



Thursday 13th May 2021

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



Dear Parents and Carers,

The disappointment felt by cancellation of the Mother's Day celebration last Friday was certainly improved by the highly successful Mother's Day Stall. I have not witnessed a better-looking display of gifts for the children to choose from for their mum. The excited smiling faces of the children said it all after they had picked a special gift to give. A big thank you goes out to Mrs Monique Ciampi and the team for organising and facilitating a great event. Although we couldn't have a morning cuppa and treat it was nice to send the treat home with the special corsage of flowers that were supplied by the P&F and made by one of our mums Ms Lita Samuels from Hanisi Blossoms.



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 in the *next few weeks*. Please pick up an application package from the office, or [download here](#) to receive one.

Covid-safe Restrictions

A reminder that the current restrictions have been extended for the Greater Sydney region (including Wollongong, Central Coast and Blue Mountains) until 12:01am on Monday 17th May. Although we have returned to our usual arrival and dismissal routines with parents being able to enter the school site all parents and visitors to schools should maintain 1.5m distance from other adults where practicable. Avoid congestion of groups of adults in specific areas where possible. Please sign in using the Service NSW App by scanning the school QR Code if you are staying onsite for an extended period of time.

Cookbook

Even though we were unable to relaunch the St. Patrick's Cookbook at the Mother's Day Celebration last Friday we are still looking for the wonderful family recipes to share. We encourage all families to get involved by downloading our recipe maker at www.bit.ly/recipe-maker-stpats to enter your favourite recipes. 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.

Uniform

This week is the final week of the 'phase in' period for Winter uniform. All students should be in full Winter uniform by this coming Monday 17th May. Please [click here](#) to see expectations about uniform. Thanks to the students and parents who adhere to this.

Catholic Schools Broken Bay- Culture Survey

Last week parents were invited to participate in a Culture Survey as part of the Catholic Schools Broken Bay Towards 2025 strategy for the Diocese of Broken Bay. The Culture Survey will help shape the culture of our school and diocese. The survey is open to all parents in our school community and will be available for completion until 14th May. To access the survey, please refer to the communication sent via Compass earlier this week.

Proposed Road Upgrade by Hornsby Council

Hornsby Council have put forward a proposed upgrade of the intersection directly outside St. Patrick's involving Royston Pde, Baldwin Ave and Sherbrook Rd. The proposal is seeking to better manage the traffic and pedestrian flow and improve safety. Those interested can find more information via the council website including how you can have your say about the proposal. [Click here](#) to access the council website.

God bless you and your families.

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