



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Diamond Creek

Sacred Heart Newsletter

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4 June 2020

What's on at Sacred Heart

Mon 8 June Queen's Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tues 9 June Year 3 – 6 students return to school

Click on this link to view the school calendar: <https://www.shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au/calendar/>

Dear Sacred Heart Families and Friends,

Fr. Steve's Mass and Homily:

The link to last weekend's Mass can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXtoKfatSCs>

Dear Sacred Heart families and friends,

We are all excited about the return of our Year 3 – 6 students from Remote Education next Tuesday (as I am sure you are as well). Our Prep to Year 2 students have very quickly settled back into routines and are enjoying having access to all of the playground equipment but they too are excited about the older students returning.

As we all make this transition from Remote Education to on-site learning, the staff have been reflecting on what elements of the Remote Education programs that we should take forward with us as we enter a new 'normal' for schools.

In reflecting on this I found some very encouraging words in Fr. Steve's homily for Pentecost Sunday last weekend. He wrote:

"Do we allow the Spirit at this time to engage our minds & hearts to review & re-evaluate how we have lived on the treadmill of life, doing the same old things without really thinking & not leaving room for change in our lives?"

This is a time when we are particularly reliant on making good choices for the future & some of the world leaders will be written about in books to come, of the short-sighted, ignorant decisions they have taken that have had disastrous consequences for humanity.

Let's use the opportunity we have now to make informed changes for ourselves & our relationships for the future."

With this in mind we will soon be asking you to formally comment on how the experience of Remote Education was for you and your child/ren which will be added to the mid-year reports. This is an authentic recognition of the role that you have played in continuing your child/ren's learning programs, as provided by the school staff, throughout lockdown.

I am exceptionally proud of the leadership provided by Gina Murphy throughout this time, as I am exceptionally proud of the entire school staff who have ensured that the learning provided by them to our students has been personal, engaging and continually changing in response to their needs.

And I am proud of you and the positive manner in which you have embraced Remote Education and constantly kept the best interests of your child/ren's learning in your minds no matter what other pressures have been present. Therefore I am inviting you to email me with a 'pulse-check/mood of the meeting' response about your experiences of Remote Learning at Sacred Heart from your perspectives. I encourage you to use the approach of a PMI organising tool – Pluses, Minuses, and Interesting & Implications of your experiences. I am interested in your experiences, we and you will report on your child through the mid-year reports in the coming weeks.

Please send your emails to: josullivan@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au

Kind regards

Jim O'Sullivan
Principal



Student Wellbeing & P. E.



On Tuesday we welcome back our Year 3-6 students. It will be great to have all students back at school. As we prepare for the return of our all students to face-to-face learning and teaching there are a number of important matters that we would like to remind you about.

Attendance Onsite

As the main risk of transmission of COVID-19 in the school environment is between adults, it is important that visitors to school grounds are limited to those delivering or supporting essential school services and operations. The only adults permitted on school grounds are those employed by the school or those required to perform tasks to meet school requirements. All unwell staff and students must stay home. Any activities dependent on parent (or other) volunteers will be cancelled. School assemblies, excursions, camps and other non-essential gatherings will be postponed or conducted online.

School Start and Finish Times

From the beginning of the school day the Kiss and Drop Zone will be in place as a boundary for families dropping off or collecting students. Parents will be able to use kiss n drop in the morning as usual or walk their child/ren through the front gate. Once families enter the front gates, we will have an area with signs and staff members to welcome and direct the students to their classrooms.

Due to the building/landscaping works still continuing, the students will use the driveway between the Parish Hall and the School to proceed to their classrooms, as they did last term.

To help support the students' return to school and ease any anxieties that they may have, we will have a number of extra staff in the courtyard to support your son/daughter to their classroom. The class teachers will be in the classroom from 8.45 am where the students will go directly to the classrooms rather than lining up as we previously were doing. Please do not send your child/ren to school before 8.35 am, as the driveway gates will not be opened before this time. Any students arriving between 8.35 am and 8.45 am will be supervised in the courtyard.

