



Newsletter – Week 4

Wednesday, 22nd February, 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

We have an Extreme Weather Policy which is designed for student and staff safety and wellbeing.

Our Extreme Weather Policy includes wet, hot, thunderstorm and windy conditions. This week, in particular we are experiencing days in a row of hot weather.

During extreme weather, the arrangements are as follows:

- In our policy, the definition of 'Extreme heat' is if the temperature is 36° C or higher. For consistency, this temperature will be checked using the Bureau of Meteorology web site – www.bom.gov.au.
- Class activities and school events will be modified to suit the conditions e.g. Physical Education, Outdoor Education and excursion activities may be cancelled, held indoors or shortened. Children are encouraged to drink water frequently in the case of hot weather and to remove or add extra clothing as needed etc.
- The principal or delegate will announce that Extreme Weather Policy is to be put into place (due to heavy winds, thunderstorms, rain or temperature on Bureau of Meteorology web site reading 36° C or higher). This involves informing all class teachers prior to playtime beginning, and school events starting.
- When inside play is in place, R-2 students gather in the MPLA and Years 3-9 students gather in the Hall.
- As per the Extreme Weather policy, the Principal or a member of the Leadership team will make a call on extreme weather based on individual circumstances at the time.
- If the fire rating for the day is rated 'Catastrophic', then no school buses will run. Classes will be unable to travel to any excursions.

We also understand that children can react differently to hot weather conditions, some being affected more by heat than others. Therefore, we monitor students and appreciate communication with parents as to how their child/children are going in the hot weather. Classrooms are air-conditioned and teachers adjust learning, particularly in the afternoons, to suit the energy levels and needs of the students. There is a forecast top of over 36 degrees continuing over the next three days. The temperature will be monitored; it has not usually reached maximum at 1-1.40pm (our lunch time), however, inside play will be called if needed.

SPORTS DAY SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Sports Day survey, we had 26 responses from parents.

Following is a summary of some of the feedback:

- Shortening the day for the R-2 students
- Athletics focus on morning events for Years 3-8 students
- Majority of responses prefer Sports Day in the timing of the school day; four responses favoured twilight Sports Day
- Students have voted to remove the Health Hustle and keep the House March
- Change in date – frustrating and inconvenient

We have been able to incorporate some feedback from parents and students into Sports Day this year and will look at more for next year. Following are some adjustments:

- Remove Health Hustle and keep House March (student request)
- R-2 students events will finish at lunch time
- Athletics focus on morning events for Years 3-8 students
- Retain Subway lunch and invite food/drink vans; frees up parents on the day and P & F had great difficulty getting volunteers to help on barbecue and other stalls

Given that that the R-2 students will have a shorter day (finishing at lunch time), we ask that R-2 parents indicate if their child will require supervision between the end of their events (approximately 1.00pm) and 3.00pm. Some parents may not be available for this period of time, therefore supervision will be provided by school staff. Depending on the number of students, this may take place back at school.

Please fill in the return slip (separate insert) if your child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 will require supervision for this period of time.

Enclosed with today's Newsletter are Subway envelopes for families and friends to purchase lunch. If enough envelopes aren't included, please write your order on an envelope and include the money. **Orders are to be returned to school by Thursday, 2nd March. Any late orders are to be taken directly to Subway, Kadina.**
Kadina Lions Club will also be cooking steak and onion sandwiches and sausages throughout the day.
Cold drinks and hot drinks may be purchased on the day.

More information about Sports Day will be in the Newsletter next week, including the rosters for the P & F drink stall, oval set up and pack up.

SPORT UNIFORM IN THE LEAD UP TO SPORTS DAY

On sport lesson days and dance lesson days, students are asked to wear their House top and sports shorts. If a House top is not available for some reason, (waiting for the order to arrive or being washed) students wear their usual sport uniform top and sports shorts.

There will be some extra days that students will be asked to wear sport uniform in the lead up to Sports Day, as above, students may wear their House top.

STUDENT PULSE CHECK-IN

This week and next week, students will participate in the Student Pulse Check-In Survey, this is now conducted in Weeks 5-6 every term. The students respond to questions about their wellbeing, how they feel supported by their teacher, whether they feel they have a say in their learning, whether they feel safe and connected at school.

PERSONAL PLANS FOR LEARNING

As outlined last year, Personal Plans for Learning for students are in place for 12 months from the end of Term 1, 2022 until the end of Term 1, 2023. This is to ensure that there is not a period of time at the beginning of the year when there is not a revised plan in place. If your child was on a PPL last year in our school, this is the plan that is currently in place for your child. The only exception to this is students who are new enrolments or they were not actually on a plan last year and the need has since evolved.

Teachers have begun the process of revising and writing new PPLs for students who require these. The aim will be to have these available for parents to discuss at the parent/teacher interviews to be held in Week 10 of this term.

