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School Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we warmly welcomed back the children to our school. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we have had 97% of our students attending. That's a tremendous effort by parents. Throughout the turmoil of the past couple of months, you've done a great job.

The children have settled back into their learning routines. They look very happy to see each other and they're enjoying the support of their class teachers.

Uniform Shop: *We are not* permitted to have any parents attend the Uniform Shop. You may purchase uniform items by phoning us or emailing us with your order. If a size does not fit, then you are simply able to return it, asking for the better size.

Family Survey: A link will be sent to you today regarding a survey of families. We are interested in gaining perspective on the impact that the past few months has had on all members of our community. We would certainly appreciate you taking the time (3 mins) to complete the survey. Thank you.

Afternoon Pick-Up Procedure: Great minds think alike. Yesterday, we had a host of parents in cars lined up early (from 2.20pm) to collect their child. The cars were spilling out onto Main Road by 2.23pm. Those who walked up to the gates or drove in at around 3.05-3.10pm barely waited at all. And a reminder that the Pandora Parade exit is open for walk-ups. It was hardly used yesterday.

No Balls at School: Children are not allowed to bring any balls (including handballs) to school until further notice. Handball will still be played by the kids. We will have new handballs available for the children and, after each session, the balls will be soaked in disinfectant and water. Sports equipment used by Mrs Bain at PE is also being cleaned after each session.

Bubblers Closed: From tomorrow the bubblers will be closed to the children. We kindly ask that you ensure your child has a water bottle with them at school each day.

We have re-booked our Year 6 Canberra excursion for Term 4 and various excursions for Terms 3 or 4. We have also re-booked our Athletics Carnival for Term 3 (Thursday 20th August). We are hoping that, by then, we will be permitted to enjoy these activities with the children.

Enjoy the remainder of your week and thank you for being very supportive as we navigate the continuously changing landscape.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

Vision/Mission Statement

"Empowered by the Spirit, we at St Mary's live, learn and grow as disciples of Jesus in a nurturing Catholic Community."