

Friday 1st April 2022

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday's P&F Welcome BBQ was an outstanding success with many new and current families attending. It was wonderful to see a mix of families from all grades catching up for the first time in many months and for some a few years. Even though there was a heavy downpour of rain, it didn't dampen the spirit and enthusiasm of those attending. A big thank you goes out to all those who organised and assisted especially Wendy Brown and David De Fina. We look forward to other community events including a proposed school fete later in the year.

School Photos

We look forward to our school photos that are scheduled for next week, Wednesday 6th April. Please use the school photos envelope sent home to place an order or you can order online with the code and information on the envelope. To assist with preparations for the photo day, we ask that the envelops are returned to school by next Monday 4th April. There is provision to have Sibling photos taken but you must use the Sibling envelope. This is available from the School Office - or alternatively send an email to spa@dbb.org.au and an envelope will be sent home with your child/ren. Please note **Full Summer Uniform is to be worn for all grades** - no sports uniforms.

Easter Egg Raffle and K-2 Easter Hat Parade

I invite parents to join us next Friday, the 8th April, for an Easter Hat Parade for students in Years K, 1 and 2. The K-2 students are encouraged to make and wear a decorative Easter hat for the parade. The parade will take place during the morning assembly, commencing at 8:45am. We are looking forward to seeing the creative hats.

Thank you to our Year 6 parents and students for organising and supporting the Easter Egg Basket Raffle for 2022. We have had great support for the Easter Egg Raffle fundraiser. Tickets continue to be sold via QKR or purchased at school (\$1-1 ticket, \$2-3 tickets, \$5-10 tickets) with the draw scheduled for Friday 8th April after our K-2 Easter Hat Parade at the morning assembly.

Special Sushi Lunch Order

We also have a huge response to the Special Sushi Lunch Order for today. I thank our Year 6 parents for getting behind the fundraiser by helping with the organisation, delivery and distribution of orders. Funds raised from this event will go towards a gift from Year 6 to the school.

Parent – Teacher Meetings

In Week 2 Term 2 (May 2nd-5th) parents have the chance to check in on their child's progress with teachers through the Parent/Teacher Meetings. The meetings will also allow teachers to have the benefit of parents providing important information about their children. These meetings will be offered as face-to-face or online meetings via Zoom and can be booked via Compass. Separate information will be provided soon regarding the booking process.

School Open Day

I continue to call on all parents to assist in promoting our school as the perfect place for new students to attend. If you know of parents who have preschool children ready to start school in 2022 and beyond, please take the opportunity to let them know about St. Patrick's Asquith as the school for them. Please encourage them to attend one of our School Open Day sessions on Thursday 26th May to see and hear why St. Patrick's is the perfect place for their child. Parents can register by contacting the school (9477 3800) or click the following link: <u>St. Patrick's Asquith Enrolment Enquiry</u>.

New School Gate

On Monday we activated the new security gate near the school office. The school will initially trail having the security gate operational during school hours. During this time, parents and visitors will need to press

the buzzer/button to alert Cheryl or Liz to gain entry to the school office. Once onsite all parents/visitors must first report to school office to sign in.

Mother's Day- Mums Maths and Muffins

Another reminder to save the date for our celebration of Mother's Day on Friday 6th May (Week 2, Term 2). The event will start with a morning cuppa and muffin/banana bread from 8am before acknowledging and celebrating all mothers at a school liturgy in the church. After the liturgy all our mums are invited to classrooms to play some maths games, see and celebrate your child's work and achievements.

The Mother's Day Stall will also be in available during the day. Gifts can be prepaid using the school QKR app. Gifts are \$6 each. More information will be provided soon.

Second Hand Uniform Sale- Friday

Parents are invited to come along to the School Uniform Shop's sale of all secondhand items tomorrow (Friday 1st April) between 8:30am-10:00am & 2:00pm-3:00pm. The cost of each item is \$2 with Qkr! the preferred payment option. We ask for cash sales that coins and small notes are used.

God bless you and your families. Todd Vane-Tempest