



Wednesday 17 February 2021



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Lent begins this week with our Ash Wednesday liturgies today. Years 4, 5 and 6 will receive their ashes in the Church while the remaining grades will receive their ashes in the classroom. Lent is a great time to remind our children (and us) to focus on penance, prayer and alms giving. Discussing with our children about how we can give up something or do something for the benefit of others is a great way to make Lent really mean something.

What's happening in the weeks ahead?

- Kindergarten enrolments for 2022 will begin in a couple of weeks. Part of the process this year will be an Open Evening for parents, an Information Night and a Fun Morning for those children wishing to enrol for next year. The Open Evening will see our teachers and children showcasing the school to give prospective families a glimpse of what our school can offer their child in terms of a Catholic education. More information surrounding these events will be communicated to parents via Compass and Facebook in the weeks ahead.
- Discussions will continue with representatives from Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) Office on an upgrade to our facilities here at the school. Meetings held in previous weeks have been very positive with the CSBB Office keen to look at the school and devise a plan to ensure our students have a safe and contemporary learning environment.
- Next week will see our students and teachers practising for lock-down, evacuation and bushfire procedures. These are a normal part of processes for all schools to ensure the staff and children are well prepared in the event of an emergency. Please have that conversation with your child about what these practises are for and the need to remain calm and follow teacher instructions.
- Cross Country will be held on Friday 5 March. Children have started to prepare for the run this week and we look forward to seeing them in action.
- Good luck to our OLSS swimmers on Monday who will be representing OLSS at the CCC Swimming Carnival to be held at Mingara. We have 38 representatives who have been training hard over the past few weeks and we know they will do their best and achieve well at the Carnival.
- A reminder to families that there is still time to join our school band. Please [click here](#) to read about our band and access the enrolment form. Once completed please send into the School Office.

Have a great week ahead.

John Barton