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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy term, 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 care for and educate the children and to also facilitate the many events that were scheduled for Term 3. It included the school celebration of Mary MacKillop and The Assumption of Mary Feast Days, 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, Movie Night and the Kindergarten excursion to the farm at Dural.

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

October is Mental Health Month- Resources

The following link has been provided by our school counsellor, Laura Edmonds, to acknowledge that next month is Mental Health Month. The website has some great resources for Mental Health Month (October), but also just great resources in general: [Mental Health Month | WayAhead](#).

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](#)

Friday Assemblies

Thank you to our Kindergarten team for organising the Kinder Assembly last week. Unfortunately, I missed the celebration of their learning but was told it was a rousing success. Our Kinder students are developing such confidence to speak in front of an audience, and I congratulate them of their efforts along with their teachers to present an entertaining and informative item.

Staff News

Mrs Taylor will be taking some leave next term and in the interim we welcome Michelle Stewart to our school office. Michelle has worked in our school office previously and has a great amount of experience working in schools in our diocese. Michelle will work each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and some Fridays. I am sure parents will warmly welcome Michelle to our community.

School Building Works

The promised building works is set to begin soon with a possible start as early as Week 3 next term. It will be exciting to have new learning spaces for the children and teachers to work in but there will be some disruption to the normal routines in the coming months.

Before the build begins, I will again be meeting with the Catholic Schools Broken Bay Facilities Team, the project manager and the contracted builder to finalise the schedule and plans to relocate classes to other rooms as required. Although there will be some impact on the available learning and play spaces during the build, I am sure that the resulting new facilities will be well worth the effort.

Parents can read about and view digital images and video of some of the proposed work through the following [\(Link: Building Works- Fly Through\)](#).

E-Library

Yesterday parents were sent information regarding a new E-Library reading resource that is now available to the children. This digital platform will provide all students access to over 3000 e-books. This resource will also assist the children accessing books during the new building works when we have a reduced number of library books available to borrow. A flyer to access the resource will be sent home today. I thank Mrs Wickham for organising this great new resource.

Tree Works

Managing the trees in our schools is done regularly by Catholic Schools Broken Bay as part of our maintenance schedule. This is to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our school community. CSBB has contracted a tree service to inspect and manage the trees in our school grounds during the second week of the holiday break. The work will include tree inspection, some pruning but also the removal of a tree at the southern end of the basketball court.

P&F Movie Night - The Mario Bros Movie

We had a great turn out of families to the P&F movie night last Friday. It was great to see so many families come together to enjoy an evening's entertainment with The Mario Bros movie. I thank the P&F social committee Wendy, Monique and Rima for organising the event and supporting the evening by selling drinks and popcorn, raffle tickets and other items.

Family Photos

Our P&F have organised the opportunity for families to get a family portrait photo by a professional photographer. For more information, please refer to the attached flyer.

For more P&F News please read the attached item.

God bless,
Todd Vane-Tempest
Principal

ST. PATRICK'S WEEKENDMASSES

SATURDAY	6pm
SUNDAY	8am
SUNDAY	10am
SUNDAY	5pm

Kuringai-Chase Parish

Parents are encouraged to click on the link to connect with all the current information regarding the parish through parish website including the weekly Parish Bulletin. [Link- Parish Bulletin](#)

Confirmation

Last Sunday, 17 September, over 20 children from our school were Confirmed in our parish by the bishop. I acknowledge and thank the parents of these children for their commitment to supporting the faith journey of their children.

Parish Choral Event- The Choir Games

The parish is holding a choral event for children in October. The Choir Games, scheduled for Sunday 22nd October, provides an opportunity for children from Year 2-6 to come together and sing, learn about singing as a choir and get to know each other and have lots of fun. There will be more information provided soon.

Dates to Remember:

Term 4

Thursday 7th December -Year 6 Graduation

Friday 8th December -Christmas Concert performance

Wednesday 13th December -End of year whole school Mass

Thursday 14th December -Last day of school for students (Year 6 may differ TBC)

Friday 15th December - Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)