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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Patrick's Asquith

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

*Due to social distancing, please call the Parish Office
9456 2450 to reserve a seat at Mass.*

NEWSLETTER Term 2, Week 10, 1st July 2020

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the Guringai and Dharug people, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



PRINCIPAL news

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have arrived at the end of what has been a very challenging term for our school community. Everyone, children, parents and staff have had to make many adjustments throughout this time to make the children's learning, whether at home or school, run as smoothly as possible. Many of these adjustments were made very quickly as there was an abrupt end to learning at school late last term and a move to learning using a variety of methods including the online platforms.

Although it was for a significant period of time, I must acknowledge the positive way parents responded to the challenge and supported their children and adhered to the restrictions placed on us. Recently many parents participated in a survey conducted by the Catholic Schools Office, Broken Bay. This was an anonymous survey that was seeking to provide each school some feedback regarding the school's response during the Covid-19 situation but also provide further thoughts about the school and diocese regarding education and facilities. I am very grateful to the parents who were able to complete this survey as it will be a good point of reference for me and the staff moving forward.

I have included with this newsletter a copy of the combined data to each of the survey questions in the form of graphs. The survey results were overwhelmingly positive. The general feedback highly valued the community aspect that is considered to be a strength here at St Patrick's.

Athletics carnival

Although next term's school athletics carnival is currently scheduled for Week 2, under current Covid-19 restrictions the school will not be able to hold the event. We are looking to hold the carnival later in the term dependent on securing a booking the local athletics facility and a change in restrictions from the NSW Government.

SDD Friday

A reminder that this Thursday 2nd July is the last day of Term 2 for lessons as **Friday 3rd July has been declared as a pupil free day.**

Please remember that supervision is available for a limited number of students through our Before and After School Care provider Royston Kids. Children need to be registered with the service before they can attend. If you would like to use this service for supervision for your child on Friday please contact the Royston Kids Director, Mrs Margaret Hedge, for more information or to make a booking (E: roystonkids@hotmail.com or P: 0431 383 981).

Hygienist

Since the children have returned to full-time face to face lessons the school has employed cleaners to maintain a cleaning regime during each day to support good hygiene. Even though the restrictions for Covid-19 have become more relaxed in recent weeks this cleaning process will be continued into Term 3.

Semester 1 Reports

Today you will have access to your child's Semester One report for the 2020 school year through Compass.

Due to changes created by Covid-19, the usual format of student reports has been altered. In Term 2 the priority for learning has been Religious Education, English and Mathematic. This semester report will provide information on your child's achievement in these priority areas. More detail about the reporting process will be provided with the school report.

Please take the time to thoroughly peruse the report in light of these factors. I also encourage you to talk constructively and positively with your child on his / her success and challenges outlined in the report.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parents who would like to meet their child's teacher to discuss the report are most welcome to do so. Information will be provided this week that will give parents the opportunity to make an appointment through Compass for a face to face interview during Week 2 next term.

I understand that due to the Covid-19 situation not all parents will be comfortable with a face to face meeting. The option for a phone interview as an alternative method of speaking with your child's teacher will also be made available from Week 3.

Uniform Shop Donation

The donation of second-hand uniforms by parents to our school uniform shop demonstrates the generosity of our school community. By giving back to the community in this way families have access to low cost, quality uniforms for their children. Profits from the sale of second-hand uniforms are traditionally used to support initiatives in our local community.

Previous donations have been to a local Women's Refuge Centre and St. Vincent de Paul. Last week a donation from sales from 2019 and 2020 was given to assist the team of doctors and nurses at Hornsby Hospital Emergency Department. It was a great honour to meet the staff of the Emergency Department supported by parent and student representatives. The staff spoke proudly of the work they have been doing recently during the Covid-19 pandemic. We also had a short tour of the Emergency Department and was told about the money staff spend from their own pockets to support the ED. We can be rightly proud of the difference the donation will make for our local community.

I would also like to acknowledge the tireless work that our uniform shop volunteers have given recently to keep the uniform shop functioning during the Covid-19 restrictions. The sale of second-hand uniforms at a low cost provides a wonderful service for our school community. We truly thank Deb, Claire and Mell for giving their time freely over many years to keep this great service running for the benefit of so many.

Dismissal

Next term we will be adjusting the school dismissal processes to maximise classroom learning time in the afternoon session. Currently we have K-2 children and their siblings preparing for dismissal to start at 2:30pm. From next term we will move the dismissal time to 2:40pm and move the Kiss and Drop back to its usual time starting from 3:15pm. Along with other adjustments at school it will provide a longer period of learning time in the afternoon session that will allow the children more time for learning.

