



OLA NEWSLETTER NO: 19

20 November 2020

Prayer

Leader: *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.*

All: **Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom** (2 Cor 3:17).

Leader: *Spirit of God, come as light
to waiting minds.*

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

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

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

Amen.



Alive in the Spirit



Dear OLA Families,

What a fun and exciting time! Each day we are enjoying the opportunity of being together and creating special memories. Last week NAIDOC Week was the focus of our learning and celebrations and this week we have had the privilege of welcoming our 2021 Prep students onsite for their first transition day and the Grade 5 and Grade 6 students enjoyed a great experience of a day camp onsite here at OLA. Amongst all of this was our four year Review led by school reviewer Trish Cowling and our preparation for our OLA End of Year Concert. Another wonderful couple of weeks for our community. Thank you all for helping make life as normal and as safe as we can for our OLA students.

The next 2 weeks at a glance...

Monday 23 November	Grade 4/5, 5 & 6 Talent Quest
Monday 23 November	All dance costumes to be brought into school by today
Tuesday 24 November	Prep 2021 Transition Day 2
Tuesday 24 November	7.30pm P&F Meeting
Wednesday 25 November	Nude Food Day at OLA
Thursday 26 November	5.15-8.30pm Grade 4 Camp Experience onsite
Monday 30 November & Tuesday 1 December	Dance Concert Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 1 December	Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation
Tuesday 1 December	7.30pm OSAC Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 2 December	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - Planning 2021
Thursday 3 December	OLA Dance Concert Recording
Friday 4 December	Grade 6 Big Day Out

Review

We were so blessed to have Trish Cowling as our school reviewer this year; her wealth of knowledge will certainly have great influence on our next four year School Improvement Plan. We were so glad to hear a happy buzz about the school after each team's conversations with Trish whether that had been with staff, students or parents. Our OLA warmth, welcome and sense of community was shared, even through a computer screen! We look forward to hearing feedback from Trish on our next Review Dialogue & Engagement Day where Trish will work with our Leadership Team and Catholic Education Melbourne Southern Region Office personnel on Tuesday 8th December.

Student Voice During Review

Trish spoke with our OLA School Advisory Council on Tuesday and spoke of the OLA review as a wonderful experience. Trish was glowing about our great students stating the children at OLA were amazing. She noted that most importantly that there was a strong student voice. The students are proud of their school, the playgrounds and 'their church'! They spoke highly of the Art, STEM and Japanese rooms and how they feel cared for by the teachers. Trish congratulated the school on becoming the school of choice in the Cheltenham area. I thank all involved for being generous with their time and for being open to sharing what is working well and what could help make things better at OLA.



Prep Transition

How exciting and how wonderful it was to have our 2021 Prep students onsite with us on Tuesday for their first transition day. The children were on their best behaviour and were a joy to welcome into our community. What a huge day it was especially for our current Prep teacher Mrs Milinski and our Grade 5 Buddies!! Four groups of no more than 10 at a time came for a one hour session each. We will repeat this again on Tuesday 24 November and we will be in touch with families about plane for Monday 7 December. In 2021 we welcome 16 Preps who are from current families and 21 Preps who are new to our OLA family. With a total of 37 students joining OLA in 2021 we are very excited - we will provide two small classes with 18 and 19 students in each class.



NAIDOC Week

What a wonderful NAIDOC week we enjoyed here at OLA. Always Was, Always Will Be is this year's theme, recognising that our First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. We sincerely thank our staff for actively promoting this celebration within their classrooms and Mrs Lee and Mrs Traynor for supporting the staff with resourcing a range of activities for this week.

The Little Long Walk

Thank you also to Mrs Lee, Mrs Traynor and our Grade 5 FIRE Carriers for their enthusiasm and preparation of The OLA Little Long Walk - the first of its kind in the bayside area. Thank you also to the Happsa Group and The Long Walk Foundation for partnering with OLA for this special initiative. It was such a memorable morning and it was lovely to see the whole school involved - there really is something quite special about the whole community doing the same thing at the same time. We had to be very agile to ensure that we modified the event to meet the restrictions currently in place. Each class was rostered on to meet under the beautiful gum tree with an acknowledgement of country and some story telling, followed by the SRC leaders passing on the indigenous message stick and the FIRE Carriers led a lap of the school with the banners proudly acknowledging, 'Always Was. Always Will Be'.

