



## Mini-Newsletter – Week 8

### Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

#### CELEBRATIONS

This week we have celebrated the feast of our patron saint, St Joseph, with Mass on Monday. Thank you to Francesca Tully for planning and preparations and to Fr Chris for celebrating our Mass. Also thank you to family members and parishioners who joined with us for the Mass. Thank you to all students who assisted with ministry through reading, processions, singing and participation.

#### FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

The Annunciation of the Lord is celebrated this Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March.

The Annunciation of the Lord refers to the time when the angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of the saviour. Mary was the first to hear and believe that God would do what he promised the world.

We can follow the example of Mary and say “yes” to God.

#### WELCOME LACHLAN, EMILIE AND CHARLOTTE

Recently, we welcomed back Lachlan (Year 9) and Emilie (Year 4) Nash. This week we welcome a new student, Charlotte Arthurs, Year 5. Welcome Lachlan, Emilie and Charlotte.

#### NAPLAN

Thank you everyone for your support with NAPLAN testing last week and this week. This is very much appreciated and helps it all to run smoothly. Thank you to all staff involved in facilitating the testing, in particular, thank you to Francesca Tully for preparations and facilitation. Well done to all students involved and thank you to parents for your positive support of the process.

#### RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

This Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March is Ride To School Day. It's all about being active on the journey to and from school and leaving the car at home. Where distance or time is a barrier why not try parking further away from the school and riding or walking the rest of the way.

More than 350,000 students across the nation will ride, walk, scoot and skate to school this Friday. Why not join in and be one of them!

#### SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported our school by attending the School Board AGM last night. Reports on 2022 were prepared and/or presented by:

Lauren Donnellan	Chairperson
Emily Donnell	WHS and P & F
Lisa Cooper	OSHC / Vacation Care
Sheridan Bonney	APRIM
Katie Crawford/Julia Hammill	Finance
Lisa Caffyn	Middle School
Michelle Miller	Principal

Thank you to all of these people for the effort put into preparing and presenting the reports.

Lauren Donnellan has completed her term on the Board and therefore her position as Chair of the Board. We thanked Lauren for her astute, wise and positive leadership and contribution as a member of the Board for the past four years. Lauren Tetlow was nominated to the Board in a temporary role from November 2022 – March 2023 and Lauren advised she will no longer continue on the Board. Thank you Lauren, for your willingness to join the Board and for your contribution.

We thanked Julia Hammill who has been Board Secretary for the past four years. Julia will still contribute to the Finance committee through her role as Bursar. Thank you Julia, for your attention to detail and prompt circulation of minutes for our School Board.

Thank you to Jane Owen who was the staff rep on the Board and has complete her term.

We welcomed new Board members: Richard Crosby, Laura Bald, Donny Duncan, Sarah Clifford (P & F rep), Amie Price (Staff rep), Francesca Tully (REC).

Continuing Board members are: Fr Chris, Michelle Miller, Debbie Venning, Tristan Graham and Katie Crawford.

Thank you to Board members who accepted the following roles:

Chairperson	Tristan Graham
Vice Chairperson	Richard Crosby
Treasurer	Katie Crawford
Secretary	Position to be filled

## BOARD BUDDIES

We will re-establish community connections with our School Board Buddies. Each member of School Board will have a number of families allocated to them, they will contact all new families to our school to introduce themselves and offer to be a contact and connection for you. School Board members will contact you by phone for a chat some time over the last weeks of Term 1 and into Term 2. New families to our school, if you do not wish your contact details (email/phone number) to be passed on to a School Board member, please fill in the return slip in this Newsletter. Contact details will be treated with the greatest confidentiality and will not be used for any other purpose or passed on for any other purpose.

## P & F AGM

We will hold our P & F AGM next Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend and support our vibrant group of parents.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Over the past six weeks our Dolphins swimming team have been training hard under the guidance of Lisa Caffyn, Lisa Hanson and Marcus Kerin. This Friday, the team will travel over to Clare for their carnival.

Good luck to our team: Mileah W, Mitchell D, Eloise C, Amaya R, Madison W, Zara C, Trinity M, Payton G, Kye S, Miranda A, Charlie B, Lucy A, Scarlett R, Miss Caffyn and Mrs Hanson.

Blessings for the week ahead.

*Michelle Miller – Principal*

## 2023 NEW FAMILIES BOARD BUDDY RETURN SLIP

I DO NOT consent to my contact details being shared with a School Board member for the purpose of them contacting me. I DO NOT wish to be contacted by a School Board member.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_