



Thursday 24th June 2021

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

By now all parents should have received 1st Semester reports through COMPASS. I strongly urge all parents to have a conversation with their children about the report, both the 'achievement' but importantly also their 'effort'. To access your child's Semester 1 Report, go to the *Compass Home Page* and select *View Academic Reports* found in the menu under each of your children's names.

Although we scheduled Parent-Teacher interviews across the school in Term 1, parents are most welcome to seek a further interview to discuss the reports more specifically. Please contact the school office in the first instance with some requested availability times, and the class teacher will make direct contact to negotiate a mutually suitable time.

New Covid-safe Restrictions

Yesterday I communicated to all parents updated Covid-safe Restrictions for our school. These restrictions are in force from 4:00pm yesterday afternoon for one week and include:

- Any planned activities that do not comply to these restrictions will be cancelled or postponed.
- Masks should be worn by parents whilst in the school grounds, including meetings and during parent/teacher interviews.
- Social distancing at 1.5m will need to be observed.
- These restrictions are in force from 4:00pm this afternoon for one week.

As a result, we will maintain arrival and dismissal procedures as normal but require parents to sign in using the QR Code and wear a mask. I encourage parents to drop and go in the morning and pick up and leave in the afternoon to minimise mingling of adults. Please be mindful of social distancing and good hygiene practices at all times. I have suggested to teachers to postpone any unnecessary parent meetings or move them to online if required.

SDD- Friday 25th June

A reminder that our staff along with the staff of all Diocesan Catholic Schools will be attending a professional learning day on the last day of Term 2, this 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.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday and we will see you back at school refreshed and ready to go on Monday 12th July.

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.

Athletics Carnival

Please keep an eye out for the Athletics Carnival note that will be sent out via Compass very soon. Mark in your diaries Wednesday 21st July to be held at Foxglove Oval Mount Colah.

Mums in the Morning

We had an overwhelming response for the Mums in the Morning event last Friday. Most of our mums were able to stay throughout the morning to have a cuppa and chat before being able to witness and acknowledge some of our amazing students who were on display. Apart from the awards presented, we had the delight of listening to our

talented band members play a small concert and watch our fabulous Wakakirri troupe perform some of their story through a fantastic dance routine.

Later in the morning, it was also wonderful to see the joy across all the classrooms with the children spending some time with their mum doing some maths activities.

I thank those parents who also assisted with setting up the DIY Photo Booth and taking snapshots throughout the morning and the staff who always pitch in to organise a great event.

Winter Appeal

On Monday we welcomed Paul, Alen and Andrew from St Vincent De Paul who came to collect the vast assortment of items donated by our school community to support those in need through the Winter Appeal. Our visitors were overwhelmed by the generosity and commented that they 'can always rely on St. Patrick's' to support this worthy cause.

Grandparents Day

Next term we will be holding our Grandparents Day on the morning of Thursday 29th July (Week 3). Grandparents Day will begin with a liturgy, followed by a small concert in the hall provided by our Kinder, Year 1 and 2 classes and the school choir. After that we will have a short morning tea break followed with grandparents being invited to spend some time with the children in the classroom. To assist with Covid-safe requirements and catering purposes I ask that those attending register by clicking on the [LINK](#) and completing the form. We look forward to a lovely morning of fun and celebrations.

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](#): Congratulations to our latest winner Gracy B in Year 6 for her recipe for Carrot Pudding she will be enjoying a lovely meal from Gia Hoi Vietnamese restaurant in Hornsby.

Paddy's Playgroup

Paddy's Playgroup will return next term on each Friday. Parents of preschool children, especially those children starting school next year are encouraged to come along and enjoy a story, some craft and opportunities to play, have fun and make new friends. The Playgroup begins after the morning assembly from around 9am and is held in the Parish Room within the school grounds.

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.

Paddy's Care Group

St Patrick's School operates 'Paddy's Care Group' for families who may be experiencing an unexpected family illness, or for families who are going through difficult times. Some of the services provided include providing a meal or picking up a child to take them to school. We have a group of parents who coordinate this through the school. Confidentiality is maintained throughout the time any services are provided. Please contact Cheryl in the school office if you or someone you know in our school community are in need of support.

God bless you and your families

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