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RESUMPTION OF SRE CLASSES

As SRE teachers, our government considers you essential in schools. This is why you are being allowed back in schools, even when parents are not. You support the wellbeing of students and their families, which is particularly comforting in times of crisis.

We are all very excited to be returning to the SRE Classroom.

Some points to remember when entering the school –

- Don't come to school if you are feeling unwell or have flu like symptoms.
- Wash or sanitize your hands when you arrive and before you leave the school.
- Complete the EXTERNAL VISITORS TO SCHOOL SITE form using your own pen.
- Limit the number of items you take with you into the classroom.
- Avoid sharing resources, pens, pencils, white board markers etc with the students.
- If you hand out bibles they will need to be wiped over at the end of each lesson or before another student uses them.
- Ask your school before returning to SRE if you are able to have a helper with you in the SRE classroom? Helpers may not be permitted in some schools.
- Ask the school if you are able to do singing with the students? You are permitted to play music in the classroom however.
It is recommended that Student Activity Books remain in the classroom and that they are distributed and collected at the end of each lesson by the students.
- Children are not required to social distance from each other in schools but adults must maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres from each other and the students, this includes teachers and support staff.
- Avoid shaking hands.
- Maintain respiratory hygiene. Cover your cough or sneeze through coughing or sneezing into your elbow or tissue, disposing of tissues immediately. Always wash your hands after you have coughed, sneezed or blown your nose.
- If in doubt about any of the above, just ask your Parish Coordinator or school because individual schools will have different rulings on certain issues.

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Dear Catechists,

Welcome to Term 3 in the school year!

Thanks to the COVID 19 Pandemic we have had our SRE lessons ‘on pause’ for four months. I know some of you found this time of pausing restful and refreshing whilst others remained productive and focused on updating, sorting and culling SRE resources. Some of you discovered and made good use of Zoom by participating in Zoom meetings both for parish meetings and for family get togethers. And we have been creative in our worship and prayer in these times too with many participating in live streaming liturgies and prayers.

Now that we have heard from the Department of Education that **SRE will be reinstated in Term 3** it is time to get ready for our return to the SRE classroom. Those of you who have judged yourselves in the Vulnerable Health Category and have chosen not to return to SRE this term have our full support.

To those of you who will be going back into the SRE classrooms this term, I wish you well as you reconnect with your students. It’s encouraging to hear that many of you have been in contact with your local schools and that they are looking forward to SRE classes starting again.

There are some **particular requirements** of you when entering the schools as listed below under *Resumption of SRE Classes* - please follow those instructions and stay home on a day you feel unwell. However, on the whole it could be said that the new hygiene and distancing rules have made schools much safer in terms of common colds and other virus’ than in other years.

An updated scope and sequence of lessons has been created for the next two terms for each grade and your Parish Coordinator has this **list of lessons** for you. A special lesson for the first day back in the classroom has been designed to help you reconnect with the students, reminding them that God has been with us during these difficult months.

As we go back into the classrooms some SREs might feel awkward or inadequate: but be reassured that the stories of Jesus and your own love and kindness, **offers students hope and peace**; something the world longs for at this time. If you ever feel unsure or lacking in confidence, take a moment to be aware that the Holy Spirit is right by your side offering encouragement and strength as you teach.

It is also important to note that **SRE Training courses** will resume in Term 3, so please contact Maree to book your place for Level 1 at North Parramatta from August 31, & Level 2 at Marayong from July 27th (see details below). As we follow distancing rules, we still have a few places in each course.

Finally, I want to thank you for saying ‘yes’ to SRE and I ask God’s blessing on this ministry as we once again take the Word of God into public schools.

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Level 2

Level 2	9.30am to 2.30pm	Mondays Marayong Parish (Fr Byrne Centre)
Week 1	Faith & Meaning Understanding the Learner 2	27 th July
Week 2	Faith Development of the Student Understanding the Student with Additional Needs	3 rd August
Week 3	Hebrew Scriptures Classroom Management 3	10 th August
Week 4	Christian Scriptures Using Multi-Media in the Classroom	17 th August
Week 5	Exodus & Covenant Australia - Many Cultures, Many Faiths	24 th August
Week 6	Lesson Planning & Resources 2 Parish Based Sacraments & History of Sacraments of Initiation	31 st August
Week 7	Commandments & Beatitudes Sacraments, Signs & Symbols	7 th September
Week 8	Lesson Presentation & Reconnector	2 nd November

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Level 1

Level 1	9.30am to 2.30pm	Mondays at North Parramatta Parish Hall
Week 1	Introduction Breaking Open the Manual & Ways of Praying 'Senses of Scripture'	31st August
Week 2	Understanding the Learner Classroom Management 1	7th September
Week 3	Classroom Management 2 Communication through Questioning	14th September
Week 4	Meet the Bible 1 Multi-Sensory Teaching 1	21st September
Week 5	Meet the Bible 2 Multi-Sensory Teaching 2	12th October
Week 6	IT Resources Lesson Planning & Resources 1	19th October
Week 7	Diocesan Child Protection Policy & Department of Education Guidelines The 'LOT'	26th October
Week 8	Reconnector	23rd November