

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Thursday 30/04/20

A warm welcome back to Term 2! The staff and I have been happy to see many students returning to school this week. Blended Learning (learning from either home or school) will continue next week. It is important to remember that St Mary's is open and ready to supervise students' Blended Learning, especially for those families who may be finding learning from home to be stressful in any way. We are hoping to move back face-to-face learning as soon as possible. However, when this happens will be based on advice from the Lismore Catholic Schools Office as well as Federal and State government guidelines.

Yours in Faith,

Warren Niethé

Principal

Staying Safe

On a daily basis all staff and students are reminder 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.

- All 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 regarding individual Student Learning Packs please phone the school as well as using email.

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Student Learning Packs

For those families who have decided to keep their children at home as an option for learning please note the following dot points

- Student Learning Packs are designed for individual students.
- They provide 2 weeks of learning activities for parents to do with their children. Both the parent and child will need to sign off on all completed activities. If the crisis continues into the future Student Learning Packs will be refreshed on a fortnightly cycle.

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 - Week 2 Services Starting - Macksville & Nambucca Only!

Due to the ongoing logistical issues caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic our School Bus will only be servicing Macksville and Nambucca until further notice. 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

Starting next week - Week 2 our school canteen will be operating again. Breakfast, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided for our students.