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School Update

Awards Ceremony K-6

Our annual *Awards Ceremony* (Wednesday 9th December) recognises the *outstanding achievements and efforts* of children. In past years it has been held in our parish church. This year, due to COVID restrictions, we will be holding our Ceremony outside. In this way we will be able to invite a certain number of parents and carers to join us in celebrating their child's efforts and achievements. This year's ceremony will be limited to the parents and carers of children who are receiving awards. All sessions will also be zoomed and a link forwarded to you.

From Thursday 26th November – Wednesday 2nd December teachers will phone parents/carers of the children in their class who will be receiving awards.

The details of the Awards Ceremony are outlined below:

9.15am	Kinder + Year 1
9.45am	Year 2 + Year 3
10.15am	Year 4 + Year 5
10.45am	Year 6, Major Awards, 2021 School Captains.

Our Awards Ceremony will be held in the school's quadrangle area (outside Years 3-5 classrooms). Social distancing will be evident and QR codes for sign-in will be used. At the conclusion of each session parents will be kindly asked to promptly leave the school grounds. This will prevent any mass gatherings and enables the following session to commence on time.

We appreciate your assistance as we keep our community safe and celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students.

K-2 Awards

Our annual awards for all children in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will be shared with you via Zoom on Tuesday 8th December. The time for each class is listed below. We invite you to join us. Your child's teacher will share the Zoom link with you:

1 Blue: 9.05am	Kinder Blue: 9.50am	2 Blue: 10.35am
1 Green: 9.20am	Kinder Green: 10.05am	2 Green: 10.45am
1 Gold: 9.35am	Kinder Gold: 10.20am	2 Gold: 10.55am

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Thanksgiving Mass

Our annual Thanksgiving Mass which acknowledges and farewells our Year 6 commences at 9.15am on Friday 11th December. Our Mass will be held outside in the quadrangle area. Parents/Carers of Year 6 children are welcome to join us. Every child in Year 6 has a role during the Mass. Your presence at our Mass makes it a very special liturgy.

Christmas Theme Day

Due to COVID restrictions, we are not able to have our festive, colourful Christmas Carols this year. In lieu we will have a Christmas Theme Day on Monday 14th December for the kids. All children are asked to wear Christmas mufti (reds, whites, greens) on the day.

Parents in Partnership Meeting (PIP)

We had our first meeting of our PIP leaders (Eileen Cannon, Corinne Intia, Tenille Callaghan, Kris Boyce) yesterday. We discussed the role of our PIP and how parents can become more fully engaged in our school. A good number of parents also volunteered to be a Team Member on our PIP. A meeting of our PIP with Team Leaders, Team Members and anyone else interested commences at 7.00pm on Tuesday 8th December in our school grounds. Please join us. Early next week, you will receive a letter from our Team Leaders inviting you to join us at the meeting.

Student Reports

Your child's Report will be posted on Compass on Friday 11th December.

Last Day Guard of Honour for Year 6

Our traditional last day *guard of honour* for our Year 6 will occur on Wednesday 16th December. We invite Year 6 parents to join us. The guard of honour will commence at 2.30pm. We ask parents to join us on the oval. Social distancing and QR codes will apply.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please call us.

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars
Co-Principal

Kevin Williams
Co-Principal

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