Good Wishes

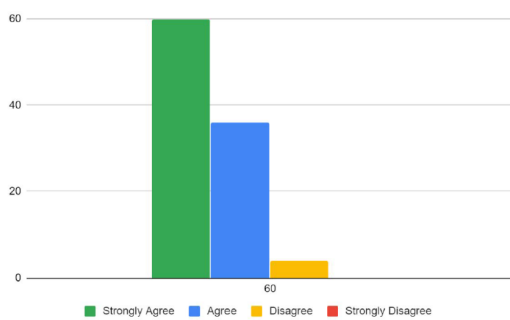
We wish the Soady Family well as they begin a new adventure moving on from our school community. I want to also acknowledge the role Evan had taken on as the Catholic Schools Parent Representative for St Patrick's and the ongoing strong support the family has provided the school. Although it is sad to see both Juliette and Benjamin leave the school, we wish them every success in the future at their new school.

God bless you and your families

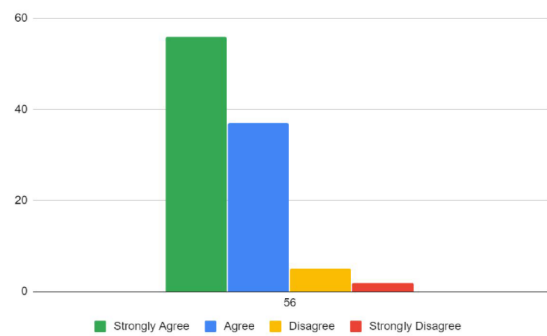
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

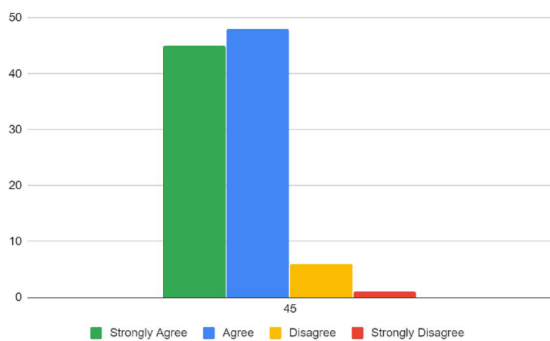
Q1: I have been supported by my school during the COVID-19 crisis.



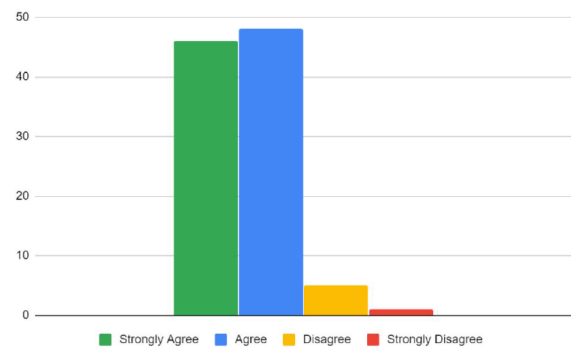
Q2: My school was responsive to my child's home based learning needs.



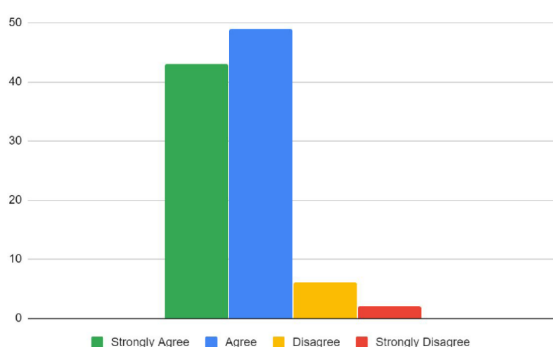
Q3: I am confident with my school's processes for a safe return to face to face learning.



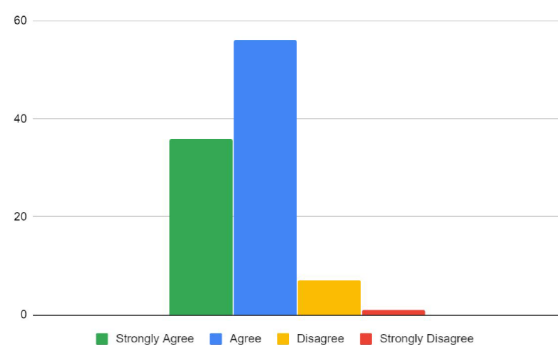
Q4: I believe my school will minimise the impact of the disruption that has occurred to face to face learning.



Q5: The Diocese of Broken Bay has a clear vision for Catholic education.



Q6: The facilities at my child's school meet my expectations.



PASTORAL CARE WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS (Doris Russell)



June 29th – July 2nd
Term 2 - Week 10 2020

NO HOMEWORK! and NO MEETINGS!

