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The Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Dear Parents,

In spite of all the uncertainty in our lives nowadays, we still hope that we will have the First Reconciliation (Confession) program in **term 4 of this year**. Year four children and older children who have all been baptised can be enrolled in the preparation process.

Dates and the Preparation Process

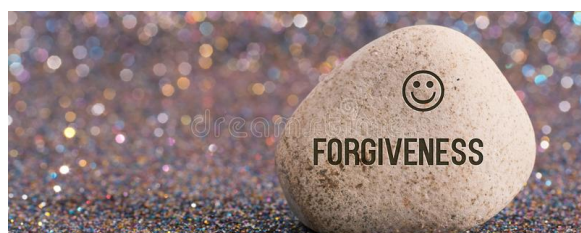
The actual date for the celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is to be on Wednesday **24th November at 7.00pm**. However, due to probable NSW Health Department restrictions for attending our small church, it is possible that **we may also have a provisional**, additional celebration of the Sacrament on **Tuesday 23rd November at 7.00pm**. There will also be a rehearsal/s on Monday 22nd November after school hours at time/s still to be advised.

The whole program will commence with a **Parent Evening** to be held on **Thursday 28th October at 7.30pm**. It is planned to have this meeting for (for one parent from each family) in the Santa Maria Hall at Lawson, but it is possible that our meeting may need to be via zoom. **Please mark all of these dates on your calendar.**

Our preferred option would have been to hold small family group sessions attended by each child with one parent over four weekends. However, due to restrictions associated with the covid crisis, the preparation program will be held in each family's home and there could be additional times for the actual celebration of the Sacrament.

Be assured that as it is necessary to have the home preparation that all materials and support will be provided for you to prepare your own child for this Sacrament of forgiveness.

As we do not know how the NSW Health department could react to increased cases of the Corona virus, it is even possible that actual ceremony of the Sacrament may need to be postponed until early 2022.



Let us pray that the danger of infection from the virus to everyone will be greatly lessened. Then we will have the opportunity to share together in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation the healing gift of forgiveness, which comes as part of our faith in Jesus.

It is our privilege to share with our children this wonderful truth --that we are forgiven!

" When we receive Jesus' forgiveness we feel at peace" *Pope Francis Feb 2014*

May God bless you and your family as you all step out to explore and experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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