At pick up time the students will walk out the front and we ask you to remain out the front of the school in the designated area or in your car until this time and not to come down the driveway. **Families with a surname starting from A to I will be dismissed at 3.15 pm and the remaining families at 3.25 pm.** We know that you will support us with this and please remember to practise social distancing with other parents in this space.

Hygiene

All staff and students will undertake regular hand hygiene and be encouraged to wash hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser, at every opportunity. The following occasions will be mandated for hand washing/sanitising:-

- on entering buildings/classrooms
- before and after eating
- before and after playtimes
- before and after using any shared equipment
- after blowing their nose, coughing or sneezing
- after using the toilet.

Where soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitiser is accessible around the school, including at the entry to every classroom.

Students will be expected to have their own refillable water bottle at school as drinking fountains are not to be used for drinking from directly (as a welcome back gift to each student we will provide a drink bottle).

Sharing of food by students will not be permitted.

Cleaning

Extra cleaning will be conducted during school hours.

High touch points will be sanitised. These include door handles, kitchen areas, handrails, shared tables & chairs, electrical fixtures & appliances, toilets.

Classroom and general use bins will be emptied during the day as well as at the end of the day.

Quite stringent protocols are stipulated in the Schools Cleaning Guide for cleaners to follow.

Shared Spaces, Equipment and Facilities

Children are not expected to maintain physical distancing of 1.5m.

Our Library will operate with books being quarantined after being returned.

Shared chairs and tables will be cleaned between uses.

The tuck shop will not be open at this stage.

Devices and charges that have been borrowed through the school need to be returned on the first day back for your child. If these could be given to the classroom teacher by the student.

We ask that students do not bring their own sports equipment to school.

First Aid

Standard precautions are appropriate for routine first aid cases, however staff will be required to wash their hands before and after performing any first aid care.

Staff or students experiencing compatible symptoms with COVID-19, such as fever, cough or sore throat will need to be collected by a parent as soon as possible. Higher level precautionary procedures will be implemented in these circumstances.

Schools have been advised that pre-emptively taking temperatures of students is considered not appropriate. However, if a child appears to be suffering a fever, the child's temperature may be taken as a means to gather information.

We will attempt to keep you up to date with information as we progress through this next stage of transition back to full time face to face learning and teaching. Thank you for your continuous support during these unprecedented times and we are excited to welcome back the students.

Have a great long weekend with your families before we return to our new 'normal'.

The following article has been written for a Catholic Education magazine:

Back to school with brand new classrooms at Sacred Heart Primary

Good things come to those who wait. For five years the staff, families and students at Sacred Heart Primary School in Diamond Creek have been waiting for their extensive development project to be completed. Finally, the wait is over and the newly refurbished building is ready!

And just in time too, explains Gina Murphy, Deputy Principal:

'The students are so excited, coming back after the COVID-19 school-ground closure. For us, it's wonderful that they're returning to the refurbished building with exciting new learning spaces.'

Collaboration is the key focus for the building design. Eight classrooms were re-designed to allow for greater interactions between students in the same year level. While students still have their own class, they are grouped around learning levels for work throughout the day. They study in settings that range from formal classroom seating, to smaller break-out spaces as well as pods for individual silent work.

The building features a lot of natural light, and spaces are linked in a way that allows people to transition through spaces without disturbing learning. Gina speaks about the effect of the internal and external building design:

'The light and flow within the newly refurbished building has already led to new ideas for our teachers and students alike. It's amazing to see how these new classrooms are creating changes within people.'

The front of the school will soon feature a new pathway and a large open garden that encourages (socially responsible) gatherings of parents. This garden encourages people to linger and to take time to speak with one another, rather than just rushing in and out of a traditional school-front entrance.'

She concludes:

'This project has created a great energy throughout the entire school community. We're really thankful for CDF's support, particularly from Rowena Gonzales our Relationship Manager, who made the whole loan application a very easy process.'



Pictured above: Gina Murphy (Deputy Principal) and Jim O’Sullivan (Principal). Students in their new classrooms post COVID-19 classroom closures.