To all of our parents, students and staff

This term has been like no other. We have all needed to readjust our mindset in terms of the way we work, learn and cope with change within our families, school and immediate environments.

Aptly St Patrick's has decided to make the final week of Term 2 'Wellbeing Week'. A week of reflection and unexpected journeys!

Currently we are limited in our avenues to escape, to find rest, peace and joy from everyday stresses. Visiting other nations of the world has been put on hold, plans delayed, until our safety can be assured.

So, we thought, if we cannot visit the world, then let's invite the world to visit us!

Using the magic of the virtual medium of technology our students will be visiting different parts of the world to see what awaits them. They may visit museums, zoos, historical sites, the 7 wonders of the world, heritage listed sites of significance, perhaps even Disneyland!

For the students, this week is an opportunity to inspire, create, share thoughts, laugh, get excited and simply enjoy the company of their peers.

It will be a week to acknowledge how we have all coped through a period of uncertainty and change.

To all of our parents, students and staff..... thank you for who you are, what you have done and continue to do in making St Patrick's a community that is truly connected by faith.



'Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.'
Mother Teresa.



Journeying around the world!



STUDENT AWARDS

Week 8

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
K Gold	Emmanuella H.	Nicola S.
K Green	Himaya V.	Ira A.
1 Gold	Alfred Y.	Isabella S.
2 Gold	Gabriel D.	Joshua T.
2 Green	Luke M.	Harley J.
3 Gold	Archer W.	Eric H.
3 Green	Oliver K.	Ava L.
4 Gold	Noah E.	Ivy W.
4 Green	Sebastian L-J.	Elizabeth M.
5 Green	Jack B.	Lili R.
5/6 Gold	Jake F.	Sophie R.
6 Green	Amilie D.	Will M.

Week 9

Class	Pastoral Care	Other
K Gold	Darius A.	Jessica P.
K Green	Hugo B.	Phillip K.
1 Gold	Cristiano G.	Elizaveta K.
2 Gold	Joshua M.	Isabel H.
2 Green	Nathan W.	Gauri T.
3 Gold	Michael S.	Vibha L.
3 Green	Ben G.	Sophia H-B.
4 Gold	Megan W.	Blake A.
4 Green	Bethan M.	Isla B.
5 Green	Gracy B.	Daniel D.
5/6 Gold	James M.	Will M.
6 Green	Marissa M.	David L.
Mrs Schyvens	Merric M.	Liam S.



UNIFORM SHOP



At the end of this term, the online Uniform Shop will be moving from Flexischools to **QKR!**

From Friday 3rd July, please place orders for uniform on QKR!

This will mean we only have one online payment platform across the school. Please check as soon as possible whether you have a credit balance with Flexischools and either spend it by placing a uniform shop order, or close your account and Flexischools will arrange a refund of any outstanding balance.

To close your account: Login to the Flexischools website (if on a mobile device, select "Help" on the bottom right and then "Visit Desktop Site") and select "My Profile", select "Account Status" and select "Close Account". If you have a child at another school that uses Flexischools, or if you do not have a balance, there is no need to close your account unless you wish to do so.

The uniform shop will remain online only for now. This is to keep adults on the school premises to a minimum in line with guidelines due to Covid-19. This will be reviewed by Mr Vane-Tempest in due course.

Access to the shop for second hand items and for trying-on is by appointment (<https://www.picktime.com/stpatsuniformshop>).

New Uniform Shop Team of Volunteers

Deb, Mell and Claire are stepping down from running the uniform shop after seven and a half years of volunteering! We would like to welcome the new team of volunteers who many of you will know:

Lita (Mum of Taumelo in Y6 and Marieta in Y4)
Florence (Mum of Julienne in Y4 and Jacob in Y2) and
Fabiola (Mum of Matteo in Y4 and Anamaria in Kindy)

Deb, Mell and Claire would like to thank the other volunteers that have helped in the shop over the years, as well as the general school community for your support, and trust you will make the new team equally welcome.

OFFICE news

Parent teacher interviews: Interviews will be available in Week 2 of Term 3, bookings will be made available through COMPASS.

School Photos: School photos have been scheduled for **Wednesday 12th August**. Photo envelopes will be sent home in your child's school bag in the first week of Term 3.

Road Safety: The recent review into child deaths in NSW highlights the importance of Road Safety messages as transport related injuries was the leading cause of death in young people between the ages of 5 -17 years. Please take some time to check out the road safety resources here: <https://www.safetytown.com.au/parents/>

BAND news (Helen Jacobsen)

That was a very quick Term 2 –

Term 3 Timetable has been handed out – if your Musician did not receive a timetable please come and see me on Thursday. I have made many changes to the timetable - please check your Group.

Enjoy the holidays!

