



Wednesday 26 February 2020



# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

- Today is Ash Wednesday and the first day of Lent. It is an important time of Church's year and one I encourage families to focus on at home. Our Years 2-6 went to Mass today with the wider parish at 12noon, whilst our K-1 had class-based Liturgies and received the Ashes.
- Meanwhile this Friday we are holding a special day where we respond as a community to the recent bushfires. The children will participate in different activities, including a presentation from David Hawton, Captain of Avoca RFS (bringing one of the fire trucks). Children are asked to bring some gold coin donations for the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal (please note this will be a day to give without reward, so it will be school/sports uniform as usual).
- On Monday I had the pleasure of attending the CCC Swimming Carnival at Mingara. We were the 'host school' and I congratulate Miss Molly on her outstanding organisation. Congratulations to our swimmers who did us proud. Overall, we came second to Our Lady of the Rosary, The Entrance and I was enormously proud of all our representatives. Congratulations to Taylah M, Grace D as "high achievers" and Albert C as "swimmer of the meet".
- Our P&F "Welcome and Welcome back picnic" is scheduled for Friday evening of next week (6th March) from 5-7.30pm on the school oval. More information will follow from our social committee however I really encourage our OLSS families to come along and enjoy some time together. There will be a jumping castle, lots of sports and fun to be had. Bring a picnic and sense of fun and I look forward to seeing you there!
- Yesterday we had a huge turnout of prospective K-2 parent classroom helpers attend training from our Assistant Principal, Maria Kennedy. Thanks to those who could come along and to Maria for offering this training. A reminder this is being repeated tomorrow (Thursday) at 9am. All K-2 parent helpers are required to attend this, even if they have attended previously.
- We do have a number of parents waiting outside classrooms close to bell times in the afternoon. It's really important to wait in the undercroft area, as presence outside classes is both distracting and causes congestion. Thanks for your understanding.

*God bless you and your families*

*Robert Peers*