



## Sydney Catholic Schools **MONTHLY BULLETIN**

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Anniversaries are very special occasions and they serve as a time to remember, reflect and celebrate. Importantly, they are also moments of recommitment of purpose and an affirmation of future hopes. Anniversaries of all types bring together in a very special way the continuum of past, present and future. This is certainly true of the bicentenary of Catholic education in Australia, a momentous occasion which we mark in 2020-2021.

The bicentenary of Catholic education invites each of us to remember the past with gratitude, and be inspired by the story of struggle and success, as we look forward with faith in the future. This will be a great time for Sydney Catholic Schools.

#### **National Prayer/Song/Resources**

Bicentenary celebrations are being coordinated in part by the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC), which has released a national prayer and song. Both of these can be found on the NCEC [website](#) and we encourage you to use these when appropriate.

A range of bicentenary resources has also been published on [RE Online](#). This includes historical facts, stories and a photo gallery. The site will be updated regularly. We encourage you to use these resources in your school newsletter. You should also look at the SCS Facebook and [School News site](#), which also have articles and posts about the 200 Year Celebration.

#### **Fence Banner**

During the next few weeks, NCEC will provide fence banners to each Catholic school across Australia for display in 2021. Further information will be provided in the coming weeks.

#### **School Foundation Stone Dates/Blessing and Opening Dates**

In an effort to know more about each school's beginnings, schools are asked to provide some of the key information recorded on the foundation stone. RECs are asked to complete this [Google Form](#) by Thursday 3 December, 2020.

#### **St Mary's to St Catherine's - online edition**

An updated edition of St Mary's to St Catherine's will be made available next year. This will include information on the schools that have opened since 2006. In the coming weeks, schools will be contacted about updating their historical profile for this online edition.

**Date Claimer**

A National Mass will be celebrated on the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians on Monday, 24 May 2021, at St Mary's Cathedral, starting 10:30am. Further information will be provided in upcoming monthly bulletins.

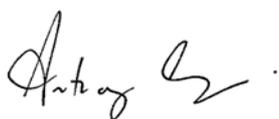
**The Steering Committee**

I would like to acknowledge members of the 200 Years Steering Committee: Glen Thompson, Anne-Marie Fensom, Catherine Nolan, Eva Spata, Isabella Fichera, Jackie Mishriki, Michael Kelleher, Br Nicholas Harsas fsp OAM, Hayley Wilding, Fr Joe Murphy, Tim Cleary and Joseph Payne. The committee will help plan for and take forward many of the initiatives outlined in this bulletin and on RE Online.

**200 Years Contact for Sydney Catholic Schools**

Questions regarding the bicentenary of Catholic education celebrations should be referred to Glen Thompson via [glen.thompson@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:glen.thompson@syd.catholic.edu.au)

Yours in Christ,



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