Yours musically
Helen Jacobsen
Instrumental Music / Band Teacher



COMMUNITY news

ATTENTION GIRLS

SEASON
2020



**HAVE YOU BEEN MISSING OUT
ON EXERCISE DURING COVID19?**

**WANT TO GET BACK TO THE
BEAUTIFUL GAME OF FOOTBALL??**

PROBLEM SOLVED!

Hornsby Heights Football Club have limited spots available for girls to join our Women's All Age team! If you are a player looking for a new team or someone looking for a challenge, then come join us at Hornsby Heights Football Club!

**For more information, please email:
girlsfootball@hhfc.org.au**



T3 SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

IT'S AN EXPERIENCE



THE T3 HOLIDAY CAMPS ARE AN EXPERIENCE NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN. IT'S NO SECRET THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARE OUR FAVOURITE TIME OF THE YEAR. IT'S A TIME WHERE THE T3 COACHES HAVE MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH CHILDREN. A TIME WHERE CHILDREN CAN BE ACTIVE WITHOUT LIMITATIONS. A TIME WHERE CHILDREN CAN EXPLORE THEIR INNER ABILITY AND ACTION THEIR SKILLS.

SINCE 2011 THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN HAVE ENJOYED OUR HOLIDAY CAMPS, MANY OF WHOM WHO ATTEND CAMP AFTER CAMP BECAUSE THEY JUST CAN'T GET ENOUGH. OUR GOAL AT OUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS ARE TO ENSURE CHILDREN CAN MAXIMISE THEIR ENJOYMENT AND SPEND THEIR HOLIDAYS AS IT SHOULD BE, OUTSIDE, BEEN ACTIVE AND LEARNING.

AT T3 WE FORMULATE A SET UP WHERE CHILDREN CAN LEARN MULTIPLE SKILLS THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF OUR CAMPS. MAXIMISING CONTACT WITH THE BALL, UNDERSTANDING OF SKILLS AND PLAYING FUN GAMES TO INCREASE THEIR FONDNESS OF THE BEAUTIFUL GAME. YES, WE ALSO DESIGN TOUGH CHALLENGES IN THE SCHEDULE TO ENSURE EVERYONE IS ON THEIR TOES FOR A GOOD REASON. WE WANT TO CHILDREN TO COME OUT OF OUR CAMPS FEELING RESILIENT AND EMPOWERED. THIS IS WHY OUR CAMPS ARE MORE THAN CAMP BUT AN EXPERIENCE.

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN - <https://www.t3-australia.com/holidaycamps>

WEEK 1

ALL SESSION ARE ORGANISED IN COMPLIANCE WITH RELEVANT STATUTORY BODIES. COACHING RATIOS ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STABE RESTRICTIONS AS SET BY STATUTORY BODIES. T3 WILL ENSURES SAFETY AND HYGIENE OF ALL STUDENTS WITH ITS COVID-COMPLIANCE ENVIRONMENT SET UP. EACH LOCATION WILL ALSO HAVE A CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL ONLINE CERTIFIED COACH.

HORNSBY

WHEN: MONDAY 6TH TO WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY

TIME: START 9:00AM FINISH 12:00PM MIDD

AGES: 5-12

VENUE: MONTVIEW OVAL, HORNSBY HEIGH

PRICE: \$120

BEROWRA

WHEN: MONDAY 6TH TO WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY

TIME: START 9:00AM FINISH 12:00PM MIDDAY

AGES: 5-12

VENUE: BEROWRA OVAL, BEROWRA OVAL

PRICE: \$120

TURRAMURRA

WHEN: MONDAY 6TH TO WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY

TIME: START 9:00AM FINISH 12:00PM MIDDAY

AGES: 5-11

VENUE: KENT OVAL, TURRAMURRA

PRICE: \$120

GALSTON

WHEN: THURSDAY 9TH JULY

TIME: START 9:00AM FINISH 1:00PM

AGES: 5-12

VENUE: HAYES OVAL, GALSTON

PRICE: \$45

WEEK 2

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HORNSBY

WHEN: MONDAY 13TH TO 15TH JULY

TIME: START 9:00AM FINISH 12:00PM MIDDAY

AGES: 5-11

VENUE: MONTVIEW OVAL, HORNSBY HEIGHTS

PRICE: \$120

HILLS GRAMMAR

WHEN: MONDAY 13TH TO 15TH JULY

TIME: START 9:00AM FINISH 12:00PM MIDDAY

AGES: 5-11

VENUE: THE HILLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL OVAL, KENTHURST ROAD, KENTHURST

PRICE: \$120

NORMANHURST

WHEN: MONDAY 13TH TO 15TH JULY

TIME: START 9:00AM FINISH 12:00PM MIDDAY

AGES: 5-11

VENUE: NORMANHURST OVAL, NORMANHURST

PRICE: \$120