



Wednesday 12 February 2020



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

- Tonight we will be holding our Grade Parent Information Evening. We look forward to seeing our parents and I thank staff for the preparation:

6pm: Kinder, Yr 3 and Year 4

6.30pm: Year 1 and Year 2

7pm: Year 5 and Year 6.

- I also look forward to tomorrow's Beginning of Year Mass at 9am in the church. Parents are warmly invited and our new Kinders will receive their blessing from their Year 6 buddies after Mass.
- This **Tuesday evening 18th February**, our P&F are running a wine and cheese welcome (and welcome back) night. This is for parents only (as we are not permitted to have alcohol onsite in the presence of children). It will be a relaxed atmosphere from **7pm** where parents can mingle, meet our new Assistant Principal Maria Kennedy, chat to our new Parish Priest Fr Pawell and of course catch up with me.

During the evening we will hold a short P&F General meeting where new office positions will need to be filled. (Don't worry no one will be 'guilted' into standing for a position). It's really an opportunity to connect and relax, and I really encourage parents to come along.

- I have noticed a number of children who are here before 8.10am Duty commences in mornings (well before in some cases). We are fortunate to have an excellent Before School Service and with government subsidies available, it is very affordable. Children are not to be dropped off before 8.10am. Sadly, I will need to respectfully issue notes to that affect to children (and that makes it awkward for them) if there are families who are consistently at school too early. I thank parents for their understanding.
- With the cancellation of our swimming carnival, next Wednesday 19th February is actually an opportunity for our community to enjoy an afternoon/evening at Gosford Pool. Given the change of circumstances, whilst this won't be a full carnival, I encourage anyone (Year 2-6) who can complete 50m (even slowly) to come along with parents, have fun and have a go. Miss Molly will provide a program to support parent planning. Bring a picnic dinner and who knows maybe some of the 'big kids' could be encouraged to race!!! (Not me though, I'm only good at sinking.) Let's take the opportunity to make this an enjoyable community evening and I hope to see you there.
- Fr Pawell has asked for a new Mass time of Fridays at 9am to support a parish-school connection. Very soon a different grade will be allocated Mass each week at this day and time. Please stay tuned and we hope this will be one way we can promote our parish-school connection.

God bless you and your families

Robert Peers