



Thursday 27th May 2021

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week I had the great pleasure of travelling with our Year 6 leaders and their teachers to our nation's capital on the Year 6 Canberra excursion. The excursion was highly successful mainly due to the wonderful efforts of the children. After the trip many parents expressed their gratitude to our staff and the enjoyment they had following the events via the excursion blog. I thank again the staff who travelled with the children for the care and commitment they showed to make the trip such a success and congratulate the children on their outstanding efforts. A more detailed excursion report will be in next week's newsletter.

Mums in the Morning

With the recent disappointment of our cancelled Mother's Day celebrations we are planning a Mums in the Morning event for Friday 18th June (Week 9). The morning will begin with a cuppa and chat along with a muffin or banana bread before school, our regular Friday Awards Assembly including a performance from our School Band and a chance for mums to visit classrooms and do some Maths activities with their child/ren. I look forward to a big roll up of our mums to come and enjoy a belated celebration at school.

Winter Appeal

The Mums in the Morning event will coincide with our St Vincent De Paul's Winter Appeal. Over the next month we are asking students to start collecting non-perishable food items, blankets and warm clothes for this appeal. On Friday 18th June we will have a Pyjama and Popcorn Day to remind students to bring in their items.

Cross Country

We were fortunate to have a glorious day for the *Broken Bay Cross Country held at Fagan Park* on Tuesday. After the cancellation of school sport events last year, it was a wonderful opportunity for 13 St Patrick's students to join with approximately 500 students from other CSBB primary schools, to compete with the encouragement of family members as spectators. Thank you to Mrs Lucinda MacMahon for organising the day and Mrs Bec Daly who assisted with our school team.

Kinder Enrolments 2022

We are building our Kinder enrolment numbers for 2022 with already enough applications for one class with an expected second class to follow. The school continues to seek enrolments and I ask for our current families' support. Our data shows that the most likely way new families come to enrol in our school is via a recommendation from current families.

I warmly encourage parents who are seeking enrolment, or families you know who are seeking enrolment for Kindergarten 2022 and haven't yet applied, to do so as soon as possible. Please pick up an application package from the office, or [download here](#) to receive one.

Cookbook

We encourage families to get involved by downloading our recipe maker at www.bit.ly/recipe-maker-stpats to enter your favourite recipes. Each fortnight, up to five (5) recipes per family can be submitted which will give you more chances to win one of our lucky prizes from local businesses.

Paddy's Playgroup

Paddy's Kids Playgroup is returning each Friday from next week (Friday 4th June) after a long break due to Covid-safe restrictions. The playgroup, run by our school and parent community with support from the Kuring-Gai Chase Catholic Parish, will be held in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Patrick's School each Friday morning from 9am. There is so much fun to have with story time, structured activities, craft and music. The children will also have time for unstructured play where they can socialise and use their imagination while they play with their new friends. We ask that you bring some morning tea, usually piece of fruit for your child to have during the morning. Come along and try it out this term for **FREE**, with subsequent costs of \$15 per term or \$3 per casual play.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal