

**Principal's Update**  
**Term 1 Week 3**  
**9<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

Dear Parents,



**\*Start The Chat\* Safer Internet Day**

Today is **Safer Internet Day** and at St Cecilia's we have started and will continue the chat about online safety to celebrate this global day of awareness. Classes will be completing tasks and discussions on the safe use of the internet and technology and all children will be signing their ICLT contract agreements. The contracts will also be sent home to inform parents about the programs and processes that St Cecilia's has in

place to support students to be safe, ethical and responsible users of digital technologies. The contract for each child outlines the expected behaviour of students and seeks informed agreement from children, parents and teachers.

Furthermore, **Safer Internet Day** is a good opportunity to explore the role we can all play in creating a better online community. This global campaign is celebrated by millions of people in 170 countries across the world.

Help us make every day a Safer Internet Day!

- Visit [Safer Internet Day 2021 | eSafety Commissioner](#) for tips to start the chat at school, at home and in your community.
- Join the free parent webinar eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama. The webinar will include case studies, research and targeted advice so you can support the young people in your life to have safe, enjoyable online experiences. [Parents | eSafety Commissioner](#)

**E-Mail Communication with Teachers**

If you would like to contact your child's teacher via e-mail, please send your email to [scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au) with the teacher's & child's name in the subject. Our administrative staff will forward the e-mail to the class teacher. Please be mindful that teachers get many email messages and with their teaching and other responsibilities during their day they may not be able to respond immediately. Teachers will endeavour to reply as soon as possible, or they may call to discuss any issues too complex to resolve via e-mail.

**Goal Setting Meetings**

The Goal setting meetings will take place on Tuesday 23rd February in the school Hall from 3:30 – 6:30pm. Further information and booking details will be distributed later this week.

**Coffee and Chat with the Principal**

I would like to invite parents to a coffee and chat session in the staffroom on **Monday 15th** or **Friday 19th at 9am**. This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, share, fellowship and for us to meet more formally and learn more about one another. Please RSVP at the following link <https://forms.gle/1Yuz8MEAewA1431K7>

**Shrove Tuesday**

Children will be given the chance to bring a gold coin donation to buy pancakes on **Tuesday 16th February** to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. The money will be donated to Project Compassion.

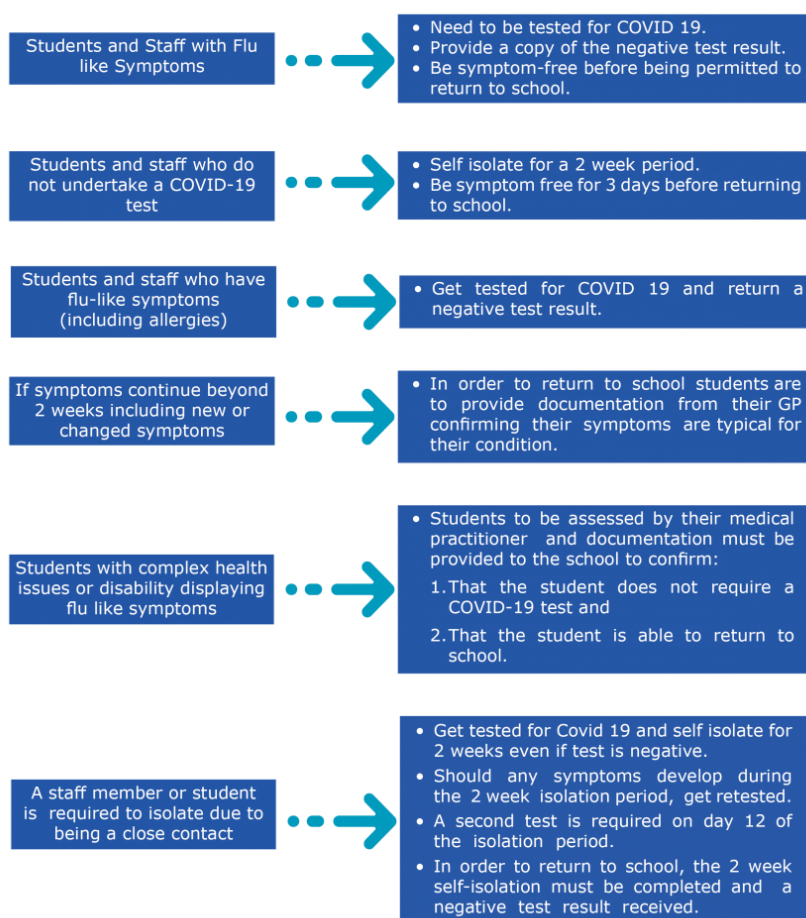
## Whole School Opening Mass

The beginning of school mass will be held in conjunction with Ash Wednesday on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30am**. Due to COVID restrictions the distribution of ashes is by sprinkling on each person as per the guidelines of the Diocese and the Vatican. Years 5 and 6 will join Father Raul for Mass, whilst the rest of the school will participate in the Mass in class through the Livestream. This Livestream link will be shared with families on the day.

## Sick Children

Thank you for your support in keeping your children home when they are sick. We are still being directed to be vigilant about following COVID-19 restriction guidelines. Anyone who is **unwell**, or has even mild flu-like symptoms, should be tested. (See chart below for more detail).

### COVID 19 SYMPTOM GUIDELINES



## Afternoon Pick Up

Thank you for adhering to the process for pick up in the afternoons. A reminder for any new parents and carers that the pink bunting separates the student's area from the path and it is important that parents stay on the path and not cut through the children. Can I also ask all parents to ensure you walk around the path and not gather around the area near the hall steps and ramp to collect your children?

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Mrs Marta Chylewska  
PRINCIPAL