



ST MARY'S MESSAGE STICK

Friday July 24 2020

Giinagay Families,

A warm welcome back to Term 3! I am hoping everyone has had a wonderful Winter vacation with their family and friends. This term is already shaping up to be challenging with COVID -19 still impacting how we live and work. However, with a strong sense of "team spirit" I am sure as a school community we will be able to overcome any possible challenges. In fact, being the eternal optimist I believe that there could actually be numerous unknown opportunities we can capitalise on as a school community during these uncertain times.

Yours in Faith,
Warren Niethe
Principal

COVID-19 School Safety Rules

- Families are to drop off and pick up their children from the **COLA**. Please note this change!
- Thorough hand washing 20 seconds with soap as well as using hand sanitiser.
- Coughing & sneezing into your elbow.
- Using and correctly disposing of tissues.
- Adults Social distancing at all times - in staffroom, classrooms, COLA, playground, etc
- If you are unwell do not attend school and seek medical advice.
- Students are to use drink bottles.

Warning - All Adults Entering The School !

All adults entering the school apart from staff and parents dropping off and picking up must immediately report to the Office. Adults will have their temperature taken by George, asked to sign a COVID-19 declaration as well as sanitising their hands. Permission from the Principal must be given before leaving the Office. Thank you for your cooperation to ensure these procedures are strictly adhered to.



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Child Protection and Anti-Bullying

I would like to draw to the attention of the school community two important policies and procedures that are integral to keeping our students safe when they are at school. These two policies and procedures are:

1. Child Protection Policy and Procedures, and
2. Anti-Bullying - Student.

These guiding documents can be found on the school website - <http://www.bwppplism.catholic.edu.au>

Also, hard copies of these policies and procedures are available at the Office on request.

School Fees Statements

To assist families to stay up-to-date with their school fees payments statements are sent out twice during the school term - Weeks 1 & 5. If you are experiencing difficulties paying your school fees please contact me to arrange a confidential meeting to discuss appropriate assistance.

If you are currently receiving a Job Seeker payment from CentreLink please contact George regarding the possibility of some form of school fee relief.

Parent Opinion - Diocese of Lismore School Improvement Survey

I would strongly encourage all parents to partake in this important survey that is being sent out to families today. Your opinion is greatly appreciated and valued. Survey results are invaluable to setting future school improvement directions. Please note, the survey commences on Monday 27/7/20 and concludes Friday 7/8/20. All paper copies of the completed survey must be returned to the Office prior to Friday 7/8/20.

NO More Eggs Cartons Please

A huge thank you to everyone who provided the hundreds of egg cartons for our students to construct an absolutely amazing rocketship to use as an outdoor learning space. The students had a blast building their rocketship. Please keep an eye on our school FaceBook page for photos.

School Uniform Update

A supplier has now been secured and they are busily filling an urgent order for new school shirts. The plan is to give each student (free of charge) two new school shirts. Once the new school shirts have been distributed any old school shirts are not to be worn to school. Fingers crossed the new school shirts will arrive well before our School Photos that are scheduled for Thursday 29/10/20. Once again I would like to thank families for their patience during this saga.