We would like to once again thank The Long Walk Foundation and Happsa Group for choosing our school to collaborate on this project and for giving our students an opportunity to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture. We hope we can partner again in 2021.



Confirmation

In accordance with revised liturgical guidelines, we are pleased to acknowledge our Grade 6 students will be able to celebrate their Confirmation this year, in a modified capacity. We sincerely thank Fr Alan, who has been granted the faculty to administer the Sacrament following strict guidelines, for being so accommodating with these arrangements. Whilst we appreciate the significance of this special occasion for our families, at this stage, due to the restricted numbers, we are unable to have a sponsor or parents present. As a result we will explore some suitable recording and photography options for our families. More information is available on page 6.



Dance Concert

A big thank you to our students for their energy and enthusiasm for Performing Arts at OLA. The preparation for the end of year Dance Concert has been a huge highlight in our week and has certainly helped students to settle back into onsite learning and working together to achieve something amazing. Thank you to staff for being fully present at dance concert sessions and for being up front celebrating and praising students' efforts. It is wonderful that so many of our students are shining and that we are learning more and more about the many talents in our community. Costumes are due on Monday 23 November. Please shout out if we can help with anything. Please see pages 13 & 14 for more information.



Literacy/Numeracy Testing

Please note that in recent weeks staff have been working with children to complete the necessary curriculum testing. This testing fulfils the requirements for our data collection and for the end of year reporting process. This assessment data is also passed on to the 2021 teacher to inform their practice and provide a starting point to each child's individual learning journey.



Library Loans

We have now begun the process of auditing the borrowing records for the library. Our records indicate that there are a number of children with a number of outstanding books. We are asking that you encourage and support your child to locate all library books and return them to the library. Many thanks for your cooperation.

2020 Key Dates

Monday 7 December	Prep 2021 Transition Sessions - Details to be confirmed
Monday 7 December	Grade 6 Surf Life Saving Victoria Beach Safety Program
Tuesday 8 December	OLA School Review Day 4 with Trish Cowling - Feedback
Tuesday 8 December	Grade 5 Surf Life Saving Victoria Beach Safety Program
Thursday 10 December	Gr 1-6 'Orientation' - Meet new teacher and class for 2021
Thursday 10 December	Reports distributed to families
Friday 11 December	Graduation Celebration Day - last day for Grade 6
Monday 14 December	Prep Nativity
Thursday 17 December	Last day for Prep - Grade 5
Thursday 17 December	New leaders, end of year paraliturgy and assembly
Thursday 17 December	1pm end of year finish
Friday 18 December	Last day for Staff

AND FINALLY...

It was wonderful to have a visit from students in 3MC who were super proud of their bar graphs Their smiles tell it all.

As the year comes to an end at great speed, it may be a timely reminder that children of all ages enjoy parental and teacher recognition. They like when their parents and teachers make a fuss over their behaviour or highlight something they've done well. We are all working on this especially in this important term. Thank you for your support everyone.



Richard Jacques
Principal

All students attending Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Primary School have the right to feel safe and be safe. The highest possible standard of care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school community.

Religious Dimensions



Confirmation

The challenges of these months of COVID have been many, not least the postponement of the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation as originally set for the 17th and 19th of June, 2020.

Last week Archbishop Peter Commensoli informed Parish Priests that they have been delegated the authority to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. This delegation of authority is granted until 31 December 2020.

Given this update, Fr Alan has requested that we commence plans for the Sacrament to be celebrated before the end of the year. The Sacrament will need to be conducted within the guidelines set out by The Chief Health Officer of Victoria as well as the General Liturgical Guidelines as established by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

We understand that families see this Sacrament as a significant milestone in their child's faith journey. We also understand that this Sacrament is often celebrated with family, extended family and friends.

We acknowledge this will not be the traditional way of celebrating Confirmation within our community. It is, however, an opportunity for candidates to receive the Sacrament in 2020 together with their friends.

At Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, the following arrangements have been made;

- Date: Tuesday 1st December
- Time: 9:30am
- Location: Parish Church (Victorian Government/Catholic Archdiocese Guidelines permitting)
- The Sacrament will be celebrated using the approved Rite of Confirmation within a Mass.
- The Parish and School will follow the health and safety guidelines as established by the Archdiocese and DHHS.
- Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, parents are unable to attend.
- There will be one proxy sponsor to stand in the place of the sponsors for all the candidates to be Confirmed in a single liturgy. Richard Jacques, as our School Principal, will be the proxy sponsor for all candidates.
- Children will be asked to wear smart casual clothes for this occasion. These can be brought in a separate bag; students will be allocated time to change before and after the Sacrament.
- A photographer will take a photo of each candidate on the day of the ceremony.
- Adults attending will include Fr Alan Fox, Richard Jacques, Caitlan Taig, Josy Reeder, Gen O'Meara Gerry Verstoep and Mark Buccilli.

Given the significant changes being made to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, parents may decide that they would prefer not to have their child receive the Sacrament in the manner being offered. Families may decide to have their son or daughter receive the Sacrament next year. If you would like your child to take part in the celebration of the Sacrament in 2021 you will need to inform the Parish Office in 2021 to clarify details regarding dates and times. If you would like to discuss details for the Sacrament please contact Caitlan Taig (Religious Education Leader) via email on ctaig@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au or through the school office.

Religious Dimensions

“We pray with our head, heart and hands”

Advent

With Advent beginning on 29th November, now is a perfect time to consider how you will spend this special time of waiting and hope in our Catholic faith. Often, chocolate Advent calendars are a hit with kids, but have you considered co-creating your own as a family? Here are some ideas:

 <p>1 Decorate the Christmas tree</p>	<p>2 DIY an Advent Wreath</p>	<p>3 Read a Christmas story</p>	<p>4 Write a letter to Santa</p>	<p>5 Make popcorn tinsel</p>
<p>6 Have a scavenger hunt</p>	<p>7 Make an ornament for the Christmas tree</p>	<p>8 Watch a Christmas movie</p>	<p>9 Make hot chocolate</p> 	<p>10 Make a handprint reindeer</p>
<p>11 Look at local Christmas lights</p> 	<p>12 Do something kind for someone else</p>	<p>13 Do a Christmas mindfulness colouring activity</p>	<p>14 Play a board game as a family</p> 	<p>15 Play a game outside as a family</p>
<p>16 Make Christmas cards for friends and family</p>	<p>17 Research Christmas in another country</p>	<p>18 Build a family fort</p> 	<p>19 Cook or bake as a family</p> 	<p>20 Random act of kindness...</p>
<p>21 Bake some treats for a loved one</p>	<p>22 Listen to Christmas carols</p>	<p>23 Go for a walk as a family</p>	<p>24 Leave some treats out for someone special ~  milk, carrots and cookies? </p>	

Religious Dimensions

“We pray with our head, heart and hands”

St Vincent De Paul Advent Giving Tree

We are very excited to announce that our Grade 6 Mini Vinnie (Social Justice) Leaders will be partnering with our local St Vincent De Paul conference again this year to host an Advent Giving Tree.



The Mini Vinnie Leaders will set the Advent Tree up in the front office on Tuesday 1st December. The tree will have different tags on it, representing children in our local area who would benefit from a helping hand this Christmas. The ornaments will include the gender and age of each individual child. If you are keen to participate, please come and collect an ornament from the office and purchase a gift for that child. Once the gift has been purchased and wrapped, please drop it off back to the office, with the ornament attached to it.

The Grade 6 Mini Vinnie Leaders will send out more information soon!

First Sunday of Advent – 29th November 2020

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT - HOPE

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Mark 13: 33-37

Stay awake!
You never know when
the Lord will come.





Gospel Reflection

The Gospel tells us we need to make sure we are ready for the Lord.

- What does the word 'hope' mean to you?
- What does Advent mean to you?
- What is Jesus asking of the disciples when he tells them to stay awake?
- How can we show others that we are people who are awake and ready?
- How does this Gospel show hope?



God of Hope,

We ask you to guide us as people of hope this Advent. We pray for our sisters and brothers around the world who are affected by COVID-19. Help us to prepare our hearts for you and to find ways to be hope for others.

In your name we pray,

Caitlan Taig
Religious Education Leader

Amen

FIRE CARRIER

Fun fact!



Last week our school was lucky to be able to participate in The Little Long Walk. We were able to learn more about the Long Walk and the importance of allowing Australians to express their commitment to reconciliation and a united Australia.