Sacred Heart Primary School encourages cash-free payments to reduce virus transmissions

‘CDFpay at Sacred Heart Diamond Creek is ‘going great guns’. We’ve been using CDFpay for cash-free payments across a wide range of purposes. These include the uniform shop, a sausage sizzle fundraiser and soon we’ll use it at our canteen.

In this new environment of hyper-awareness about the transmission of COVID-19, it’s great to know we have a way to offer our school community a cash-free payment option for school activities.’

Gina Murphy
Deputy Principal, Sacred Heart School, Diamond Creek

Building/Landscape Update:

The final stages are coming together with the new driveway being completed and the landscaping taking form. We are still following up on various defects but otherwise we now have great learning spaces for the students to work and play in.

Enrolments for Year 7 2022 (current Grade 5 students):

Reminder to families of students in Year 5 that if you are looking at your son/daughter attending a Catholic Secondary school in 2022 applications close late August. You will need to make contact with the schools to obtain application forms.

House Points:

At the conclusion of week 7 the results were as follows:

BUNJIL (BLUE)	MACKILLOP (RED)	CORDNER (GREEN)
5000	5280	5410

Riddles of the Week:

Last week’s riddles and answers were:

- Take off my skin – I won’t cry, but you will! What am I?
An Onion
- How many bricks does it take to complete a building made of brick?
One brick (the last one).
- There are ten birds perched on a fence. A farmer aims his rifle and shoots one. How many birds are left?
One. The other birds, startled and flew away.

Riddles for this week are:

- What question can you never answer yes too? Thank you Izzy Jones for this riddle
- If you have me, you want to share me. If you share me, you haven't got me. What am I?
- What do you put on the table, cut and pass around but do not eat?

Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to the following students and staff that have a birthday in this newsletter time (Thursday to Thursday): Olivia Modine, Lucy Jones, Nicole Harris, Milan Tralongo, Jack Black, Isla Brooks and Heidi Madden.



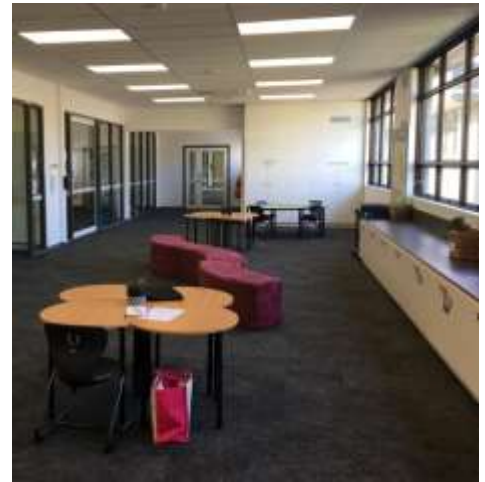
June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 WEEK 8 A	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 WEEK 9 B	9	10	11	12	13	14
QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	RETURN TO SCHOOL YEAR 3-6					
15 WEEK 10 A	16	17	18	19	20	21
Assembly - Remote				Sacred Heart Feast Day		
22 WEEK 11 B	23	24	25	26		
Assembly - Remote				Finish Term 2 2.30pm		

Building Update



Year 3/4 Classroom



Yr 3/4 Breakout Space



Osh Club



New Library



Yr P-2 Breakout Space



Multi-purpose Room Kitchen/Tuckshop



Welcome Garden



Prep - 1/2 Classrooms



Literacy Office




Upcoming Webinar for Parents

This school has a membership with Parenting Ideas, one of Australia's most trusted sources of parenting education and support. As part of this membership, all the parents in this school community can attend some fantastic webinars in 2020 at no cost. We're pleased to let you know about an upcoming webinar.

