



Thursday 4th March 2021



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

- Congratulations to all the students who proudly represented St. Patrick's against 12 other schools at the annual North Shore Cluster Swimming Carnival. The children were very supportive of their teammates and showed great spirit throughout the day. Well done to Liam D and Gemma T who placed in two of their events. Congratulations to Liam D who now represents the North Shore Cluster at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival to be held next week. We wish him all the best. We also acknowledge and thank Mrs Lucinda MacMahon for organising a highly successful carnival and for Mrs Bec Daly and Mrs Kate Ward for organising the children to their events during the day.
- Each term we will have some classes attend the morning Parish Mass. This week both Kinder Green and Gold attended mass with their buddies along with some of our parents and members of the parish. Upcoming masses:
 - Thursday 11th March - Year 4 attending Parish Mass 9am
 - Tuesday 23rd March - Year 1 and 2 attending Parish Mass 9am
 - Thursday 25th March - Year 3 attending Parish Mass 9am

As these are usually smaller gatherings parents are very welcome to attend these celebrations.

- A reminder that the Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP) in partnership with the eSafety Commissioner are offering two free webinars. The webinars provide parents with strategies to establish a safe online environment for their children. Tech, Teens and Time Online is scheduled for Tuesday 23rd March between 7:30-8:30pm and Helping Kids Thrive Online on Thursday 25th March between 12:30-1:30pm. To register click on the link provided: [Tech, Teens and Time Online](#) and [Helping Kids Thrive Online](#)
- Parents can also access the resource '[Supporting Diverse Learning in Catholic Schools](#)' a guide by parents for parents. It has tips and tricks along with links to various websites and groups that support Learning Diversity
- Our school Open Day on Tuesday 30th March marks the beginning of our period of enrolment for 2022. I invite parents of children who will start school next year to come along to see and hear why St. Patrick's is the perfect place for your child. If parents are aware of families that have children ready to start school next year, I encourage you to recommend our school and the offer to come and find out more information from one of our Open Day sessions. Parents can register by clicking the following link: [St. Patrick's Asquith Open Day Registration](#)
- Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Week 9 (March 23rd – 26th) with an evening session scheduled for Wednesday 25th March. The interviews provide parents with an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and discuss their progress and set goals for the year ahead. Information will be sent home on Friday about the online process for making a booking.
- Each fortnight the school has a behaviour focus that all the children learn about. The behavioural focus during Weeks 6 & 7 is being a '*Respectful Learner*' by *speaking and listening respectfully*. The children will be explicitly taught what this looks like and sounds like in the school setting. This includes the common courtesies of 'please', 'may I' and 'thank you', using a positive tone and manner but also look at the person you are speaking or listening to. I encourage parents to support this focus at home by discussing it as a family and acknowledging their child/ren when they get it right.
- Harmony Week is celebrated in Week 8 with many children taking part in the poster competition. To celebrate Harmony Week the children will have a mufti day (with a touch of orange) on Fri 19th March.
- This term the children in Years 3-6 will participate in the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee. Please refer to the information sent out today on Compass.
- Today the girls in Years 2-6 met with the new principal of Mercy Catholic College Chatswood, Mrs Brenda Timp along with two Mercy College students. Our girls heard about the wonderful opportunities provided by Mercy College and were invited to bring their parents to the school open day this Sunday, 7th March. For more information click on the following link: [Mercy College Open Day](#)

God bless you and your families.

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