



EDITION Thirteen - June 2021

National Mass

Thank you for the wonderful celebrations that were held across Australia on 24 May.

The upcoming June edition of the [Faith in the Future](#) commemorative magazine, which is due for publication shortly, has a wonderful array of stories and photos that have been submitted.

There are also a range of photos and stories on the [200 years website](#).

Faith in the Future – Australian Student Version video

The [Faith in the Future Australian student video](#) was also a great success and it is hoped that this can be used at a range of celebrations in the remainder of the year and beyond. Thanks again to all who contributed to this initiative.

Upcoming Events

Family Week 8-14 August

Family Week will be held from 8 - 14 August 2021 and is an opportunity for Catholic school communities to celebrate the important role of families in Catholic education in Australia.

Family Week recognises the significant contribution families have made to the foundation,

growth and continuity of Catholic schools in Australia over 200 years.

The week also coincides with the Feast Day of Australia's First Saint, Mary MacKillop, who was a passionate educator and advocate for children and families.

This is meant to be a local school celebration and schools may choose a totally different activity, for example: A Family Mass, a Family Assembly for the whole school or by Year group, or a Family Picnic.

Or a school might decide to simply send out the Family Prayer card to all families or use one of the resources provided.

Dioceses/Schools may also choose to celebrate the contribution of families at a time/date that better suits their particular Diocese/School.

Resources already available:

- [Family Week - Suggested Events and Activities](#)
- [Newsletter Message template](#)
- [Draw your family colouring page](#)
- [St Mary MacKillop colouring page](#) (Source CEWA).

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The Family Week Prayer Card is in development and will be shared shortly.

Please note all files are saved in the [200 Years Branding Folder – Family Week Materials](#), and can also be accessed via the 200 Years website [Resource page](#).

Parliamentary Friends of Education event 31 August 2021 (6pm-8pm)

The Parliamentary Friends of Education, established by Hon Kevin Andrews MP and Senator Deborah O'Neill, in conjunction with the hosts the National Catholic Education Commission, will hold a cocktail event to celebrate 200 years of Catholic education in Australia at Parliament House Canberra on 31 August 6pm-8pm. The event will coincide with the National Catholic Education Commission's Directors of Education Meeting.

Virtual Symposium 27 October 2021 (approx time: 3pm-4.15pm AEDT)

Please mark this date in your calendars for our Virtual Symposium which will be a panel discussion on aspects of the Pastoral Letter, 200 Years Young.

The aim is to ask school staff to tune in as part of their staff meetings / after school. The symposium will also be recorded for use following the event.

Printed 200 Years A2 Poster

A limited number of printed [A2 posters](#) are available to purchase, cost \$2 per poster + Shipping. Placed orders via: ncec@ncec.catholic.edu.au

First Catholic School in the Diocese Commemorative Book

The commemorative book, which we expect to launch at the Parliamentary Friends of Education event on 31 August, is almost complete. Each Diocese will shortly receive the edited copy of their school for final review and approval.

We will begin taking pre-orders from early July via the [200 years website](#). Please check the website for the pre-purchase plan, as it is hoped that all orders can be made in advance so a cost-effective price can be offered.

This coffee table book features the first school in each of the existing Dioceses. This book would make a lovely 200 years commemorative gift for school communities and inclusion in school libraries.

Celebration partners

We would like to acknowledge the support of our Principal Partners - the Australian Catholic Superannuation and Retirement Fund, the University of Notre Dame and the Australian Catholic University; and our Gold Partners - Catholic Church Insurance and Texthelp, for their sponsorship and support of the 200 years celebrations.



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