

ST MARY'S

MESSAGE STICK

Thursday 07/05/20

FACE TO FACE LEARNING AND TEACHING STARTING - WEEK 3 - MONDAY 11/5/20

Giinagay Families,

St Mary's will be recommencing face to face learning and teaching next week starting on Monday 11/5/20. I would encourage families to send their children back to school as soon as possible. However, if a family would like to continue learning from home that is fine as school work will still be provided by the child's teacher. I have been advised by the Lismore Catholic Schools Office that all students must be back at school no later than Tuesday 9/6/20. Please be assured the current COVID -19 health and safety measures will remain in place until advised otherwise by the Lismore Catholic Schools Office.

Yours in Faith,
Warren Niethé
Principal

Staying Safe

On a daily basis all staff and students are reminded of the following actions to stay safe at school:

- Washing hands frequently with soap and water before and after eating and after going to the toilet.
- Covering your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Coughing or sneezing into your elbow. Correctly using and disposing of tissues. Avoid touching your face.
- Limiting physical contact when greeting people.
- Limiting physical contact in the playground.
- Staying at home and seeing a doctor if you are feeling unwell.

Communication

In light of the current circumstances clear communication between school and families is vitally important. To enhance communication please note the following dot points.

- **Hardcopy editions of the Message Stick and the School Newsletter will be printed and sent out again.**
- Communication to families will be made using the St Mary's FaceBook page as well as the school's webpage. If you know of any families who are not already accessing these platforms please encourage them to do so ASAP.
- In terms of contacting your child's teacher please phone the school as well as using their email.

Dropping Off and Collecting Students

Until further notice families are asked to drop off and collect their children from the school gate that opens onto the school carpark. Thank you for your cooperation and patience as this will significantly reduce the possible adult to adult transmission of any viruses.

School Bus Is Operating

The School Bus will be operating as normal (Bowraville, Macksville and Nambucca Heads). However, Samantha Kennedy will be replacing Uncle Dean as the driver. Please note, if needed Samantha can be contacted on her mobile - 0432 327 301.

Canteen Is Operating

The school canteen will be operating again. Breakfast, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided for our students.

