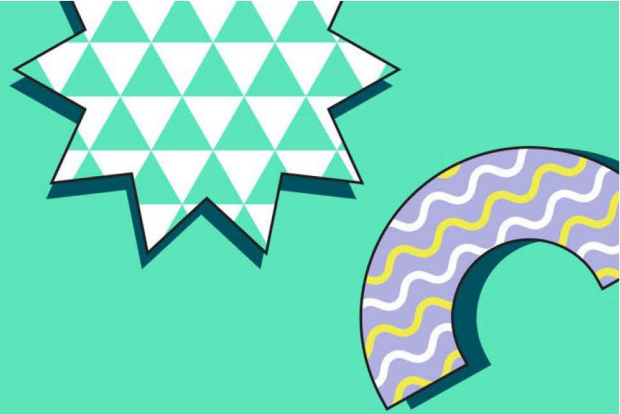


Call me on 0400 973 033

Regards Melanie Mayne



Newsletter



BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR MISSION IV

www.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers



A message from your Coordinator - Zoe

This term in OSHC is flying by, and the children have been very busy bees lately! Last week was Space Week and we had fun making Galaxy Pancakes, inventing great patterns for our Marbled Planets using shaving foam and food colouring, and making creepy aliens with playdough, googly eyes, and pipe cleaners.

This week is Your Talents Week, where we are celebrating the amazing talents the children show us every day. We've had a dance session, karaoke concert, magic show, and some Olympic-level sports games, and the children have had so much fun getting to show off what they're amazing at. What a talented bunch!

We're continuing to plan our awesome Rocketeers holiday program and can't wait to see everyone there! **Make sure you book in now to join in on the Rockstar fun!! We are available for all Pupil-Free and Curriculum Days as we head towards the end of term, so check your calendars now :)**

Activities coming up

- Festive Sun Catchers
- Summer Olympic Sports
- Christmas Crafts
- Rocketeers: Music Festival Fun!

What's on the menu

- Frozen Fruit Gelato
- Choc-Banana Muffins
- Christmas Pancakes
- Favourites: Mini Pizzas & Pita Chips

Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



**DIFFERENT JOURNEYS
IS VENTURING NORTH WEST!**

Autism Family Swim



& Social Event



Join our private all ages event on selected Saturdays

Events may be claimed on NDIS plans if applicable

4pm-6pm with BBQ dinner included on entry

Swimming not necessary but having fun is!



**Windy Hill Fitness Center
74 - 78 Napier St, Essendon**



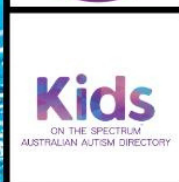
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