We learnt about Michael Long and how he championed the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cause within the AFL. Michael is just one of more than 175 known AFL players of Indigenous heritage. Here are a few more.

Daniel Wells

Daniel Wells played 258 games for North Melbourne and Collingwood. He was born in South Australia but grew up in Western Australia and played for Peel Thunder. Wells is probably most well known for his goal of the year in 2004 - where he grabbed the ball in a ruck contest and kicked in the same motion while in mid-air. Daniel Wells retired last season.

Daniel Rioli

Daniel Rioli, cousin to Cyril Rioli, plays for Richmond. In 2017 he won goal of the year and is a 3-time premiership player. He was born in Fremantle but grew up in Pirlangimpi on Melville Island, among the Tiwi Islands of the Northern Territory. In 2018 Daniel Rioli and Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti did the Long Walk.

Joe Andrew Johnsen

Joe Johnsen is commonly recognized as the first-ever Indigenous Australian to play in the VFL. He was born on 19 January 1883 and died on 23 April 1934. He made his VFL debut for Fitzroy at the age of 21. Johnsen retired in 1906, after 55 games, 15 goals and 2 VFL premierships. The Fire Carriers, on behalf of all the students would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Lee, Mrs Traynor and the Happs Group. Without their support and guidance we would not have been able to recognise and celebrate Indigenous culture in such a significant way. It was a great week to be able to recognise both the Long Walk and NAIDOC week.



Elliot D, FIRE Carrier



Wellbeing

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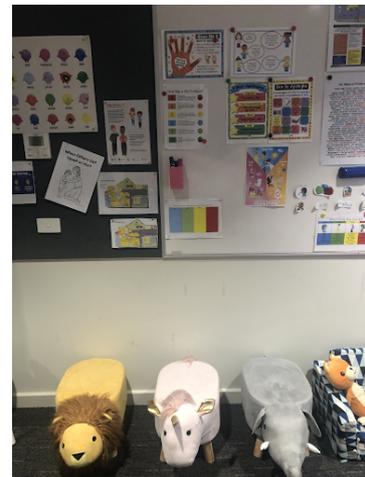
In our **Chill Out room** we provide children with opportunities to self-regulate and to remain calm at times they feel angry, mad or sad. It is also a place to go when they feel unsafe or worried. Instead of punishing children who struggle to regulate their emotions, we have established a calming Chill Out room where children can go to re-center, calm down or chill out. Children can get overwhelmed by big emotions in their tiny bodies, whether it's frustration or anger or sadness this provides them an appropriate outlet. We all know big emotions can escalate into yelling, shouting, name calling, lashing out, tantrums and even physical attacks which we do not want.



This is our OLA Chill Out room!



chill out



Wellbeing

at

OLA

Gardening Club

Over the past few weeks the gardening group have been preparing the garden boxes for the new vegetable crops. They have used full sized shovels to turn the soil. They have also had some fun digging some very large holes!



Congratulations to Mia!

Last week she used the blower vacuum for the first time.

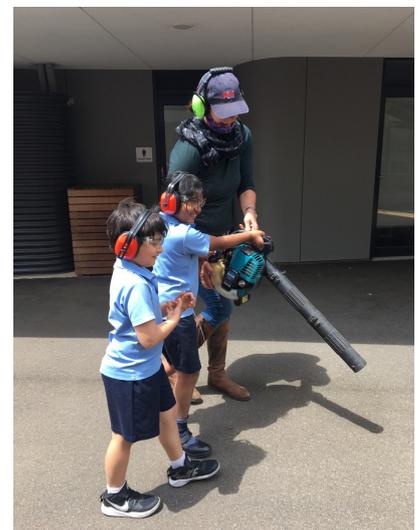
Well done!



