



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

- There has been a very positive start to the term and I express my sincere thanks to everyone in the community for getting behind Home-Based Learning with all the challenges that come with it. Generally speaking, teachers have reported excellent engagement in the Home-Based Learning agenda and we are delighted with our children's efforts. Well done!
- We are continuing to receive an enormous amount of respectful and positive feedback from an overwhelming number of parents. Yesterday's Live Virtual Assembly also went really well and we will have these each Monday for the next few weeks. I add my congratulations to our teachers and wider staff who have excelled themselves to support our students. Thanks to the many parents who have taken the time to pass on their thanks and appreciation. It's been a great boost!
- We are well into the planning for 1 x day a week rostering of student face to face attendance from Week 3 (Monday 11th May). As I know parents appreciate, there are many complexities for a school our size, and I am very aware that parents will be very curious about how we intend to undertake this. I should be in a position to announce broad concepts this week, and then the fine detail early next week. Thanks everyone for your patience.
- We are still very keen to promote reading for enjoyment and I encourage our parents to take advantage of 'Library Express'. This is operating tomorrow and Friday this week, and Wed-Fri next week. Please book a time by [clicking here](#). The code is **y9thg**.
- I am delighted to announce the Year 6 Canberra Excursion dates have been reset to 4-6 November. I know this will be well received by our Year 6 students so they don't miss out on this wonderful Year 6 experience which would not have been possible. The Year 5 Bathurst excursion remains set for 20 & 21 August, but we will be watching developments carefully to see if we can go ahead on these dates or need to change them.
- With COVID-19 difficulties, I am only too aware many of our families are experiencing real financial hardships. Please refer to the letter sent yesterday by our Bishop, Most Rev Anthony Randazzo which details fee relief if required for your family.
- We are now well into the process of Kindergarten 2021 interviews, with these happening via Zoom with Maria Kennedy (siblings) or myself (new families). If you know of any families who are interested in sending their children to OLSS next year, please encourage them to contact the school office.

God bless you and your families

Robert Peers