

Principal's Update

Term 1 Week 7

12th March, 2019

School Publicity Photo Shoot

We have a photographer coming to school tomorrow to take photos to be used by the school for the website, publicity etc.

If your child has not been given permission to have their photo taken can you remind them to not take part. We will have a list of those children ready as well.

We won't be photographing all children but can we ask that your child come to school, anticipating they may be photographed, looking neat and tidy!

Thank you for your support in this.

Harmony Day Thursday 21st March



On Thursday 21st March, we will be celebrating Harmony Day. It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Some of our parents from different cultures have offered to set up a display on their country of origin, providing our students with the opportunity to learn about the various cultures and ask questions. The displays will take place in the school hall from 9am.

Last year it was wonderful to see the interactions between the children and parents and the insight and awareness of how our cultures contribute to our school. You are very welcome if you would like to join us on the day or set up a display with your country of origin.

Children are invited to wear an orange item on the day.

NRMA Road Safety and Science Show Day



The NRMA Science & Road Safety program is offered free of charge to schools and students on behalf of NRMA Members who value road safety education for our most vulnerable road users. The Road Safety Day explicitly teaches children road safety information, accompanied with a tangible safety strategy that they can employ to keep themselves and others safe.

Students are invited to bring their bike helmets to the hall for the show as we will ask them to practise how to fit them correctly.

The Road Safety Day will be held next **Tuesday 19th March** in the school hall.

Session times are:

Stage 2: 8.45am

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1: 9:45am

Stage 3: 11:15am

Parents are also invited to come along to learn more about how they can teach their children to be safe on the road.

NAPLAN NEWS

NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance. Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.

Pastoral Care / Cheese and Chat Meeting

We had our first Pastoral Care Team / Cheese and Chat Meeting last week. Please see below, the points that were discussed at this meeting. Anyone is very welcome to attend any of these meetings. Our next meeting will be held in the evening on Tuesday 7th May at 6pm. This is the second week of Term 2.

Handball Sales

Two of our Year 5 students, Charlotte M and Kiah G, have been chosen by their netball club to represent them in a competition in New Zealand.

This is a great honour for these girls and they are seeking your support. They are holding a handball sales fundraiser each morning next week. They will be selling handballs each morning from 8:15am until 8:40am. The balls are \$3 each. While it is great to support our own, there is absolutely no pressure to buy these balls and the students have been told that it is up to you to decide if you would like them to have one or not.



Road Safety - Letter from local resident

I received this letter last week from a concerned local resident and felt it would be worthwhile to share with you.

Good morning,

I have driven past your lovely school for more than 20 years, & have 3 children myself so I understand how rushed mornings can be.

I would just like to share some concerns which are becoming more frequent.

Parents seem to be less aware of the dangers for the children & themselves, ever since the traffic has been turned into the 40km zone. This morning alone, one parent in your designated drop off area on the school side of the road, got out of her car leaving the driver's door wide open & proceeded to get her 2 children to exit through the back driver side door onto the middle of the road, whilst she stood holding the rear door & moving herself further onto the roadway.

While this was happening a van had pulled up in the drop off area on the other side of the crossing and even though the van has the option to exit from both sides of the rear area, the parent had chosen to not only allow the child to exit onto the road, but then proceeded to have a chat with another parent whilst cuddling the child, all the while standing in the middle of the oncoming lane of traffic.

I understand that the school has no control of its parents, but it does have an obligation to remind parents and students of the importance of road safety. I would like to strongly encourage the school to contact the police and have a road safety day with their public liaisons.

Perhaps also reminding the parents that one beautiful young life has been lost locally, and that was one too many, and a vehicle travelling at less than 40km still has the potential to kill.

Thank you for your time,

[REDACTED]

Road safety, particularly in regards to you and your children is critical for us and for this reason we often remind you and the students about its importance. Please take this letter as it was intended... out of genuine concern by this resident.