Stay Safe

Josy Reeder

Learning Diversity and Wellbeing Leader



Mad About Science



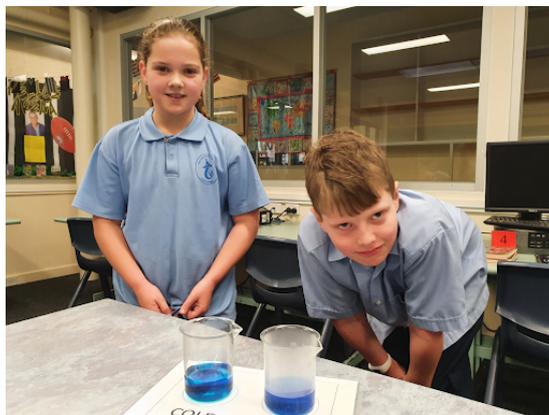
We were lucky to have Science Virtual incursions this term to reinforce the skills and content learnt during our science inquiry lessons at school. Experienced and passionate science educational specialists provided quality workshops aligned with the Curriculum, and blended enticing class demonstrations with small-group experiments to facilitate genuine learning.

During the sessions students were able to develop critical and creative thinking skills, ask questions, make predictions and draw conclusions using scientific methods.

I learnt that some stuff can change colour in water. This tells us how acidic something is. – Henry

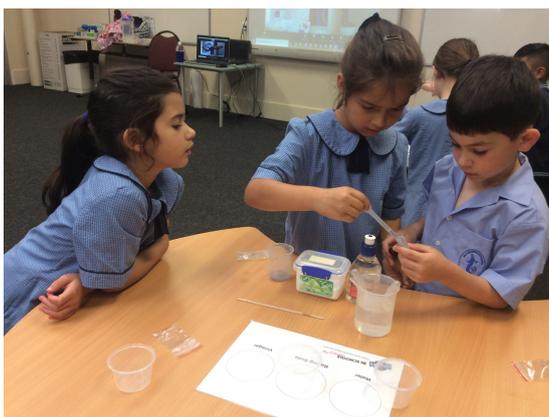
I learnt that everything is made out of chemicals. – Michael

I learnt that baby oil and water doesn't mix because the density of it is different. – Ben S



I enjoyed learning about science, it was fun to do the experiments. – Ben P

I enjoyed combining Alka Seltzer and water. They reacted and popped the lid off the test tube. – Kobi





Class	Comstume ideas
4 SE	Colourful wig Tie-die/colourful t-shirt Colourful shorts/pants
4 JD	Fluro colours
4/5 FL	Blue/Green t-shirt with denim shorts or pants. Girls with ribbons or scrunchies in their hair.
5 NC	Think 'hip hop'. Oversized t-shirt/jumper, flannelette shirt tied around the waist, bandana or backwards cap, etc.
5 FJ	Think 'rock and roll/Hairspray'. Girls: Rock and roll skirt with white t-shirt. Boys: jeans or black pants, white t-shirt
6GO	Think '90's street style'. Overalls, skater dress with t-shirt underneath, oversized t-shirts, etc.
6 MB	Think 'country'. Blue denim pants/skirt/shorts White t-shirt or singlet with flannelette shirt. Cowboy/girl hats

Josy Reeder

Learning and Teaching Leader

Grade 4 Camp Experience Evening 2020

On Thursday 26 November all Grade 4 students are invited to attend a Camp Experience Evening which will be held in Brigid Hall. The aim of this program is to familiarise students with the Camp Education Program that they will be participating in during Grade Five. All students are requested to arrive in their pyjamas (Onezees or long PJs will be the fashion statement of the evening! No short PJs please) and children need to have suitable foot wear on their feet. We ask that they bring along a pillow and a sleeping bag for the Camp presentation and the movie. Students will be provided with a light supper, and participate in a range of activities just like they would do on camp. We look forward to sharing this evening with the students. Please refer to Operoo for more details of the night.



Michela Vella

Middle Level Leader

Grade 5 Day Camp

As we missed out on camp this year we did a day camp instead! Thursday was the day and we had so much fun! We were split into two different groups for our activities.

We rode billy-go karts. We built a mini billy-go kart as a team and we did a workshop where we were in groups to build something of our own.



We also did activities on the oval which were focussed on teamwork! There was an island hopping activity, a blindfolded obstacle course with a partner and a few other activities where we worked as a team.



At the end of the day we got to paint and pot a plant. We are really grateful to do these amazing activities similar to camp! It was a fantastic day! **Aisla.R and Melina.R 4/5FL**



We look forward to hearing from our Grade 6's in the next newsletter.

Athletics Winners

Towards the end of Term 1 and in some parts of Term 2, children in Years 3-6 were participating in athletics events. Not all events were covered as we had an athletics carnival planned, however this was cancelled due to Covid restrictions and remote learning.

