

Principal's Update

Term 3 Week 2

20th July, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the uncertainty surrounding the length of Home Based Learning, I wanted to reach out to let you know that teaching your children can be a very challenging role and I want to stress that you are not expected to try to recreate school at home. Help them as best you can, but trying to be the teacher may cause undue stress for many of you plus some of you may be time poor if balancing work from home commitments. I understand what you may be going through as I too find it difficult to balance this with my children and I am a 20 year experienced teacher!

During the child/rens online sessions teachers are guiding the children as best as possible. Hopefully the feedback from the class teacher is supporting your child's learning. We are often online and available over Seesaw or Google classrooms, so please reach out whenever needed; for learning questions, technical support (scwithelp@gmail.com), fee relief or call 4353 2922 if you have anything you'd like to discuss.

I write to reiterate that "*We're all in this together*" as this is something that affects all of us. This is a tough time for everyone and my commitment to you is that we will do all we can to support your child/ren as you share in Home Based Learning with us.

FEE RELIEF

Updated Fee relief information will be available early next week. If you require immediate assistance, please contact the Fee Liaison Team on schoolfees@dbb.org.au or phone 9847 0728

ATTENDANCE

To help minimise mobility and to stop the spread, the NSW Government and CSNSW have reminded us that parents must keep children of all ages across Primary and Secondary schooling, home if they can. Our school will ensure that our students are supported to learn from home during this time and have adopted HBL as our primary form of teaching. If your child needs to attend our school we are open and will provide the supervision needed.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY - SUNDAY 25th JULY

Pope Francis set aside the fourth Sunday in the month of July as World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This coincides with the Feast of Saints Joachim & Anne, the grandparents of Jesus which is on Monday 26th July. Throughout the next week's HBL activities the St Cecilia's children will be asked to complete different activities about their grandparents. Mrs Dowling will utilise the works created by the children for a recorded Liturgy that will be shared with all families to pass on to their relevant loved ones. We hope that during this period of isolation many children will have the opportunity to call or facetime their grandparents this weekend.

MATHS ONLINE

All the children have been very active and engaged with their Maths Online, which has a proven track record of markedly improving student confidence and performance in Mathematics. The program is used extensively across the country in more than 700 primary and secondary schools.

One of the key elements of children's success in school is the relationship between teacher and parent. This program assists in keeping you, the parent, informed on a regular and consistent basis.

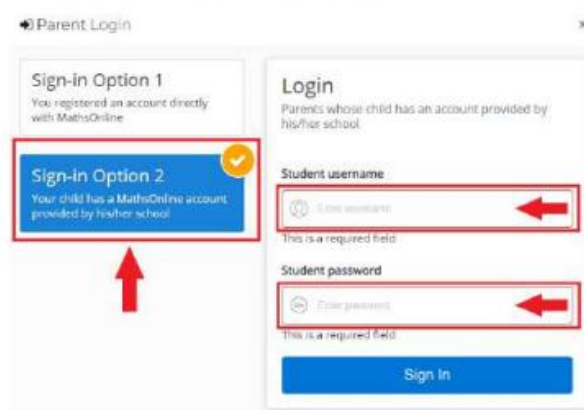
If you would like access to weekly reports showing your child's progress and easy to understand tutorial videos to rewind and rewatch for clarity of concepts, please use your child's username and password at the [Parents Login \(mathsonline.com.au\)](https://www.mathsonline.com.au).

To keep track of your child's progress, weekly reports are a feature which can be sent directly to your nominated email address. Follow the steps below to set up weekly reports

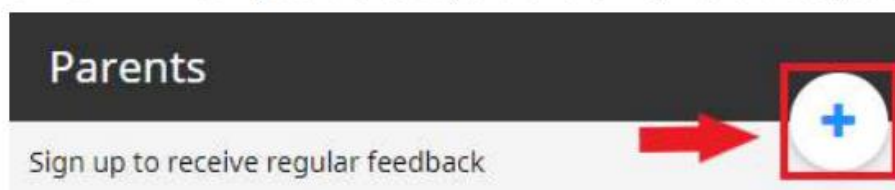
STEP 1. Go to www.mathsonline.com.au and click on the **Login** drop down arrow located at the top of the page and then select **Parent Login**.



STEP 2. A new box will open. Select **Sign-In Option 2** then enter your child's *username and password* and clicking **Sign In**.



STEP 3. Using the **Parents** box, click on the '+' symbol and add your email details.



ZOOM PASSWORDS

This week we received an important security announcement detailing requirements for Zoom conferencing during HBL.

Please note that to access a Zoom session, children will now need a password. The password will be shared at the top of your child's Google Classroom page with the required Zoom link.

For security reasons please do not share class Zoom links on any public social media platforms such as Facebook, even if it is a private group on Facebook.

Catholic Schools Broken Bay have become aware of attempted breaches of cyber security from a range of third parties. In some cases, this has been very serious (including a significant cyber-attack on NSW DET schools last week). We thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Thank you everyone for the messages of support many have offered to our teachers over the last week. Knowing their hard work is appreciated means a lot to them.

Please take care of yourselves and stay well. You are all in my prayers and ask that you reach out if you need to discuss anything. I'll be available at school all day tomorrow.

Kind Regards,

Marta Chylewska
(Principal)