Understanding techno tantrums: 17 June 8-9pm AEST



 Watch from any device, any location

 See the expert as they speak

 Catch up recording available

Valued at
\$37 per person

Webinar Overview

In this digital era, chances are we've all experienced our children throwing a techno-tantrum. Techno-tantrums are completely normal and often a result of the neurobiological changes that occur when kids use technology. But this doesn't mean that we have to simply accept that they're part of our modern parenting reality. In this webinar Dr Kristy Goodwin helps parents and carers understand why children and teens emotionally combust when they digitally-disconnect, and how to establish new, healthy technology habits. Key learning and discussion points include:

- The science behind why kids and teens have techno tantrums and find it challenging to switch off screens
- How to establish and enforce firm guidelines and boundaries
- How to be the pilot of the digital plane
- Researched based, realistic strategies to help develop healthy digital behaviours so that screen time doesn't end in 'scream time'



[View video overview](#)

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Presenter Overview

Dr Kristy Goodwin is a digital wellbeing and performance speaker, author and researcher, and a mum who also deals with her kids' techno-tantrums! She's the author of *Raising Your Child in a Digital World*, and a media commentator who doesn't suggest that we ban the iPhone, or unplug the gaming console – she believes digital abstinence isn't the solution.



Kristy worked as an educator for fourteen years before becoming an academic and speaker who's on a mission to help children, teens and adults tame their technology habits so they're not a slave to the screen.

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This offer is valid until 17 September 2020.

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Articles for Parents

On the Parenting Ideas website you can also view and receive helpful articles to support your parenting journey.

Read up on topics such as:

- Resilience
- Siblings
- Bullying
- Positive Parenting
- Digital and Social Media
- Behaviour
- Confidence
- Friendships
- Anxiety
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News from the Parish

Regarding the decision to not resume Masses at this time.

Dear Parishioners,

You may well be aware that the Victorian Government has eased restrictions on gatherings in churches to a limit of 20 people. For funerals the restriction has been eased to have churches accommodate 50 people. The Archdiocese has provided guidelines and referred to procedures to be taken to ensure registering attendees, maintaining distancing, cleaning and sanitation, and has offered suggestions as to how parishioners could book-in to participate. Many parishes have used the opportunity to open their churches for Masses with the current restrictions.

I have had reservations about opening our churches for even 20 for Mass, but I decided to convoke a meeting of parishioners from each of our three parishes last Friday to decide how we would proceed

At this meeting, a decision was made, based on the majority (ten out of eleven) being in agreement that we would not resume Masses for our partnered parishes at this point of time. The twelfth person, who was an apology for the meeting, also later conveyed her full support of the decision. What follows are the considerations of the meeting in making this decision.

Inclusion

Firstly, it was considered that restricting the numbers, even to 20, results in excluding many who would like to celebrate Mass. It was felt that to exclude even some people is not consistent with what the Eucharist is about. Further, the suggestion that people could book in online would exclude those who do not have access to the internet, or the skills to navigate electronic booking systems; usually the older parishioners. The prospect of having to lock the church door when the 20 people are inside is totally abhorrent.

Duty of Care

Secondly, we feel a responsibility and duty of care for our parishioners, and even exercising the most diligent care, we cannot insure the safety of everyone to ensure that the virus is not spread through our gathering, especially when the majority of those who come to Mass are in a vulnerable age group.

Resources

Thirdly, it was considered that the extraordinary requirements necessary to be undertaken to record attendees, separate people, cleanse and sanitise the church before and after each use of the church was too demanding for us to undertake at this time for just 20 people.

I know the pain many of you are experiencing at this time in not being able to gather to celebrate Mass. Reception of the Eucharist on a weekly, or even daily basis has been a fundamental part of your faith.

Further considerations leading to this decision

The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our lives and thus leads us to the integrity of community. In this regard, it belongs in and to the whole community, without exclusion. As St Paul says, "...If one member suffers, all suffer together with it." 1 Cor 12:26. To privilege some at the exclusion of others, would be in contradiction with the essence of the Eucharist.

As a priest, I feel an enormous void, not just because the celebration of the Eucharist is a major part of my work as a priest, but because I've made the celebration of the Eucharist with the community for whom I am responsible, the very basis of my spiritual and prayer life, but I also feel a responsibility of care to ensure the safety of those who would come to Mass. I, and we, would be devastated if there was to be an outbreak of the virus because we have gathered for Mass.

