



Thursday 10th June 2021

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our teachers are currently busy writing reports for each child for Semester 1 which will become available through COMPASS in Week 10. I strongly urge all parents to have a conversation with their children about the report, both the 'achievement' but importantly also their 'effort'.

I thank our teachers who have worked long hours to prepare the reports for parents. Please take the time to read through the reports and parents who would like to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher following the reports, are most welcome to do so. (Please contact the school office to initiate the interview).

School Mass- Feast of the Sacred Heart

This Friday 11th June, the children will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with a school mass for Years 2-6. Each year the Feast is celebrated 19 days after Pentecost, on a Friday. The Feast of the Sacred Heart has been in the church calendar since 1856 and is a devotion that acknowledges and celebrates Jesus' divine love for us all. Due to Covid-safe restrictions on the church capacity, we are unable to have parents attend.

Kinder Enrolments 2022

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.

Mums in the Morning

We currently have 117 responses for the Mums in the Morning event on Friday 18th June from 8am. To assist with catering and Covid-safe planning I ask parents to [register by clicking the link](#) and completing the form provided by Friday this week (June 11th). I look forward to a big roll up of our mums to come and enjoy a belated celebration at school. Please note the uniform shop will not be open that morning.

Winter Appeal

The Mums in the Morning event will coincide with our St Vincent De Paul's Winter Appeal. 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. Our mums are welcome to get involved by wearing their pyjamas too!

Cookbook

We encourage families to get involved by SUBMITTING YOUR DELICIOUS RECIPES in our [NEW EASY Google Form](#). Each fortnight, up to five (5) recipes per family in total (not each week) can be submitted which will give you more chances to win one of our lucky prizes from local businesses. Parents can view all the **PRIZES** on offer for the next 6 weeks [HERE](#):

Paddy's Playgroup

We had seven preschool children and their parents or grandparent come along for our first Paddy's Playgroup last Friday, where new friendships were made and the children had so much fun. Mrs Ward was our host for the morning reading the Rainbow Fish story, doing some craft together and participating in some unstructured play activities. I invite interested parents to register by clicking [HERE](#), and joining us at school this Friday from 9am in the Parish Meeting Room. We ask that you bring some morning tea, usually piece of fruit for your child to have during the morning.

SDD- Friday 25th June

A reminder that our staff along with the staffs of all diocesan catholic schools will be attending a professional learning day on the last day of Term 2, Friday 25th June. As a result, this day will be a student free day. Our excellent Before and After school care provider, Royston Kids will provide supervision for a limited number of children on that day. Parents can contact the service via email: roystonkids@hotmail.com or by phone: 0431 383 981.

Morning Supervision

In recent weeks we have had several children arriving at school well before the start of morning supervision at 8:15am. I understand that from time to time parents are under pressure to begin their day a little earlier than normal. However, I ask parents to adhere to the arrival times so that their children remain safe in the care of an adult. The school does have an excellent Before and After School service that is in place for these times. Parents can contact the service via email: roystonkids@hotmail.com or by phone: 0431 383 981.

Sushi Special Lunch Order

A big thank you goes out to the Year 4 parents who are assisting with the organisation, delivery and distribution for the Sushi Special Lunch Order this week. Orders for the Sushi Special Lunch Order have closed.

Gifted and Talented

It was great to see a good attendance at the P&F Meeting this week. The meeting began with a presentation from our Gifted and Talented Coordinator Miss Hannah Fryar who provided information about our schools Gifted and Talented Program. Attached to this update is a flyer that outlines the wonderful opportunities being provided to the children. The flyer also includes information for parents wanting their child to participate in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Below are some photos of our Stage 3 STEAM Team (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths Team) presenting their learning to younger students at their recent expo.



God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal