



Thursday 17th February 2022

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the coming week we expect the NSW Government to decide if there will be any adjustments made for schools regarding the current Covid-safe restrictions in place.

Please understand that parents and carers usually find out this information at the same time as the teachers, principal, and the Director of Schools. It often takes a few days before we can finalise plans to accommodate any changes.

Covid-safe Procedures

I take this opportunity to thank parents for their resolve and ongoing support during this challenging time.

I remind parents to make sure they follow the Covid-safe guidelines:

- If a student or staff member receives a **positive** RAT test, they need to
 - record the positive RAT result through the [Service NSW website](#) or [Service NSW app](#)
 - **notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible**
 - follow [NSW Health advice](#) to isolate for 7 days

Parent Information Meetings

Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Information meetings this week. It was a nice opportunity at the start of the school year for parents and carers to collectively meet their child's teacher as well as provide information to parents and carers about class, grade and school routines and expectations, curriculum topics and planned events.

Parents who have important information they wish to communicate to their child's class teacher before the Individual Parent/Teacher Meeting takes place later in the semester are encouraged to make an appointment through the school office. Parents can also communicate information via an email to the school office to be passed on to the class teacher.

P&F News

Each year the school calls on members of the parent community to support the school in official roles for the P&F. We are thankful for the parents who have already taken on a position for this year. This week we welcomed many new parents to the P&F Meeting with nearly 40 parents in attendance. I encourage all parents to keep supporting these meetings into the future. We also welcomed a new Executive Committee member with Mr Nick Ward taking on the role of Treasurer. We are hopeful to fill other positions officially in the coming weeks.

The St Patrick's P&F are optimistic for events to be staged once more in 2022 and will need the support of the parent community from time to time. If you are able to provide support for the P&F I encourage you to make contact via email pandfstpats@gmail.com or through the school office. This support will greatly enhance the ability of the P&F team to put activities in place that will be of benefit to all.

School Mass

Today we celebrated our Beginning of Year School Mass with Kinder and Years 4, 5 & 6 in attendance while Years 1, 2 & 3 attended remotely via Zoom. I acknowledge and thank Fr. Joy for presiding what was a lovely celebration that marked beginning of the school year but also ask for God's blessing for the year ahead.

During the mass the Year 6 students gave a special blessing to our new Kinder students as we welcome them in an official way into our school and parish community. We also acknowledged our new Year 6 students as student leaders who along with the badged captains made a pledge to lead the school with dignity and integrity.

Congratulations to our badged leaders and we wish them every success in their leadership roles in 2022.

School Captain Hayley N.	School Captain Luke P.	School Vice-Captain Sienna F.	School Vice-Captain Luke T.
Mercy House Elizabeth M. James S.	Coolock House Isla B. Lachlan H.	Xavier House Natalie H. Charlie R.	McAuley House Sophie R. Joshua W.

Friday Awards Assembly

Each week children from each class are presented with pastoral care and merit awards that acknowledge student's excellent behaviour, effort and academic success.

This week, we will also announce and present badges to children selected as the School Representative Council Member for each class. Due to current Covid-safe restrictions parent access to the school site is limited. Parents and carers are invited to join the Friday morning award assemblies from **8:45am** via Zoom using the following link and access codes:

Link: <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/61022185802?pwd=VzRsUjVBLzlxV21pUUIGdjJNK2JGZz09>

Meeting ID: 610 2218 5802

Passcode: 497455

Swimming Carnival Awards

On Monday, the school swimming carnival age champions and overall event winners will be recognised with trophies and ribbons. Parents wishing to tune into Monday's Assembly can use the following link and access codes:

Link: <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/65099954052?pwd=S01GdVU3aUNQejFUNIM1R1d2citydz09>

Meeting ID: 650 9995 4052

Passcode: 955582

If you do join the assembly, please keep your settings on mute and your video turned off. I hope that many parents can tune in for our first awards assembly.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal