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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL Mrs Cheryl Walsh.....

Dear Parents and students,

Welcome back to Term 2.

As you are aware the Government announced last week a staged return to school for students in NSW schools during COvid-19. As previously stated this model will see students returning to face-to-face teaching one day per week from the beginning of Week 3 Monday 11th May. Then hopefully a gradual return to full time school. This of course will all depend on health advice and further Government and CSO decisions.

Only the Melbourne Street (Infants Campus) will be open during this time.

- **Weeks 1 and 2 are Phase 0** – School is open for students of essential workers who need to attend work. Next week is the same as this week.
- **Weeks 3 and 4 are Phase 1** – School is open one day per week for students and students of essential workers who need to attend work.
- **Week 5 onwards** is yet to be confirmed.

This plan is phased, and flexible, allowing us to slowly bring schools back to normal while responding quickly if new spikes in transmission occur.

Why are we doing a phased approach?

Maintaining the health and wellbeing of our staff, students and school community is of utmost importance. We will therefore have the students return to school one day per week using the Colour Houses.

This means we will have approximately 85 – 95 students per day as well as the children of essential workers if they need to attend. Our families will also be accommodated by only having to come on one day in the week. A phased approach will mean there are a smaller number of students at school each day, providing more space to spread out. It also helps to balance the varied needs of students and staff, their families, personal circumstances and workplaces.

The flexibility of the approach means we can also respond quickly to any new spikes in the spread of COVID-19. During weeks 3 and 4 we will still only have the Infants side open.

Below are the plans for the management of the school community during Weeks 3 and 4, and staggered drop-off and pick-up of children among other details from Melbourne Street Campus.

Family Mass
Children's Liturgy every 9am Mass
except in school holidays

P & F Meeting
Once a term
Next meeting 28 May 7pm in the LARC
Victoria St Campus
Other dates are:
27 August
12 November

St Patrick's Hall
Enquires and bookings please call the
school office

Outside School Hours Care
E: eastgosford.oshc@dbb.org.au
or phone 0408 165 671
or visit the school website

The Uniform Shop
phone 0412 087 696
opening hours during school terms
Tuesday
8.30am – 10.30am
Also 1st Friday of every month
2.00pm – 4.00pm
The uniform shop can be contacted
outside of business hours by email
stpatricksprimary@alinta.com.au
payments can be made direct to
Alinta Apparel in the form of cash,
credit card, or debit credit card
NO CHEQUES
uniform price list & online shopping
available at
<http://www.alintaapparel.com.au/alinta/>

2nd Hand Uniform Shop
Open during Assembly Friday 2pm fort-
nightly or as advised.
Contact Louise 0407 100 433

Canteen
Infants: Wednesday & Friday
Primary: Wednesday & Friday
Rostered volunteers please give
24 hours' notice if you are unable to
attend

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
McKillop Blue Colour House	Jordan Gold Colour House	School is only open for care and supervision of students of essential workers who need to attend	Francis Green Colour House	Joseph Red Colour House

Students will need to bring with them on the day they attend

- The workbook they have been using for HBL
- Their pencil case with pencils and pens etc
- Their head phones

I understand that the above arrangement may not correspond with the most suitable day for your family or work arrangements, but I ask that parents and carers support this model. This will allow the school to plan more accurately for the number of students requiring care and supervision on each day.

School drop off and pickup to be staggered

To minimise adult contact, we ask that parents and carers support our staggered school drop offs and pickups. We will have three drop off and pick up times during Weeks 3 and 4 at our Melbourne Street Campus

In the **mornings** families whose **surname**

begins with the letters **A – H** are asked to be dropped off at **8.20am**.
 begins with **I – P** at **8.30am**
 begins with **Q – Z** at **8.40am**.

In the **afternoon** families with **surname**

begins with **A – H** are asked to collect your children at **2.30pm**.
 begins with **I – P** at **2.40pm**
 begins with **Q – Z** at **2.50pm**.

Children who catch buses home will be supervised until the buses arrive.



Parents are reminded that they are not allowed on the school playground because of social distancing

- In the morning your children will be met at the side gate at 8.20am and told which classroom to go to.
- In the afternoon students will be brought down to the side gate so that they can be collected.

