



Wednesday 12 August 2020



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

STOP THE PRESS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

- The NSW Premier has made some announcements overnight which we are discerning in conjunction with support from the Catholic Schools Office. This may affect the running of next weeks Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival at Mingara. We dearly want this to proceed if at all possible and are looking at finding ways to go ahead. We will, however, be guided by expert advice as to whether we can. I will communicate within the next 24 hours how and if we might proceed. Please be patient as I know any decision not to go ahead will be extremely disappointing to many in our community and I am very aware of this. The K-2 Fun Day here at school should be able to proceed.
- Tomorrow we will have a whole school Mass celebrating Saturday's solemn feast of the Assumption. We are adjusting to the COVID times, and only Year 6, and a small choir will be physically present, with children watching on a live video link in classrooms. Communion (host only) will be distributed to Years 4 and 5 in classes. Parents are most welcome to watch live and the link will be <https://youtu.be/0eZmEB4x0ZE>
- Friday is school photo day and we ask all students to wear **full Winter uniform and look their best**. As mentioned, we aren't able to have class group photos this year, however photo packages will include all students in each class (as well as Year 6 as a whole) in a collection of individual photos to make up the group.
- Over the next two weeks we are welcoming Healthy Harold and Life Education to our school. Classes are visiting for important lessons provide "positive and preventative childhood health education". I encourage parents to discuss what was learnt and covered with their children to reinforce these important lessons.
- On Monday our Year 6 Debating team will compete via Zoom with a team from St Rose, Collaroy Plateau. In another example of innovation dictated by COVID-19, our team of Haleia B, Scarlett S, Amy L and Ava D will be arguing the affirmative for the topic: '*Schools are not necessary when you have Home Based Learning*'. I sincerely thank Emma Simkins, for spending a great deal of time over the last few weeks assisting the team to prepare.
- Tonight, is the Parent Information evening for First Eucharist (repeated next Tuesday). This is an important first step in children receiving the Eucharist for the first time. Given there are some changes due to COVID restrictions, it is essential that one parent (only) attend, not just to get information, but to help understand how you can help your child prepare and get the most of this important faith milestone.
- A reminder to parents that the COMPASS Kiosk is for **Parent Use Only**. We have had some instances of parents dropping children off without signing them in when late. Parents are required to come into the office to sign in or sign out students.
- Another reminder to parents that any students with a sore throat, cough or flu like symptoms are to be kept at home for the interests of all students and staff's health during these Pandemic times.

God bless you and your families

Robert Peers