

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 8
1 September 2021

Happy Father's Day

Upcoming Events

- Virtual Trivia Night
Saturday
4th September
5.45pm-8.00pm
(see Compass)

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

On Sunday we celebrate Father's Day, though it will look very different this year.

All dads have vital roles to play in the lives of their children. Dads are 24/7 role models. Every word, every action, every smile, every frown, everything a dad does is an example for children.

From a very young age, kids 'pick up' on what their dads do. They like to copy them, they like to do what their Dad does, they want to be like their Dad. Something that's important to a Dad is often important to their child. Dads have an incredible influence on their children.

We wish all dads a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday. We trust that you have a moment on Sunday when the love of your children will be so beautifully clear for you to see. It might be the smile on their face, the look in their eye, the hug they give it may even be that they actually laugh and genuinely enjoy your jokes.

Return to School

Late on Friday Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) posted the *Return To School Update* through Compass. Dependent upon vaccination rates and public health orders the following return dates for students are:

Year	Date	Week
Kinder + Year 1	Monday 25 October	4
Years 2 + 6	Monday 1 November	5
Years 3, 4, 5	Monday 8 November	6

After a long period away from school, the transition for your child back to school is important. For many, it will come easily. For some, it may prove harder. If you would like some help with practical ideas for ensuring the transition proceeds smoothly for your family, please contact your child's teacher, our Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Falzon, Mrs Hartge or Mr Williams.

Care Packs

Our Wellbeing Team have been happily handing out Children Care Packs and Parent Care Packs through our drive-through service. The packs are a little way of us saying, "We're thinking about you."

Our next drive-through service for Care Packs is on Friday, commencing at 8.00am. We hope you enjoy them. If anyone doesn't want to eat their chocolate, one of our Co-Principals (the little, short bloke with glasses) is happy if you return it to him.

We thank our staff Mrs Walker, Miss Dawson, Mrs Doyle, Mrs Nelson, Mrs Roach, Mrs Falzon and Miss Todd for creating and leading this idea. We would also like to thank the staff that volunteered their time on the drive-thru.

Virtual Trivia Night

Please join us as we have fun with our Virtual Trivia Night on Saturday. Commencing at 6.00pm (Zoom open from 5.45pm) and concluding at 8.00pm the night is designed for the whole family. Please see the Compass note sent last week or check out our Facebook posts for details.

Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the Trevelyan family in your thoughts and prayers. Polly's (5 Gold) grandfather passed away recently. May your treasured memories and Our Lord's comfort be great strength to you during your time of loss.

Congratulations

We congratulate the Southern family on the new addition to their family. Sebastian (K Gold) is now the big brother of baby sister, Charlotte. Enjoy the joy that the birth of your beautiful daughter brings.



Parish Details

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Office Hours. Monday-Friday
9.00am-2.00pm

Merit Awards

Lewis Z
Mia N
Ollie B
Hannah B
James C
Levi C
Ivy C
Malaki B
Oliver E
Mila C
Cooper B
Kohi B
Max B
Willow C
Levi R
Billy H
Harvey L
Stephanie M
Beau B
Cynthia A
Archie M
Eva S
Chloe S
Timmy S
Keoni L
Lily DB
Myles S
Lara N
Portia R
Indiana M
Havi M
Zahra D
Harry M
Josephine R
Jessica RC
Owen W

Extra Support

CSBB is supporting all schools with extra funds aimed at helping learning and wellbeing during and after HBL, e.g. the Care Packs were kindly paid for by CSBB. When the children return to school we have a variety of small intervention groups organised to help with reading and writing in Kinder, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3.

Leading educational consultant, Pasi Sahlberg commented on the weekend that when our children return to school, it is vital that the wellbeing and pastoral care of our kids are given priority. We are planning a number of fun events in which our kids' sense of connection is re-established. We want them to feel like they belong again to our place and each other.

From Our Family Liaison Officer

It's been a steep learning curve for both staff and families during 8 weeks of HBL with a couple more still to go before the holiday break. Every parent/ carer is feeling the pinch in some way and for quite a number managing work, your own studies, wrangling younger children, caring for older relatives, financial stress, household duties, as well as HBL, it can start to feel overwhelming and have you doubting yourself. But I would really encourage all parents/ carers to recognise what a fabulous job you are actually doing and show yourself some kindness.

