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Principal's Update
Week 3, Term 4
20th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were so excited about the return to face-to-face learning for our children in Kindergarten and Year One on Monday and waiting in anticipation for the rest of the school to return on Monday 25th October.

I trust that you found our Return to School information helpful. The safety and security of our children and staff have been foremost in our minds as we have planned our way forward. The staff and I are deeply thankful that day in and day out you continue to walk with your children in these challenging times. You are the ones they look to know if it is safe to step forward. Parents being positive about coming back to school has been key for the children to feel safe, ready and excited about resuming face to face learning. Based on the settled and positive return of the Kindy and Year 1 children on Monday, you obviously prepared them well. Once again, we thank you.

Please find some important updates and notices.

DATES FOR THE DIARY...

October

Mon 11th - Parent phone/Zoom interviews conducted all week

Wed. 20th - *Bright Beginnings* Zoom for 2022 Kindy Children 9:15 am - 9:45am

Mon 25th - All children returning to school

Wed. 27th - *Bright Beginnings* Zoom for 2022 Kindy Children 9:15 am - 9:45am

Fri. 29th - World Teacher's Day

November

Wed. 3rd - Kindy 2022 Parent Information Session 4pm - 5pm on Zoom

Thurs. 18th - Kindergarten Transition Session #1 9am - 10:30am

Mon 22nd - St Cecilia's Feast Day

December

Thurs. 2nd - Kindergarten Transition Session #2 9am - 10:30am

Tuesday 7th - Andrew Chinn visit & Christmas Concert (tbc)

Wed. 8th - Year 6 Graduation 10am or 5pm (tbc - pending COVID restrictions)

Thurs 9th - Reports go home

Fri. 10th - Swimming Carnival (tbc)

Mon 13th - End of Year Mass & Awards

Tues. 14th - Step up day

Wed 15th - Last day of school for 2021

SWIMMING AND SURF DAY CANCELLED

This year's K-2 Swim program has been cancelled.

The 3-6 *Surf Safety* days have already been cancelled and the swimming carnival is still unconfirmed.

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE


We have Wonderful News!!!

It is with great joy we can announce, Bishop Anthony has advised our churches to be open to the public for Mass and Adoration, regardless of vaccination status, St Cecilia's and St John Fisher will resume Mass from Wednesday 20th October. There is no need to book in for mass.

Places of Public Worship are exempt from the requirement of vaccination. Given that both vaccinated and unvaccinated may be present at Masses it will be important for us to convey to our people that they need to discern what may be in the best interests of their safety and that of their families.

In resuming Masses, it will be important for us to follow all COVID safety requirements around density of gatherings, QR registration, the wearing of masks and refraining from congregational singing. The government regulations do allow for a small choir of up to 10 people. We continue to celebrate Mass in the way that we have since the commencement of the pandemic, mindful of the many ways by which we ensure everyone's safety. The Chancery will continue to communicate with the parish on changes and requirements as they emerge.

It is important to be mindful that the status of vaccination does apply to facilities other than our churches, such as offices, meeting rooms and schools. In these locations, until further notification people who are not double vaccinated will not be allowed into locations other than the church for Public Worship.



BROKEN BAY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARENTS - FREE WEBINAR

The BBCSP is offering this **FREE** Maggie Dent Webinar 'Practical Parenting in a Pandemic' which also includes two free ebooks and several audio tracks.

A special webinar for unknown times, the whole world has been living through a traumatic event since the coronavirus pandemic became a part of our everyday experiences in early 2020. With no clear endpoint to focus on, this is taking a huge toll on us all in terms of stress and the impact on our nervous systems.

Parents are facing particular challenges as they try to manage their own emotions and responses - and the practical challenges of coming in and out of lockdown, and especially with remote learning and other public health restrictions - alongside their children's.

In this webinar, parenting author, educator and resilience specialist Maggie Dent explores the layers of stress, anxiety and grief for families that have been created by this pandemic.

Maggie looks at the impact this long haul is having on our capacity for coping and addresses some key issues...

- How to keep on building strength and resilience with small steps that will prepare you for the months ahead
- Tips for transitioning your children through a staggered return back to school and face-to-face learning
- Strategies for managing prolonged remote learning (crisis learning) and working from home with kids and teens underfoot
- Preparing to cope with snap lockdowns that may be ahead when outbreaks occur in school communities and local government areas
- The dynamics of loss and change - and how you can navigate them
- Understanding and managing your own stress / warning signs and what to do about them
- The steps to recovery...

To register for the **FREE COUPON** code email: catholicschoolparents@dbb.org.au & for further information on the webinar visit [Practical Parenting in a Pandemic | Maggie Dent's Common-sense](https://commonsenseparenting.com.au)

MESSAGE FROM THE FLO

I encourage you all if you have not already done so to watch the Maggie Dent "Practical Parenting In A Pandemic" especially now as school is due to return. Maggie was very easy to listen to and spoke of the different emotions that we may be feeling during this time. There were some very good tips especially about taking care of ourselves and concerns we have about our children returning to school. Parents that have watched the webinar felt that it was very worthwhile. Parents will need to register individually for the **FREE COUPON CODE** via email

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Kind Regards

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