I am acutely aware that we are not dealing with a nasty influenza, but a serious virus that is fatal for many. I am not acting out of fear in deciding not to have the Eucharist celebrated publicly yet, but rather, out of a duty of care where your safety at this stage outweighs my responsibility to celebrate the sacraments with you.

In the meantime we are investigating the information about the environmental cleaning and disinfection requirements that we would need to put into place when we open the churches for the celebration of Mass and the other sacraments.

The group who met last Friday will meet again on June 19th to review our position. The possibility of the number of attendees being increased to 100 will also influence our decisions.

Also, though I know this is not satisfactory, if you are able to access the internet, you can participate in the Sunday Mass that is celebrated on Saturday morning at one of our four church and is uploaded as a YouTube video and is made available directly on the YouTube App (just type in "St Mary's Greensborough Masses), or on our parish websites or Face Book Pages. Lenin also provides a video reflection on the Sunday Gospel, and Tao and I provide a written copy of our homilies, also available on the parish websites. For those who cannot access the internet, the 11.00 am Sunday Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral is continuing to be televised on C31, listed as Channel 44 on digital television.

Know that I hold you all in my thoughts and prayers in these difficult times that even challenge fundamentals of our faith life and practice.

Take care of each other and keep safe.

Fr. Steven.



News from the Office

SCHOOL FEES – 2ND Instalment due 01/05/2020

Please note, that the 2nd fee instalment of \$1105.00 was due by 1st May 2020. This can be paid via eft to the school's bank account or you can call the office to pay by credit card. This does not apply to families who have elected to pay their fees via direct debit. Account statements will be sent to families via email on request.

ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP (CDF PAY)

We are currently in the process of migrating our existing Administration system and so have had to temporarily close our CDF Pay online Uniform Shop.

You are still able to view and download the Uniform Order Form from our school website and/or email your order through to the office: office@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au. All payments can be made via credit card through the office or electronic transfer to the Uniform Shop bank account as shown below:

BSB: 633-000

ACC: 145331476

NAME: SHPA Uniform Shop

DESCRIPTION: YOUR NAME

The CDF Pay online Uniform Shop will be open for business as usual on the 9th June 2020.



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Catholic School**

Enrolments Open Now

Building Relationships



SCHOOL TOURS NOW OPEN
Any day by appointment—please contact the office

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Visit our Website

PRE PREP PROGRAM
Once a week running for six weeks in Term 3 & 4

ORIENTATION SESSIONS
Four Orientation sessions late in Term 4

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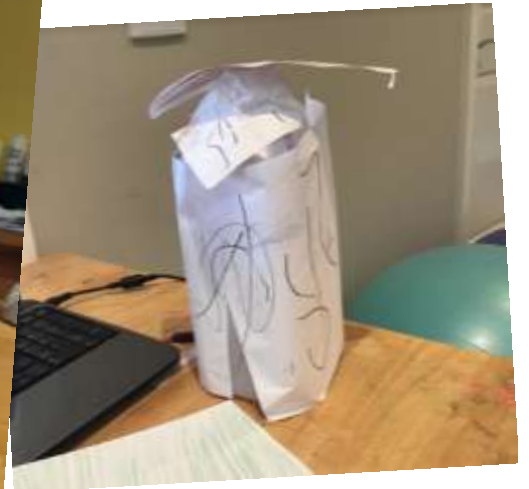
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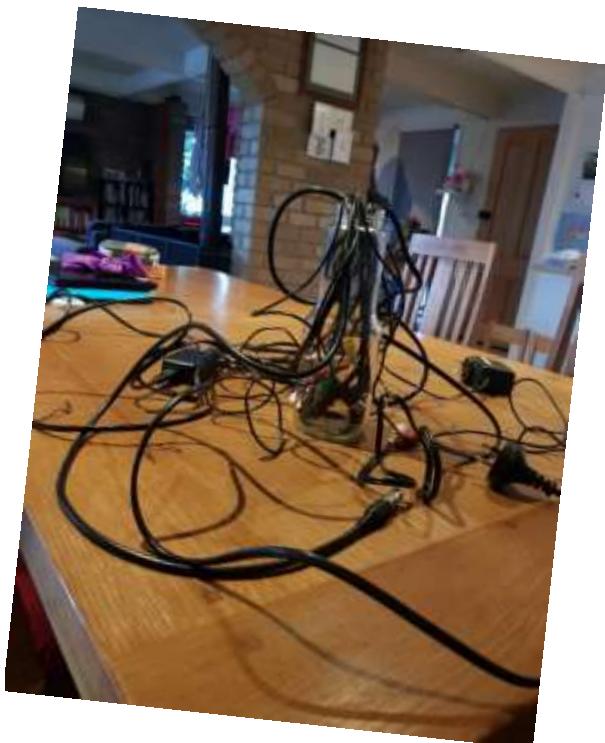
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Penny