Here are the results for the events we had completed in PE classes:

100m sprint

Under 12 Girls	Under 12 Boys	Under 11 Girls	Under 11 Boys	Under 9/10 Girls	Under 9/10 Boys
1. Indiana D	1. Jake W	1. Emily G	1. Gabriel P	1. Neve H	1. Jensen H
2. Ruby H	2. Aiden F	2. Imogen D	2. Cash C	2. Keira K	2. William C
3. Saskia B	3. George M	3. Gemma S	3. Gilbert E	3. Olivia C	3. Ryder M



200m sprint



Under 12 Girls	Under 12 Boys	Under 11 Girls	Under 11 Boys	Under 9/10 Girls	Under 9/10 Boys
1. Indiana D	1. Aiden F	1. Emily G	1. Gabriel P	1. Neve H	1. William C
2. Ruby H	2. Jake W	2. Cadence F	2. Cash C	2. Grace T	2. Jensen H
3. Saskia B	3. George M	3. Imogen D	3. Gilbert E	3. Keira K	3. Miller H

Hurdles

Under 12 Girls	Under 12 Boys	Under 11 Girls	Under 11 Boys	Under 9/10 Girls	Under 9/10 Boys
1. Indiana D	1. George M	1. Emily G	1. Gabriel P	1. Keira K	1. Elliot D
2. Ella O	2. Aiden F	2. Gemma S	2. Lucas H	2. Grace T	2. William C
3. Saskia B	3. Jake W	3. Keeley W	3. Angus S	3. Lily K	3. Jensen H

800m

Under 12 Girls	Under 12 Boys	Under 11 Girls	Under 11 Boys	Under 9/10 Girls	Under 9/10 Boys
1. Indiana D	1. Aiden F	1. Emily G	1. Gabriel P	1. Maggie F	1. William C
2. Amelia N	2. Jake W	2. Keeley W	2. Daniel Mc	2. Grace T	2. Elliot D
3. Lana J	3. Ronan M	3. Gemma S	3. Joel C	3. Eleni B	3. Jensen H

Triple Jump



Under 12 Girls	Under 12 Boys	Under 11 Girls	Under 11 Boys	Under 9/10 Girls	Under 9/10 Boys
1. Indiana D	1. Aiden F	1. Emily G	1. Gabriel P	1. Keira K	1. Jensen H
2. Isha G	2. Ronan M	2. Cadence F	2. Xander T	2. Neve H	2. Freddie B
3. Tiffany B	3. Jake W	3. Gemma S	3. Gilbert E	3. Olivia C	3. Oscar L

Liz Thompson

P.E Teacher

BAKED IN THE CANTEEN
FRESH THIS FORTNIGHT

Choc-Coconut Slice
50¢ each



BAYSIDE CANTTEENS

This is an easy rub in gingerbread recipe. The recipe can also be used to make a gingerbread house. Remember before you open the oven door make sure your doors are shut so they can't run away.

GINGERBREAD MEN

1 ½ cups plain flour	½ cup brown sugar
½ teaspoon bicarbonate soda	2 tablespoons golden syrup
1 teaspoon ground ginger	1 egg, beaten
45g butter	

1. Place flour, bicarbonate soda and ginger into a bowl.
2. Rub in the butter. Add sugar.
3. Mic together the golden syrup, and egg. Add mixture to the dry ingredients and mix to form a dough. Knead until smooth.
4. Lightly flour a surface and roll dough out to 5mm thick.
5. With gingerbread or biscuit cutters cut out the dough shapes. When necessary re-knead and roll the dough out again.
6. Decorate the gingerbread with dried fruit or M&M's.
7. Bake in a moderate oven for 10 minutes or until pale golden.
8. Cool slightly on tray before placing onto a wire rack.
9. Biscuits can then be iced.

Makes **approximately** 18 gingerbread men.

Dough can be kept wrapped in plastic wrap in the refrigerator for a few days before cutting out shapes.

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Term 4
Week 7

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AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

Australian Girls Choir Open Day

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to come along to our Virtual Open Day on Sunday November 22 to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Please visit our website to register to attend our free Virtual Open Day: <https://ausgirlschoir.com.au/openday2020/>