2022 Term 4 Week 8



Second Week of Advent, The Pope and Advent 2023

The second Sunday of Advent this Sunday is when we light the candle of peace. This is a time of coming together, of building a community of faith that is open to all. That is why we see Christmas movies telling a story of restoration, of broken relationships that are healed. Advent is the time to build peace in one's own soul, in the family and in the world. Peacemaking consists in not talking evil of and harming others, a bit like imitating God, who humbled himself. It is the time to prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus by being at peace with ourselves, our soul, that is often in anxiety, anguish and without hope.

O God of hope, give us endurance, encouragement, joy, and peace. School closes Friday.

There will be a message flyer on Friday to close the school year.

Year 6 Graduation and Awards Ceremony

On Friday the school community celebrated the Graduation of our Year 6 students with families and friends. With the theme of TRUST, the students proudly celebrated their primary school years, reflecting on the past and giving thanks for all that has been offered. Congratulations to all of our Year 6 students and to those fortunate to receive awards. We hope you had a wonderful day!

Thanksgiving Mass Wednesday 7 December

On Wednesday morning we are celebrating our Thanksgiving Mass at the Church. Students will be transported via bus to the Church. We hope that families and friends are able to join in celebrating the end of the school year. Mass will begin about 9:15am, as soon as the students are settled.

Christmas Concert

On Thursday evening we join as a community to celebrate Christmas. We hope that you are able to join in the celebration, remembering the story of the birth of Jesus. The APA are offering a delicious sausage sizzle to make dinner easy for families. Hope to see you there in your best Christmas attire and to join in the fun. A very BIG thank you to Mis O'Hara for her dedication and work with the students! We can't wait to join in!

City of Vincent Spirit of Christmas

Well done to our school choir singing at the City of Vincent Arty Children's Party yesterday evening. Congratulations to Isla Y, Leon VE and Tomas L, whose Christmas artwork was displayed on the street pole flags. A wonderful family evening to celebrate the festive season. Sincere thanks to Miss O'Hara worked overtime to prepare the children. We are very grateful.

Semester 2 Reports will be available to parents by 4pm on Friday.

2023 Classes and Teachers will be emailed to parents on Friday.

Open Afternoon

Monday 30 January 2-3pm. All families are invited to visit school to see our mini-makeover, find classrooms and meet teachers. Icy pole and juice box for the children will be supplied. Hope you can make it and join in the fun of the changes and surprises.

2023 Duty of Care and Supervision of Students

Recently students are not being collected from school as requested by 3:20pm. Reminding families that the supervision of students begins at 8:10am each morning and concludes at 3:20pm. Our OSHC service Gumtrees, provided by the YMCA, delivers excellent before and after school care and vacation care. The school cannot supervise students left after this time. Parents are expected to use this service for care outside of the school's supervision hours. Please contact Gumtrees directly (0427 471 201) to learn more about this service.

State Government Rapid Antigen Tests

With COVID cases on the rise again, families are reminded that there are plenty of RATS available for households. Please visit the office to collect a box or two by contacting Mrs Moses or Mrs Joseph (Fridays) to arrange collection.

Dispute and Complaints

Ought a concern or query arise, parents and carers are required to meet with class teachers for discussion and clarification. Ought matters be difficult to resolve, parents and carers are asked to follow the school's dispute and complaints procedure, easily accessed on the school website. All CEWA Ltd policies can be found on the CEWA website: www.cewa.edu.au

Kiss and Ride

Please remember to use your family name card. There is NO PARKING on the east side of Brentham Street from 2:30pm. Please park on the west side of Brentham Street if you need to leave your car to pick your child.

The School App is a MUST have. This app is used to quickly inform parents and carers of important information. Don't forget to turn 'notifications' on so that you don't miss a message. Please download from either the App Store or Play Store.

The school app calendar will be updated during the holidays for dates in Term 1. For the latest information and any changes, please check the app.

Bathroom and Toilet Facilities

In the best interests of looking after children safely, the following child protection matter is in place:

- Bathroom and toilet facilities are available for all visitors to the school in the administration area.
- All adults, siblings and visitors <u>must</u> use the facilities available in the administration area.
 Parents are not able to accompany their child to student toilets.

Swim Squad Wrap Up Breakfast

Friendly reminder that Tuesday 6 December is the last day of swimming squad for the year at Beatty Park at 7am!

Bring a warm top, as directly after a short and fun swimming session at 7.30am there will be a breakfast at Beatty Cafe kindly donated by the P&F for students and a short presentation. We will wrap up by 8am so everyone can shower/change as usual.

Swimming will recommence again term one, 7 February (outside pool).

Important Dates

2022

7 December Thanksgiving Mass (whole school at St Mary's Church) 9:15am

8 December Kindergarten celebration

The Christmas Story (whole school 6pm)

9 December Farewell Assembly

Students' Final Day

16 December School Closed

2023

16 January School Office Opens

30 January Open Afternoon 2:00-3:00pm

31 January Uniform Shop 8:15am-1:00pm

1 February Term 1 commences for students

7 February Parents & Year 6 Leavers Jacket fittings from 7:30am ACPS Uniform Shop

8 February Parent Teacher Meetings (K-Year 6)

Jonnine Lamborne

Principal

Be a Mercy Kid