PARKING

Nearby Young Street is one of the main areas for parking for school drop off and pick up. In consideration for the people who live in Young Street and everyone else who is trying to drop off and pick up children safely, please:

- Do not parallel park as this takes up much more space than is necessary
- Do not park across our neighbour's gateways and the laneway
- Do not park on the curbing where Young Street meets Bagot Street; this blocks the road and the footpath

STUDENT LEADERS 2023

Congratulations to Year 5-8 students who wrote and presented leadership speeches, putting themselves forward. This takes commitment and courage on everyone's part.

The following students have been elected to leadership roles:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS: Adelaide White, Ashton Blokpoel

SCHOOL VICE-CAPTAINS: Amani Summerton, Riley Davey

MACKILLOP HOUSE CAPTAINS: Luke Zimmermann, Jordan Duncan

WOODS HOUSE CAPTAINS: Lucas Phillips, Mileah Weight

JOSEPH HOUSE CAPTAIN: Hope Ide

TAPPEINER HOUSE CAPTAIN: Blake Walkley



SCHOOL CAPTAINS

L-R: Amani, Adelaide, Ashton, Riley



HOUSE CAPTAINS

L-R: Jordan, Luke, Blake, Hope, Lucas. Absent: Mileah

THANK YOU - TO OUR SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE COOKS

A huge thank you to Francesca Tully, Lisa Caffyn, Sue Wharton, Hannah Cotter, and all of the Year 6-8 Master Chefs who mixed, cooked, and served pancakes and cleaned up afterwards. Probably around 160 pancakes were cooked and served....but who is counting!

Thank you so much for making it possible for us to enjoy our pancake feast on the day before Ash Wednesday.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

This year there will be four School Board vacancies. Current Board members Tristan Graham and Lauren Tetlow may stand for re-nomination. Lauren Donnellan is stepping down from Board and another member left our school. This creates the four positions. I thank Lauren Donnellan for her contribution to Board and we will formally thank Lauren at our School Board AGM. I encourage parents to consider joining the School Board. If you wish to nominate someone for School Board you must have had a conversation with them, they must be willing and available to commit and they must sign the nomination form as well. Following is a brief outline of what is required:

- Be available for two meetings per term (usually second Tuesday of the month)
- Be willing to contribute to the roles such as: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary
- Be willing to contact school families and offer your support as a Board member (Board Buddy)
- Be willing to represent our school positively within our community and in the wider community
- Be willing to share your expertise and skills (the different skillsets parents bring enriches our Board)

I am happy to chat with anyone considering School Board, as I am sure our current Board members would be willing to do so too.

With today's Newsletter there is a nomination slip.

REMINDER:

PUPIL-FREE DAY FRIDAY 10TH MARCH (OSHC AVAILABLE)

Blessings for the week ahead.

Michelle Miller - Principal



What's been happening in Religious Education?



SHROVE TUESDAY

Yesterday we celebrated Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is the day before the beginning of Lent – a period of around six weeks leading up to Easter. During Lent, Christians give up luxuries to remember when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to fast and pray. Traditionally during Lent, Christians would give up rich, tasty foods such as butter, eggs, sugar and fat (some Christians continue to do so, in fact). Shrove Tuesday was the last chance to eat these foods before fasting – and what better way to do so than with a delicious pancake!

We thank the Year 6-8 students, Ms Caffyn, Ms Cotter and Mrs Wharton for cooking the lovely pancakes. From the photos, you can see everyone was enjoying them. Thank you again to everyone who donated toppings.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Today we celebrated Ash Wednesday Mass at Star of the Sea Church with families, parishioners and the community. We received ashes on our forehead to remember that during Lent especially, we need to **turn away from doing wrong and follow God's way**.

The church colour or liturgical colour for Lent is purple. Purple (or violet) symbolises repentance and penance. Vestments of purple or violet are used during the season of Lent. You will see purple prayer cloths and symbols in the Sacred Space in the MPLA and classrooms.

The colour reminds us of the violet flower that bows its head and is a symbol of humility. Lent is the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a quiet season of reflection.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia 'Project Compassion Appeal'. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

The theme of Project Compassion 2023 is 'For All Future Generations' and reminds us that the good we do today extends to impact the lives of generations to come. This theme challenges and invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues. We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through prayer, fasting and being kind and generous in support of Project Compassion.

Each family will receive a Project Compassion box today for their donations or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

We ask that the Project Compassion boxes be returned in Week 10.



As we journey through Lent with Jesus, we can live like Jesus and get ready for his new life at Easter.

Have a great week ahead

Francesca Tully - Religious Education Coordinator

FRIDAY LUNCHES

We now have gluten free options available for order on the QKR app. Gluten free sausage rolls, chicken tenders and noodle cups have been added to the menu.

ITALIAN CURRICULUM LETTER

Included with today's Newsletter is the Term 1 and 2 Italian Curriculum letter.