Talking to parents I am hearing that some feel that they aren't doing enough, have 'hit the wall' or have 'dropped the ball', but in reality you are all doing a great job in managing circumstances that we would never have imagined 18 months ago. Everyone is doing the best they can in the situation they are in, which is different for everyone so it doesn't help to compare your own to other families. So maybe it's time to acknowledge all the hard work and effort you've already put in and reset your thinking to see the positive in what you are doing and give yourself a pat on the back.



Spring

This is a sensational time of the year, when you see the days growing longer and the edge starting to come off winter.

Kind regards,

Kevin Williams
Co Principal

Liz Hartge
Co Principal



Finding time for yourself can be challenging during lockdown but we can still get out for a walk which helps improve mood and physical wellbeing. Listening to music or podcasts also helps our mood and is something you can do almost any time. One of the best Australian podcasts for parents is Parental As Anything by Maggie Dent, who is considered the queen of common sense parenting in Australia. She covers a wide range of topics including sibling fighting, kids personality traits, co-parenting, solo parenting and one about being a 'good enough' parent. A 'good enough' parent is what kids need, not a perfect one who never makes a mistake and doesn't exist in the real world anyway. You can check out her free podcasts, articles and videos [here](#).

Another couple of online resources for parents include ["KidsHelpline"](#) and ["NSW Education Dept"](#) which both include resources for parents to support their children, particularly dealing with Covid19 and HBL. Don't forget that you can also always contact school or your child's teacher if you want to talk through any concerns or questions you may have.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

From Our REC

Confirmation

Our Year 3 students and some of our students from Years 4 - 6 are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for the sacrament.

Father’s Day Photos or Videos

Please send a picture of your child/children with their dad or a video message to Mrs Kyle. If you are creating a short video you could include one of the following:
Why your dad is special
Why your dad is a superhero
Why you love your dad
Ideally the video would be best set in a landscape setting, rather than portrait.
Please send them to: catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au by Wednesday, 1st of September. An iMovie will be shared on Friday via Facebook.

Community Letters

Thank you to the students who have already handed in their letters for Mrs Walker to hand over to the community centre. We are sure these will brighten a community member's day! Over the next couple of weeks if you can hand this in via your child’s slide it would be greatly appreciated.

Student and Family Care Packs

Thank you to all our families that have collected their care packs. We hope all our students liked hearing from their class teachers. The teachers and staff are missing the students terribly. Our teachers were very excited to see the different signs families had created. They also loved the treats our families have given to the staff



Catherine Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

	Blue	Gold	Green
Kinder	Monday 10.00am Wednesday 10.00am	Monday 9.30am Friday 9.30am	Monday 10.00am Wednesday 10.00am
Year 1	Monday 11.30am Thursday 11.30am	Wednesday 10.00am Thursday 10.00am	Monday 10.00am Thursday 10.00am
Year 2	Tuesday 9.00am Thursday 9.00am	Monday 10.30am Thursday 10.00am	Monday 2.00pm Wednesday 2.00pm
Year 3	Wednesday 12.30pm Friday 12.30pm	Monday 10.00am Wednesday 12.45pm	Wednesday 10.00am Friday 10.00am
Year 4	Monday 10.00am Thursday 10.00am	Monday 12.30pm Friday 12.30pm	Monday 9.30am Friday 9.30am
Year 5		Monday 9.30am Friday 9.30am	Monday 10.00am Wednesday 10.00am
Year 6	Tuesday 12.30pm Thursday 12.30pm	Monday 10.00am Thursday 10.00am	Monday 10.30am Wednesday 10.30am

Zoom Meeting Timetable Weeks 7-10

From the Office

As we are now posting our weekly merit awards, could you please ensure we have your correct residential address. You can call the office on 4396 5100.

Thank you

Zoom Dance Classes

Please remember zoom dance classes are on until the end of term.

Tuesday 10.30am - Hop Hop Yrs 3-6

Wednesday 10.30am - Jazz Yrs 3-6

Thursday 10.30am - K-2 Dance

Zoom codes are on Compass



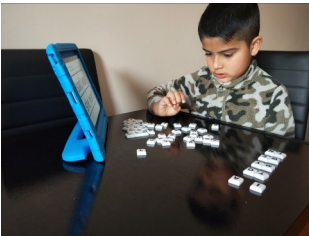
Student’s receiving their merit awards at home



A spotlight on Kinder



We are so proud of how well Kindergarten are working at home. We can see the creative ways that parents have set up home learning and we are very impressed. The Kindergarten teachers love seeing videos and photos of the children completing all of their work and can't wait until we can see them back at school and in the classroom.



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