



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022

# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the end of a very busy term fast approaching, I trust that all our families will have the opportunity to have some rest and recharge during the holiday break.

I acknowledge and thank our staff for all their dedication and efforts to facilitate the many events that were scheduled for Term 3. It included the school athletics carnival, celebration of Mary MacKillop and The Assumption of Mary Feast Days, Wakakirri Song and Movement for Years 3–6 students, Sporting Gala Days, Gymnastics for K–2 classes, Father's Day Breakfast and classroom visit, Let's Hear it for the Boys– Mum and Son Fun and Games Evening, Book Week Performance and Book Week Parade, Public Speaking, Year 6 Debating and excursions including Kindergarten visiting the Zoo.

I also acknowledge and thank parents for their support as many of these events would not have been possible without your support.

Next term we look forward to the School Fete on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October along with other scheduled events including the Stage 1 Reptile Park excursion, Year 5 Leadership Camp, Kinder Transition Days, School Band Concert, School Christmas Concert, End of Year School Mass and Year 6 Celebration and Graduation events to name a few.

## School Fete

Today we had a Mufti Day as a reminder for the children to bring in a donation for fete hampers. I thank families for the generous donations that were provided to support this popular stall at the school fete. Please don't forget to offer your assistance at the fete by signing up via the following link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/>

## Parent Engagement Coordinator



With students at the centre of everything we do, our purpose is to inspire hearts and minds to know Christ and grow in faith. We encourage students to use their talents to be the best they can be. In order to help support this vision, we are looking for an inspiring and faith-led **Parent Engagement Coordinator**.

This is a permanent part-time 0.3 FTE role. The PEC will report to the principal (with guidance from the Parish

Priest) and will be expected to work across the school and parish during the week and the school holidays.

If you are someone passionate about strengthening family, school, parish, and Diocesan relationships this might be the right opportunity for you, providing a potential pathway to other leadership positions. Please contact our Talent Partner Malik Ali on 0424 862 331 or via email on [malik.ali@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:malik.ali@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

Seek: [Parent Engagement Coordinator Job at St. Patrick's, Asquith NSW – SEEK](#)

### Confirmation

Congratulations to those students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday. It is a special moment in the children's lives as well as a proud moment for parents. I am sure families celebrated with their extended families after the liturgy. I acknowledge and thank parents for making the commitment to value and support the faith journey of their children during their primary school years.

### Parking

In last week's newsletter we provided information from Hornsby Council encouraging our school community to park safely and considerately in our local streets. I ask that parents be mindful of our neighbours and not to park across their driveways blocking their access to and from their homes. Included again is last week's flyer to remind you of the appropriate distance for a parking near a driveway.

### Professional Learning and Planned Staff Development Days for the Remainder of 2022

A reminder that we have planned staff development days in Term 4 to do some of the work required to support the professional learning of teachers for new syllabus documents for English and Mathematics using resources provided by CSBB. The following dates will be Staff Development Days:

- **Monday October 10<sup>th</sup> (First day of Term 4)**
- **Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> (Last day of Term 4)**

The last day of attendance for Term 4 for all children will be Thursday 15th December.

As a result, these days will be student free days. Our excellent before and after school care provider, Royston Kids, will provide supervision for a limited number of children on that day. Parents can contact the service via

email: [roystonkids@hotmail.com](mailto:roystonkids@hotmail.com) or by phone: 0431 383 981.

## Parent Engagement Officer



We have an exciting opportunity at Catholic Schools Broken Bay for a **Parent Engagement Officer**.

This role is an integral part of ensuring there is a maintained focus on strengthening positive partnerships between parents, schools, and parishes within Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) and would suit a parent/carer who understands the importance of these partnerships and ideally has a present or past connection to our Catholic Schools System.

You will receive an attractive salary and other benefits in this temporary-part time role (until 30 June 2023). During this engagement, you will be required to work 3 days per week (0.6 FTE) with flexibility on days and with occasional evening meetings.

If you have the skills in planning, organising and providing administrative coordination of projects and programs, along with supporting Catholic Schools Parents, Parents & Friends Committee's, Parent Teams and Principals with developing engagement strategies and implementation across our Diocese then please contact our Talent Partner Malik Ali on 0424 862 331 or via email [malik.ali@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:malik.ali@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

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God Bless you and your families

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