Essential Workers

Parents who are essential workers and who are sending students to school on other days are asked to complete the google form <https://forms.gle/HC9Wu2ad547UJJJh9> so that we can organise supervision for them.

Student Learning

- During this time the Home-based Learning Program will continue as it has been whether the students are at school or at home.
- The day your child/children attend school they will engage with a grade teacher face to face as well as work on HBL.
- Students of essential workers who attend more than one day, will only have face to face teaching on one day. On the other days they will be supervised to complete the HBL activities.
- After consultation with parents, students and teachers, Friday will remain as 'Catch up Friday'.

We will follow the schedule that is on the school website on the face to face teaching days.

Submitting Work

Students who are completing tasks online are required to submit tasks completed regularly. This will allow enough time for teachers to review student work and provide feedback in a timely manner.

Parents are advised to leave tasks if they are too difficult to complete or family situations make it unmanageable.

Please understand that the requirements for student attendance has changed in recent weeks from what was first announced by the Premier Gladys Berejiklian. We expect that the NSW Government may present more changes to requirements for student attendance in the coming weeks. This will mean we may need to adjust our plan to accommodate these changes.

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Thank you for your continued support

Kind regards,

Cheryl Walsh

Principal



Fee Relief during Covid-19

THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING FAMILIES AS THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 CONTINUES TO BE FELT IN THE COMMUNITY.

<https://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/learning/Fee-Relief-during-Covid-19>

If you know anyone who has a child for Kindergarten 2021 please let them know they can pick up an Enrolment pack form our office.

KINDERGARTEN 2021
Enrolment Packs Available

Enrolment packs can be collected from our Melbourne Street Office between 9am and 3pm during school term dates.

School tours can also be arranged by appointment (pending social distancing guidelines)
Please phone the school on 4325 1159

DISCOVER WHAT A CATHOLIC EDUCATION CAN OFFER YOUR CHILD.
Offering diverse curricula activities initiated by a caring and dedicated team where combined with parent involvement offers excellent learning opportunities.

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FROM OUR RELIGIOUS CO-ORDINATOR Ms Bolton

**“Start where you are
Use what you have
Do what you can”**

Asher Ashe

I have always loved this quote by Arthur Ashe and especially now, I think it has great significance as we face these uncertain times together.

In this week's gospel from St John, the 4th Sunday of Easter, we hear that in the most difficult challenges of our lives — COVID-19 included — Christ the Good Shepherd speaks amid the turmoil and fear. If we listen with open hearts, we can hear Christ speaking in those small acts of kindness, forgiveness and justice that eventually get us beyond those obstacles.

The month of May is the month of Mary. Many great popes, saints, and Christian leaders have exhorted us to pray the rosary. It is a powerful prayer that can change your life, strengthen the family and bring peace to the world in a time of crisis. As we cannot attend church, we may like to find time to pray Mary's Prayer "The Rosary" with our children. Traditionally at school we would say one decade of the rosary every morning. You might like to do the same.

Many of you may have heard of a practice initiated by Sir Anthony Sheldon called "The Daily Pause". The Daily Pause" is a moment to practise being calm and to reflect on what's happening and how we're feeling. Many of us may be experiencing anxiety and fear at the moment, but there are also feelings of solidarity, hope and gratitude - especially for all those doing so much to help others.

The Daily Pause involves taking 2 minutes at 8.00am every day to practice being calm and still. It can help us to accept what we cannot change, be grateful for what we have and take action to help make things better. Maybe saying a decade of the rosary becomes part of your daily pause.

Any of these practices may help you "Keep calm, stay wise, Be kind" especially for our children's sake.

Online parent reflection sessions

Details have been sent to parents regarding parent reflection sessions. Please take time to read and consider engaging with some or all the articles and videos at a time that suits you. <https://sites.google.com/a/dbb.catholic.edu.au/st-patrick-s-student-learning-portal/religion>

Sacramental Programs

All sacramental programs have been suspended at the moment.

Many blessings to you and your families

Fiona Bolton

FROM OUR PARISH...

Live streaming of Mass
times and links.....

