



Wednesday 10 June 2020



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

- Our canteen opened on the restricted menu today and this went as well as we could have hoped. A reminder the service is cashless and restricted. Please refer to the newsletter sent home last week with the important conditions for using the canteen for the moment.
- Thanks parents, for your understanding over the need for a staggered afternoon drive-through at dismissal. It is simply not possible to have all students together at that time, and equally impossible for all the traffic to be entering and exiting the site at once.
- Generally speaking, drop-off and drive-through pickup procedures are going very smoothly and I thank everyone for supporting this important procedure. It is imperative that whilst we work to be efficient and as reasonably quick as possible, this can't be at the expense of safety. **Please do not overtake cars who are in front and a little slower in loading/unloading.** The extra few seconds of time saved, is not worth the risk if we allowed this practice.
- A reminder that afternoon drive through staggered dismissal roster for the next two weeks is:

THIS WEEK:
1st Wave at 2.45pm: MACKILLOP and TERRY families.
2nd Wave at 3.05pm: POLDING and CHISHOLM families.

NEXT WEEK:
(June 15-19)
1st Wave at 2.45pm: POLDING and CHISHOLM families.
2nd Wave at 3.05pm: MACKILLOP and TERRY families.

Don't forget to have your surname prominently displayed on the passenger side.

- Over the last number of weeks, our Assistant Principal Maria Kennedy and I have had the privilege of meeting a large number of Kinder applicants for 2021. Although most of these meetings have been via 'Zoom', new and continuing enrolments is never something we take for granted. The feedback in the broader community about OLSS as a school is enormously affirming and this can only be coming from our current parents and families and we are very grateful for your support. Enrolment letters have been sent to all families who have had interviews by now, and we look forward to seeing our new Kinders in the second half of the year.
- Last night we had our P&F Term 2 General meeting, and in keeping with the times, this was via 'Zoom'. It was a well-attended meeting with a positive atmosphere, and I take this opportunity to thank everyone for getting behind our P&F for the school.
- Currently our teachers are very busy writing Semester One student reports, and these will be available in the next few weeks. It has been a challenging process to undertake this during COVID restrictions and reports will be streamlined to reflect the unusual times we are in. I'll write more specifically about this next week.
- Accompanying this update is a letter for families offering the program 'Seasons for Growth'. This is a wonderful 8 x week program supporting children who have faced grief and loss through divorce, family separation or death. If you think your child may benefit from this program, please complete the link on the accompanying letter.
- By now families of children who enrolled in Frist Reconciliation earlier in the year, should have received an email with details of the adjusted dates and times (23 and 25 June). If you did not receive the email, please contact our parish office.
- Families are advised that the last scheduled day of term (3 July) will be a Pupil-Free day for all schools in Broken Bay diocese.

God bless you and your families

Robert Peers