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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the messages of thanks and support for teachers, as well as the deliveries of cupcakes at morning tea, hampers, and treats that have been coming into the school. They are very thoughtful and certainly help us to get through the days of lockdown, so thank you.

WELLBEING WEDNESDAY



We had our first Wellbeing Wednesday yesterday, which was a day to get off the screens and devices and focus on our children and their families' wellbeing. We learned an important lesson from last year's lockdown and that is that we need to take 'time out' to have some fun, play a board game, bake, have a backyard picnic, learn a new skill, do some fun activities – something that brings joy and recharges you.



Thank you to the Harpley's for your Wellbeing Wednesday pic this week. Keep them coming everyone. We also want to stay connected with you and see what everyone's getting up to at home on Wellbeing Wednesday. Even if it's just a photo of you in your Oodie lounging around on the couch all day.

Although I have reminded the staff to please try and take some 'time out' on Wellbeing Wednesday, most Wednesdays your child's class teacher will be planning for the upcoming week. They will be recording audio and visual materials to support their lessons, monitoring and tracking student submissions, responding to parent and student queries, providing feedback, attending whole class and/or small group Zooms, joining a staff meeting Zoom, and everything else in between. This is all whilst still coming into school twice a week to assist with onsite supervision in a hybrid environment of home and school-based learning at present.

Please be mindful that when the teachers are onsite supervising, they are unable to mark and respond instantly to student queries. In this instance they are often having to take their daily marking home and are doing their best to ensure feedback is given to the children that same day or early the day after. Your child's teacher will notify the class via Google Classroom when they are at school undertaking supervision.

UNIFORM DAYS FOR CHILDREN ONSITE

For the children attending school on different days throughout the week, could all classes K – please wear the specified uniform on the following days:

Sport uniform – Wellbeing Wednesday and Friday. **Normal uniform** – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

COMPASS OPT-IN EVENT FOR ONSITE SUPERVISION

As noted above teachers are continuing to be rostered for onsite supervision but at times we have more children attending than listed in the Compass *Opt-in* Event. To assist Mr Madigan and myself in planning accordingly for the correct ratio of teacher to students, I will continue to publish an 'event' in Compass on Tuesday each week for parents to book their child/ren into the required days of supervision. **PLEASE ACCEPT or DECLINE THE OPT-IN EVENT by 12PM on a Friday**, each week.

The COVID-19 case locations on the Central Coast are increasing and I have had parents and staff be identified as casual contacts this week (all awaiting test results, which I pray are negative). Thankfully none of these staff or parents have been on the school premises since being at the COVID-19 location spot. This is just a gentle reminder to families that if you are currently working from home, it is safest to have your child engage in HBL from home, where possible.

STAFF PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT DAY

A reminder that next week on **Wednesday 18th August** we have a HBL free day. No Home-Based Learning tasks will be set on this day, as teachers review and plan for the rest of the term.

Supervision, however, will be provided at school for those who absolutely need it. Please complete the Event in Compass as usual by 12PM on Friday.

FATHER'S DAY SELFIE AND DAD JOKE

We are preparing for Father's Day in a few weeks and to help us acknowledge the fatherly figures in our children's lives, we ask for families to film dad sharing a 'dad joke' and/or get the child/ren to take a selfie with dad. Any dad jokes or selfies can be emailed to scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au titled Father's Day. Alternatively, you can send the recordings or videos via Personal Message (PM) on Facebook. **Please send these videos and selfies in by Friday 27th August.**



VIRTUAL CUPPA AND CHAT

A reminder for parents to join Mr Madigan and I for a social catch up via Zoom, this Friday at 11:30am. All new families welcome too. Please rename your username that appears on the screen to first and last name.

Topic: Parent Catch up

Time: Aug 13, 2021 11:30am

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/62002129768?pwd=eC9GZW5nZWVhVam9qMEVzZGxlc2c5UT09>

Password: 949642

Meeting ID: 620 0212 9768

AWARD WINNERS



Listed below are the award recipients for tomorrow's whole school assembly and I have attached some photos shared with us via Facebook of some very proud cherubs who received their awards in the post. Please keep sharing your pics of your children when they receive their awards.

I will also be announcing the family portrait winners at the Zoomby tomorrow.



Teachers are currently contacting families this week to check on wellbeing and listen to any concerns. Please know however, that you do not need to wait for a call, please contact the office via email if you are worried about anything - the class teacher or I will respond in a timely manner during Monday to Friday. Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement.

God Bless


Marta Chylewska
(Principal)

Awards and Acknowledgements

Congratulations to the achievements



following students for their

Academic Achievement

Kinder Gold	Bella T	Kinder Blue	Samantha M
1 Gold	Harry L	1 Blue	Iona M
2 Gold	Eloise B	2 Blue	Zach W
3 Blue	Alisha P	4 Blue	Dean H
4 Gold	Zavier W	5 Gold	Riley S
6 Blue	Jaedyn P	6 Gold	Bethany P
Drama	Aliza M	Japanese	Lachlan B

Personal Best

Kinder Gold	Barrett M	Kinder Blue	Ava J
1 Gold	Ivy C	1 Blue	Kyra R
2 Gold	Skye P	2 Blue	Lillianna G
3 Blue	Georgia L	4 Blue	Logan H
4 Gold	Keaton J	5 Gold	Charlotte L
6 Blue	Megan W	6 Gold	Ella T
Library	Stevie B	Library	Isabelle R
Drama	Charlie J	Japanese	Rory W

PBL Award

Kinder Gold	Harrison O	Kinder Blue	Violet H
1 Gold	Oliver H	1 Blue	Malachi E
2 Gold	Lincoln B	2 Blue	Duncan C
3 Blue	Mia T	4 Blue	Toby R
4 Gold	Pandora M	5 Gold	Nasiah M
6 Blue	Jazmyn G	6 Gold	Eloise E
Drama	Ethan W	Japanese	Lincoln B