Resilient Child Workshop

We will be holding a Resilient Child Workshop at our school on Friday 29th March. This is a free workshop designed to help you help your child. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Nut Free School

With new students in our school this is a timely reminder that due to students with nut allergies this is a nut free school.

For the safety of our students this includes peanut butter and Nutella sandwiches as well as muesli and other bars that contain nuts.



School Discos

To enable you to plan ahead we have set the dates for the school discos throughout the year. Please note the Term 1 disco includes the Easter Hat Parade.

The Term 2 and 3 discos will have a suggested theme to make them a little more engaging for the children and the Term 4 disco will have a Christmas theme.



Term 1: 29th March from 5:30pm (Theme - Easter)

Term 2: 28th June from 5:30pm (Theme - TBC)

Term 3: 30th August from 5:30pm (Theme - TBC)

Term 4: TBA (Theme - Christmas)

Pastoral Care Team / Cheese and Chat Minutes 5th March 2019

- Parent directory list -not recommendation
- Set disco dates book DJ, Easter disco and Easter hat parade 29th March, wellbeing week disco week 6 term 2 and 3 and Christmas Disco term 4
- Christmas concert Andrew Chin
- Explanation of advisory group and parent advisory board and who is on the panel
- Buddies- interchangeable sexes of buddies is it possible -bathroom issues - unequal pair ups year 6 boys getting two male kindy buddies and year 6 girls sharing one female kindy buddy between two
- Book contact possible to change to any contact rather than clear
- Remind kindy parents not to park in drop off zone
- Crossing possibility to apply for another crossing
- Road safety - No child to leave without an adult, dogs not allowed on school grounds, children can come up to the gate with another adult but not a child.
- Sporting events on the last day of school not a great fit, people will go on holidays and miss these events
- House colour shirts - note states full sports uniform, bit confusing knowing what is allowed to be worn on the days of sporting events
- Deferred awards assembly doubling up on assemblies
- Oval - re-turf or reseed -getting quotes
- Natural playspace on hold until equipment is checked over and quotes for any repairs or replacements that are required are given
- Aspire catholic school performance program audition based years 5-11
- Musical next year 2020 with Ms Boler
- Active after school sports previously- shifted to in school
- Music bus- a parent was told no spare spaces, school advised they can host earlier sessions or more days if required. Trying to mix up sessions so children aren't missing the same sessions in class every week.
- Recycling bottled water possibility at the end of the day into the school garden. Wouldn't be able to do until the end of the day. Mention of the refill bottle station under the hall.
- Recycling crate for recyclable items, can we set up a recycle system for bottles and other recyclables besides cardboard as they're not being recycled. **Implement a green team again.** Isabeau to look up the provider of enviro bags to collect bulk recyclable bottles etc and take to bulk centre.
- Better implementation of whole school participation in the garden maybe each year to have a day to join in.
- Is there any possibility of theming the 2 other discos in the middle of the year

For discussion at our next meeting:

- Possibility of hosting a fair or fete during winter
- Significant drop in maintenance to the school, maybe we could ask grandparents to come in and help out call the grey army also require free volunteer WWC

Meeting adjourned at 3:04pm.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Yvette Owens
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PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

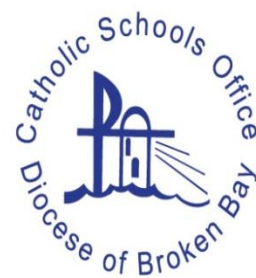


The Resilient Child

How can we help children develop their resilience and cope better with the ups and downs of school life? What strategies develop “mental health fitness” in children and lifelong wellbeing skills?

Join us for a workshop that will provide you with:

- A better understanding of what is “wellbeing”
- Strategies for building resilience and coping skills
- Ideas to develop “mentally fit” children
- Building a growth mindset at home.



This is a FREE workshop

Brought to you by the
Parent Education Team,
Catholic Schools Office,
Diocese of Broken Bay.

Friday 29th March 9am-11am

St Cecilia's Primary School, Wyong

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by 22nd March

YES! I will be attending “The Resilient Child” workshop

Name(s) _____ Child's Class _____