



Thursday 11th August 2023

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week, Tuesday 15th August we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. The feast of the Assumption celebrates Mary being assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. Mary was an ordinary person who was blessed by God, became the mother of Jesus and was always there for him.

On this day the church acknowledges God's faithfulness to Mary and the trust she had in God. Her love and devotion supported Jesus throughout his life and is an example for us all. Mary is the Queen of All Saints.

On Tuesday 15th August we will celebrate the Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary the Mother of Jesus by joining with the parish and celebrate mass in the church from 9am. All parents are welcome to join the celebrations.

Year 3 Assembly

We look forward to enjoying the Year 3 children presenting the whole school assembly. I know that both classes have been working hard to be ready for the assembly where they will share some of their recent learning. The assembly will begin around 2:10pm. Parents are very welcome to attend. Parents unable to attend in person can view the assembly via Zoom using the link and access code below:

Meeting ID: 615 4441 4932

Link: <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/61544414932>

Kinder Enrolments 2024

Current parents who have school aged children to start Kinder in 2024 are encouraged to contact the school office to enrol now.

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. Prospective parents can contact the school to have a private tour and pick up an enrolment pack from the school office or enquire online: [Enrolment Enquiry Form](#)

Children already enrolled for Kinder 2024 will be attending a screener day session be held on Monday 28th August and Wednesday 30th August (9am to 10.30am) with children attending one of these sessions. Later in Term 4 the children will also attend three more sessions to support a smooth transition into primary school.

Paddy's Care Group

Our 'Paddy's Care Group' remains ready to support families who may be experiencing an unexpected family illness, or for families who are going through difficult times. We have a group of parents who coordinate this through the school. If your family need support or you are aware of others who are doing it tough, contact Cheryl in the school office. Please know that confidentiality is maintained throughout the time any services are provided.

Book Week- Week 6

Our wonderful school librarian, Mrs Belinda Wickham, is encouraging the children to start getting ready for an exciting celebration of Australian Children's Book Week in Week 6! We will invite the children to participate in events including:

1. Book Character Dress-Up (Wednesday 23rd August)- Choose your favourite book character and start preparing ready to be part of the parade. This can be a fun and creative activity for your child/ren to organise. Please use what you have on hand rather than look to purchase an outfit for your child/ren.
2. Book Week Live Performance - "Way Too Cool!" We join Marley and Henry on their new adventure WAY TOO COOL! as part of Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week live performance.
3. A host of other Book Week Activities throughout the day. More information will be provided soon.

Special Lunch Order Day -Tuesday 15 August

Orders have already closed for our Special Lunch Order Day for next Tuesday 15th August. We cannot accept late orders or cash payment. We thank the P&F and our volunteer Canteen Supervisor, Meagan Rose, for making this special treat for the students.

Father's Day Celebration

We invite all fathers, father figures and male role models in our children's lives to our special Fathers Day celebrations, to be held on Thursday 31st August from 8.00am at school. I do understand and respect that in a number of our families we have a range of people who might be "father figures" to our children. This might include grandfathers, step-dads, family friends and relatives. I hope to see all my fellow dads and father figures here on the morning.

The morning will comprise of a BBQ breakfast and a cuppa along with Men in the Morning activities, a liturgy to acknowledge and celebrate fathers and open classrooms where all dads are invited to go into classrooms to see their children showcase some of their learning and spend some time together.

Father's Day Stall

The Father's Day Stall will also be held on Thursday 31st August. Gifts will be \$6.00 available for purchase via QKR. Purchases must be made 5pm Monday 28th August. Please do not send in cash on the day as all gifts must be pre-ordered.

Staff Development Day

We have scheduled a Staff Development Day (student free day) on Friday 1st September. As there will be no lessons on this day some parents may wish to take advantage of the supervision provided through our Before and After School Care providers Royston Kids. Parents wishing to use this service are asked to contact via email: roystonkids@hotmail.com or by phone: 0431 383 981.

Let's Hear it for the Boys

The 'Let's Hear it for the Boys' school mum and son dinner, music and games night held later this term (7th September from 6pm-8pm) has also been advertised via Compass. This evening is aimed at boys in Year 4-6 and their mums to come together for a fun night. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased via the QKR App.

P&F Movie Night - The Mario Bros Movie

The P&F have organised a movie night for Friday **15 September commencing at 5.00pm**. It's time to pop the corn!! Bring along a picnic rug and dinner and popcorn, drinks and ice-cream and more will be available for sale on the night. Tickets are a bargain at \$18.00 for a family of four and \$5.00 for a single ticket. The movie showing will be **The Mario Bros movie**. This is a great chance for our school community to come together for a fun filled night. Tickets are available on the QKR app today closing time: **13 September at 8.00pm**.

God bless,
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