WEEKDAY MASSES

Weekdays including
Saturday 10:30 am



YEAR OF LOVE AT ST PATRICK'S

BELOVED,
LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER:
FOR LOVE IS OF GOD;
AND EVERYONE THAT LOVES
IS BORN OF GOD,
AND KNOWS GOD



1 JOHN 4:7

ADORATION

Weekday before Mass @ 10:00 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday & Sunday 3:00 pm

WEEKEND ADORATION

Sunday before Mass @ 02:30 pm

ROSARY

Every night at 9:00 pm

ALL SERVICES - LIVE STREAMING LINKS

FACEBOOK LIVE

<https://www.facebook.com/StPatricksParishGosford/>

YOUTUBE.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UC44NSRmeB1mg_EKIJUFJpvg/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg_EKIJUFJpvg/live)

From the Library and LARC (Learning and Resource Centre)

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to let you know about an education resource that is available to your child at home as part of our school subscription – Story Box library.

Your child can watch their favourite stories, read aloud by storytellers and authors, for the Premier's Reading Challenge and for Literacy in Term 2 at school and at home.

Children can also follow the story by utilising the Closed Caption option where the words appear on the screen.

To access Story Box Library at home:

Visit www.storyboxlibrary.com.au

- Choose Log In from top right hand corner of the screen
- Use the username: spatricksosford
- Use the password: story
- Enjoy the library of stories on any device with internet connection

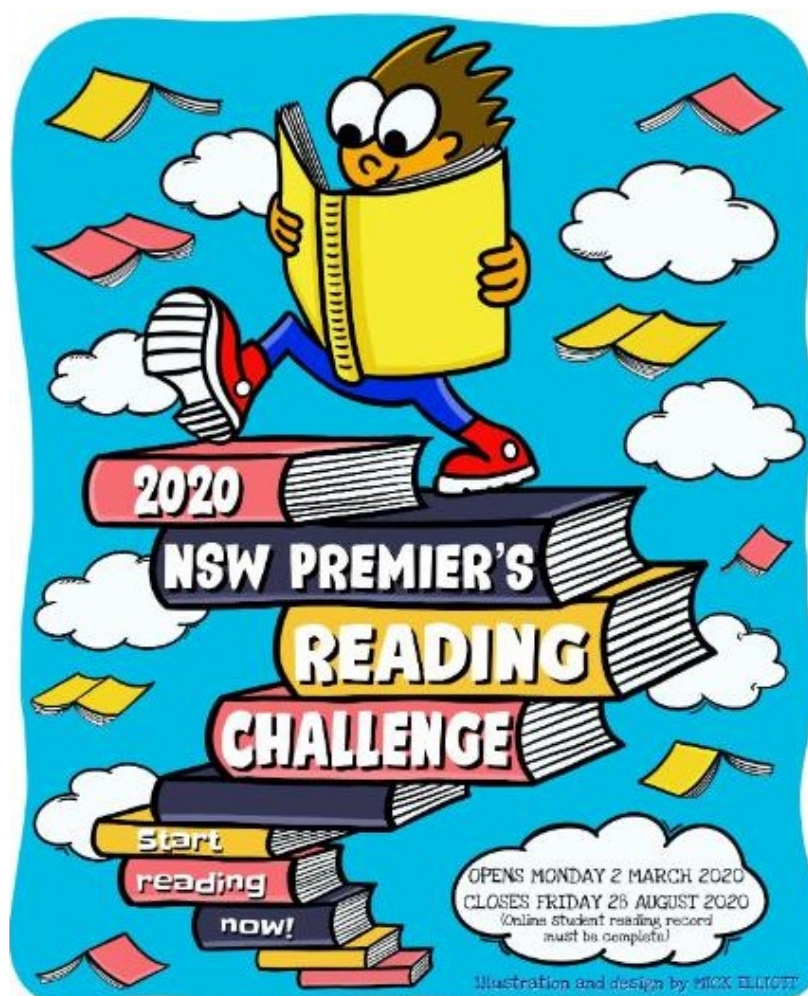
To turn on closed caption for words to appear on the screen click on the Small blue cc button at the bottom of the screen

PLEASE DO NOT share the User name or password with parents from other schools as we had to purchase licences for each of our students.

Also attached are the books in Storybox library that are on the Premier's Reading Challenge, with their PRC number and Year of Challenge.

Happy Reading

Carmen Hartz, Teacher Librarian



www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au