



Wednesday 29 July 2020



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

- With the COVID-19 situation remaining very uncertain, thank you everyone for your support in ensuring we are as compliant and safe as possible. This is most relevant for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. A reminder of our afternoon Drive Through roster:

This Week:

1st Wave at 2.45pm: **POLDING** and **CHISHOLM** families

2nd Wave at 3.05pm: **MACKILLOP** and **TERRY** families

Next Week:

1st Wave at 2.45pm: **MACKILLOP** and **TERRY** families.

2nd Wave at 3.05pm: **POLDING** and **CHISHOLM** families.

- With COVID restrictions, especially on parents in school communities being enforced, regrettably any gatherings must be very limited. I am pleased to advise we will try and go ahead with a modified Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival at Mingara on **Wednesday 19th August**. To cater for very strict social distancing expectations, we will only be able to allow 1 x parent per family to attend (we may be able to extend this for Year 6, as their last carnival but can't yet commit. We are also seeking to hold a K-2 sports fun day on our oval on the same date. I will write separately to both K-2 and Y3-6 with more details in the next few days.
- Trials for the 800m for our school athletics carnival will be held Wednesday 5th August at lunchtime. Trials will be in the following age group: - Juniors 9 and 10 year boys and girls, 11 year boys and girls and Senior boys and girls. All children are welcome to attend. Children who wish to trial should be in their sports uniform.
- Tomorrow we are looking forward to welcoming Constable Ryan Hall, the Gosford Police-Schools Liaison Officer who will speak separately to Years 4, 5 and 6 students. The talk is part of our regular work supporting awareness and education of cyber-safety. This of course includes responsibility of students in afterhours social contact and messaging. Parents have a very important responsibility in this area, as often without strict expectations and check-ins, they can be the last to know what their children are doing and communicating online. We strongly urge parents to continue working with us to support the wonderful opportunities, but also the concerns in the digital age.
- Parents in Year 3 should soon receive communication from our parish in regard to enrolment in First Communion. As mentioned last week, this will be the last year when this happens in Year 3 and there will be COVID restrictions necessary for the classes and during the First Communion Masses.
- As I know most parents will appreciate, the planned parent social 'Christmas in July' can't go ahead due to our current COVID-19 restrictions. This is a shame as it would have been a lovely opportunity to gather socially. I have been advised by our P&F Social Committee that refunds will be forthcoming to anyone who has paid, and I take this opportunity to thank the committee for their enthusiasm. Here's hoping restrictions might ease soon to enable a social gathering.

God bless you and your families

Robert Peers