



Covid-19 Newsletter 12

Principal's Message – Mrs Joanne Webster

22nd July 2020

Dear Families,

Welcome to term 3 and remote learning! I thank you in advance for your commitment to your children with their learning as well as your partnership with the school making the best of this time together. Last week the teachers spent many hours creating and curating learning examples and tasks for the students, to ensure learning continued throughout this time.

We understand the children, over time, become fatigued with the amount of time on the screen. This term we are going to be intentional in providing fortnightly wellbeing days to counteract this. As such **next Thursday 30th July, 2020** will be a "Wellbeing Day", enabling the students to continue to learn without the use of the iPad. Teachers are in the process of constructing off screen tasks for the day and will share these with the students next week.

This week the Premier of the State Daniel Andrews has introduced the mandatory wearing of masks from 11:59pm Wednesday 22nd July. For schools, this means:

- All school-based staff must wear face coverings at school, and when travelling to and from school.
- Teachers and learning assistants will not be required to wear face coverings while teaching, but those who wish to do so can.
- Teachers should wear face coverings in other areas of the school when not teaching (for example, in the staffroom, on yard duty, and when providing first aid or taking temperatures), and when travelling to and from school.
- Students who attend primary school for onsite supervision will not be required to wear a face covering. Students who are aged 12 by Year 6 will not be required to wear face coverings. The Chief Health Officer has advised that it is not practical to require some primary school students to wear face coverings while others are not required to.
- Students or staff who have a medical condition – including problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability or a mental health condition – are not required to wear a face covering. This includes students who attend specialist schools.
- Parents/carers will be required to wear face coverings whenever they leave the house, including for school drop-off and pick-up or entry the school.

You may like to have a conversation with you children about this, as some teachers and staff members will wear their masks all day. This is for the safety and wellbeing of all. Again I thank you for your co-operation.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 5 STUDENTS ENTERING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN 2022.

Enrolment dates for Year 5 students entering Year 7 in 2022 have been altered due to COVID 19. All students wishing to enrol into a Catholic Secondary school have until the **8th October, 2020** to do so. Prospective applicants will have their offers posted to them on **1st December 2020**. Families have until the **15th December** to accept the offer.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2021

We are in the process of finalising Prep enrolments for 2021. This year, new families have had online conversations as part of the enrolment process. Meeting prospective students and families in this way is not ideal, however as always, this process is extremely energising and inspiring. We look forward to welcoming all new Prep students for 2021 later this year, including all the siblings who I have not yet met formally.

STAFF

We would like to announce that Mrs Eliza Katz is expecting her first child. We congratulate her and Adam on this wonderful news. Eliza will be with us until the end of this term.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos have been postponed yet again. We have been rescheduled for the Tuesday 13th October, 2020.

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR TERM 3

School Closure days for Thursday 14th August and Friday 15th August **have been cancelled due to Covid 19**. Therefore, the school will be open on both these days. Further closure days, for professional learning may be rescheduled in the future.

PRAYER

At this time, the daily news overshadows all we have known to be normal. Finding gratitude in the small yet daily occurrences supports us to see the positives in our lives, and those who are a part of our lives. I truly believe God holds each of us in the palm of his hands, and at this time more than ever, we must place our faith and trust in Him.

You may like to pray this together as a family, seeking comfort in these words.

Loving God, author of all gifts;

We praise and thank you for all the gifts you have entrusted to us.

Pour out your Spirit upon us so that, true to our baptismal promises, we may form faith communities that recognise and promote the gifts in all people so that we may all share in the mission of Jesus.

Inspire us to be a Church that is welcoming and accepting, and which sees everyone as an expression of Christ.

May our faith communities nurture and commission all members to live our particular gifts as a reflection and imitation of Jesus' life.

Give us the courage to be the light of welcome in the darkness of the pandemic, a voice of gentleness in the wilderness of the unheard and an outstretched hand of love to those longing for community.

Amen.