Natalia



Monique



Charlie



Laila

Remote Art @ Sacred Heart

EXPLORING ANALOGOUS COLOUR SCHEMES

Grades 3 & 4

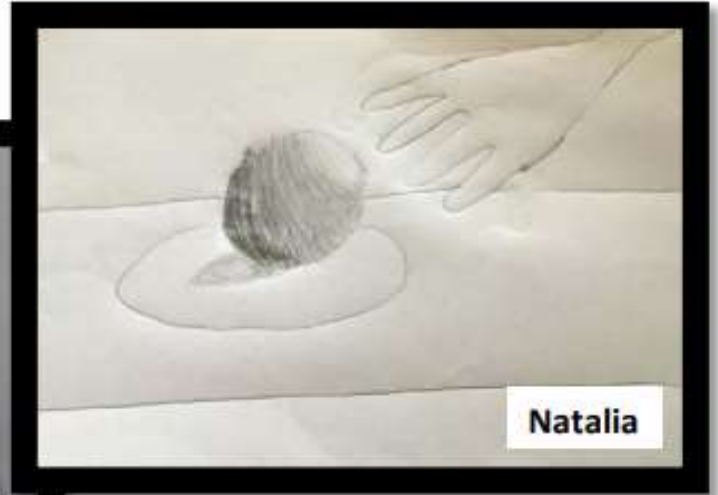


COLOUR VALUE / RENDERING

Grades 5 & 6



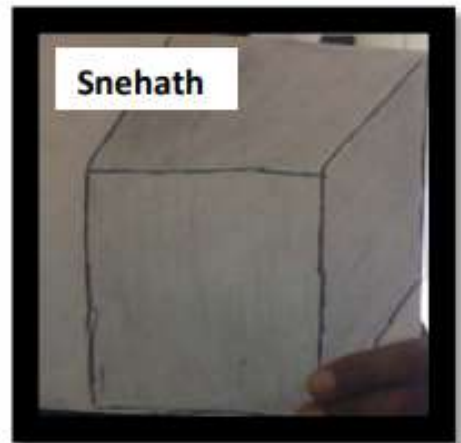
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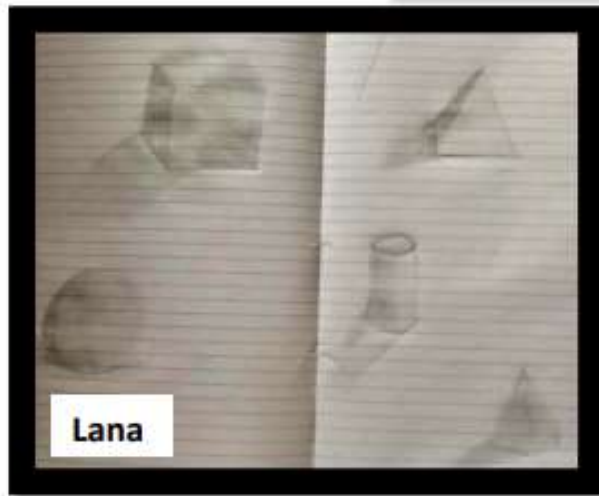
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ONE-POINT PERSPECTIVE by Noah Brooks



WARM & COOL COLOURS by Zarah Clough



Remote Education @ Sacred Heart



Cross stitch cushion made by Izzy

Community News

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