



NEWSLETTER - 25 March 2022

Dear parents and caregivers

With the ever-changing COVID advice, I have tried to minimise the amount of notes sent, however, some days I have to send more than one notice a day. Please check SEQTA Engage to ensure you have the latest advice at hand.

SACRAMENTS: At the moment, we will continue to run with our plans for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (Eucharist) as per the scheduled dates: Year Three students will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at school on Friday 1 April and Mr Major has organised a retreat in the hall with school providing lunch.

First Holy Communion will be held at St Augustine's during the 10am Mass on Sunday 29 May and, depending upon restrictions we will have the retreat in the hall on the Friday before (27 May). Mr Roberts will advise if the parent evening will run as scheduled – in the Parish Centre or in the classroom (depending upon restrictions) on Tuesday 24 May. The Bishop has decided to delay Confirmation until further notice, we will advise once we have the new date.

CAMP AUSTRALIA DISCONTINUING FOR 2022: Sadly, I need to advise that Camp Australia will cease their before/after hours care service at the end of Term One, due to a combination of factors including declining attendance and the difficulty of accessing relief when staff are sick or having to isolate. They have advised current parents and will provide information for services our parents can access. While it is sad to hear that Camp Australia are unable to continue, I would like to formally acknowledge their commitment to us over the past few years. We will survey parents mid-year to see if there is a further interest in offering this service again in 2023, if so, we will research available providers.

STAGE 7 CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: I have been advised that our application to commence Stage 7 Capital Development Plan has been approved by the Murray Shire Council and tenders will shortly be advertised. It is anticipated that work should commence mid May.

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL: I would like to thank Mrs Martin, staff, students and parent volunteers who made our Faction Swimming Carnival such a successful event last week. We were in the incredibly fortunate position of being able to walk to the pool, each class swam in modified events and left prior to the next class entering Murray Leisure Centre. Where possible, we will try to keep planned activities as normal as possible, while still complying with no mixing of year levels and all providers showing the appropriate vaccination level required to be on a school site.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE: Please send in your Easter Eggs for our annual raffle. We have extra tickets available at the school office.

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PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES: Please keep putting donations into your family Project Compassion box. The box (money) can then be sent into the office by the end of Term One or taken to Mass on the weekend and handed in. All money is donated to CARITAS Australia, where almost 100% actually reaches the people who need it the most.

ACTING PRINCIPAL: Ms Vanessa Gangell will be Acting Principal in Week One and Week Two of Term 2 as I will be on long service leave.

Please take care of yourselves, be kind to each other as we work through the COVID restrictions and may you receive God's abundant Blessings to you and your families.

Mrs Joy Ketteringham – *Principal*

MONDAY	28/03/2022		Parent/teacher phone interviews continue
TUESDAY	29/03/2022	9am	Reconciliation for Year 4 in school - (Selected students) Parent/teacher phone interviews continue
WEDNESDAY	30/03/2022		Parent/teacher phone interviews continue
THURSDAY	31/03/2022		Parent/teacher phone interviews continue
FRIDAY	01/04/2022	8:45am All day	Assembly – Merit & Worker of the Month awards Year 3 Class Retreat & Sacrament of Reconciliation Parent/teacher phone interviews continue
SUNDAY	03/04/2022	10am	Mass at St Augustine's Pinjarra – 5 th Sunday of Lent
MONDAY	04/04/2022	8:45am	Stations of the Cross Liturgy Parent/teacher phone interviews continue
TUES - THUR	5 – 7/04/2022		Parent/teacher phone interviews continue
FRIDAY	08/04/2022	8:45am 2pm	Easter Liturgy Year 4 Holy Communion Incursion - Artwork Easter Egg Raffle LAST DAY OF TERM ONE
MONDAY	25/04/2022		ANZAC Day Public Holiday
TUESDAY	26/03/2022		STUDENTS RESUME TERM TWO

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