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Dear Parents and Carers, Girls and Boys,

Jesus has risen! Following Easter Sunday, we are now in the church season of Easter. During this season of the church, we remember the time that Jesus spent with his followers before he returned to heaven on the Feast of the Ascension.

I do trust the Easter holidays were a welcome opportunity for some much-deserved family time and break from routine but also a chance to reflect on and celebrate the Good News that comes with the risen Jesus.

Anzac Day Commemoration

We came together as a school on Monday to remember the ANZACS. Thank you to all the children, staff and parents for joining us on this very special occasion. Congratulations to our band members for ably providing the music during the commemoration and to Mrs Helen Jacobson for preparing the musicians. A special thank you to Melissa Spurrett for sharing her time with us. It was an honour to hear her reflection about the history of ANZAC Day and what it means to her.

On ANZAC Day our school captains Noah D, Fynn E, Emma D and Catherine M woke before 4am to proudly represent our school at the Hornsby RSL Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service. Our captains laid a wreath with Noah D also reading the Peace Prayer at the Dawn Service. I acknowledge and thank the parents and Mrs Lloyd-Jones who supported our captains to pay their respects and thank all those who have served.

Mrs Russell

Last Sunday I wrote to parents and carers of Year 1 Green informing them that their child's teacher, Mrs Russell, is taking leave for all of Term 2. Doris will be having a medical procedure in early May and will use the remainder of the term to rest and recover. I am sure our entire school community will keep Doris in their thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

In the meantime, we have been fortunate to employ Mrs Jessica Maleszcka to teach Year 1 Green during Term 2. Jessica has worked in the Diocese of Broken Bay in recent years teaching at St. Brendan's Lake Munmorah and MacKillop College Warnervale. I am sure Jessica will continue to receive a warm welcome from our families as she settles into our school community.

School Open Day

I ask parents to assist in promoting our school as the perfect place for new students to attend. If you know of parents who have preschool children ready to start school in 2024 and beyond, please take the opportunity to let them know about St. Patrick's Asquith as the school for them.

Please encourage them to attend one of our School Open Day sessions on Thursday 18th May to see and hear why St. Patrick's is the perfect place for their child. Parents can register by contacting the school (9477 3800) or click the following link: [2023 Open Day Registration Form- CSBB](#).

Mother's Day Celebrations

We only have 55 responses for our Mother's Day Celebration at school in Week 3 with a Mothers, Muffins and Maths morning. I warmly encourage mothers, mother figures and women role models in the lives of our children to register and come along on Friday 12th May from 8.00am for a cuppa, muffin and get together. This will be followed by Maths time with mums and children in classrooms and our Mother's Day Liturgy. Please stay for as long as you can on the morning. **For catering purposes, please register your attendance using the following link: [Mother's Day Celebration](#)**

Thanks again to Monique Ciampi and other parent volunteers for running the Mother's Day stall set for Friday 12th May. All gifts are \$6.00 each and are to be purchased through the QKR app before 5pm Wed 10th of May. Parents purchasing need to complete an individual order for each child in the family, through the QKR App. The stall will be held at school on Friday 12th of May.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Week 2 of Term 2 (May 1st-4th) with an evening session scheduled for Wednesday 3rd May. The interviews provide parents with an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and discuss their progress and set goals for the year ahead. Parents can now book an interview time with the child/ren's teacher via Compass. Parents have the option to attend a face-to-face interview at school or attend via Zoom. Details to access interviews online will be provided separately today via Compass.

Parent Survey

A letter inviting all parents to complete the Catholic Schools Broken Bay's Culture Survey will be sent via Compass today. The survey supports our Diocesan Continuous Improvement Goal and will help shape the culture of our school and school system. Please refer to the survey letter for further details and the link to the online survey.

School Uniform

I am thankful for the overwhelming support by our parent community to send their child/ren each day dressed in their correct school uniform. A reminder to parents that the first weeks of term will be a 'phase in' period towards Winter uniform. Students may wear either full Summer or full Winter uniform (but not a combination) for the first four weeks of Term 2. Students should be in full Winter uniform by Monday 15th May.

Canberra Excursion

Our Stage 3 students are gearing up for their excursion to Canberra in Week 4. The children have been learning about democracy as part of their history unit and this excursion will give them first-hand experience at the federal government level. I thank our Year 5 & 6 teachers in advance for the commitment they give to organising and the time they spend away from their families while attending the 3-day excursion.

We are looking forward to a successful Term 2 for all our students.

God bless,

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

