



# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

- There has been a real buzz around the school since Monday with the return of students full-time. Classrooms have had a real energy and excitement about them as children have embraced their return to friends, traditional learning and connection with their teachers. Even though restrictions have been necessary, we have been able to work through these reasonably smoothly.
- So far this week, we have generally been pleased with how smoothly our drop-off and pick-up procedures have gone. Monday's heavy rain on our first day was a real cause for delay and some anxiety, not just here on site, but across our whole surrounding area. Please continue to work with the school to support us and ultimately the safety of the children during these difficult times.
- A reminder that for **next week** (June 1-5), we swap the order of 2.50pm 'first wave' and 3.10 pm 'second wave' drive through dismissal. **Polding** and **Chisholm** coloured houses will depart at **2.50pm** while **Therry** and **Mackillop** coloured houses will depart from **3.10pm**. Keep a lookout for the coloured house flags to see when your child/ren will be available for pickup. Thanks to the overwhelmingly vast majority of parents who have been so supportive and understanding of our system, without which it simply would not be possible or safe for us to operate. Please continue to support us as we work very hard to support our families at this busy time of day
- Today our P&F Social Committee provided a lovely and much appreciated lunch for our staff as a thank you for everyone's efforts during the challenging last few weeks. This was a lovely morale boost and we are so very grateful everyone who contributed and supported this lovely gesture. We are blessed to have such a supportive community, and this includes such amazing parents. Thank you!
- I am delighted to announce the appointment of a new AEW (Aboriginal Education Worker) for our school two days per week (Mondays and Tuesdays). Jodie Bourke has been appointed and to support our aboriginal students, but also support the school in promoting the agenda for Aboriginal education more broadly. Jodie will be in touch with some specific families to introduce herself, and I know parents join me in welcoming her to our community.
- A reminder that all students should be in full Winter uniform by this Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June. Please ensure your children are also wearing their uniform correctly.
- On Sunday we will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost. This is an important Feast in our Church, and we will be celebrating a Liturgy via Zoom during class time, with different classes and groups contributing at different times and Fr Pawel Celebrating. Parents will be provided a recording of this as we continue to find creative ways to connect and celebrate our faith and community.
- Maria Kennedy and I have been holding a number of Kinder enrolment meetings via Zoom over the last few weeks and although not as ideal as meeting face to face, these have gone very well. We will soon be meeting with our enrolment committee to consider who will be offered a Kinder place in 2021 and so if there are any parents who have not yet applied, please contact the office as a matter of urgency.
- As some parents would be aware, in Term 4 each year it has been our tradition to support a parent run Pre-Kinder Playgroup for most Fridays as part of the transition to starting school. Whilst voluntary, this has assisted families (existing, but also new families) get a feel for our school, with visits to the library, Music room, Japanese room and sport with older students among some of the activities. I would love to hear from any of our existing Kinder 2021 parents who might like to form a team and coordinate this. Please contact me at school and I hope to hear from you!
- Our P&F will be holding our Term 2 General Meeting via Zoom on Tuesday evening 9<sup>th</sup> June. Details will come from our P&F in next week's newsletter but please pop this date in your diary.
- A reminder, our Interim Director of Schools, Mr Danny Casey (check) is seeking parent feedback via a short, two minute survey. [Please click here to access this survey](#) and we thank parents for feeding back this information.

*God bless you and your families*

**Robert Peers**