

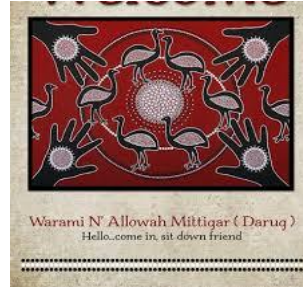
Newsletter



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Welcome to the 2020 school year! We are glad that you are here!

Dear Parents and Caregivers

On behalf of the staff, a very warm welcome to all new and returning families to our school. We hope that you enjoyed a fabulous holiday time. This year appears to be just as busy as the last! This week swimming lessons for years 3 to 6 began, parent/teacher meetings were held, we celebrated our welcome mass with Father Stephen this morning and the year 4 students kicked-off our 1:1 mobile device program. Did you see the revamp of the early years play area? Wow, what a difference! And the children love it!

Talk about busy!

Has been good fun catching up students and families about holiday shenanigans and travels. Classroom life is gaining momentum and it's been good to see students and teachers co constructing expectations of standards and behaviours for in and out of the classroom.

We are very much looking forward to working together with families and celebrating in community this year!

Bushfire Fundraiser and Fun Day next Thursday 13 February. Students, parents, grandparents, young siblings invited to share an 'Aussie' lunch and play some games at lunch time. All students are invited wear Aussie theme (works well for years 3-6) for a gold coin donation. Please see flyer attached and return your order on Monday! A special Liturgy will take place straight after lunch and all family members are invited to join in prayer.

We ask all families to return the Student Information Packages on Monday so that school and system records can be updated. Parents are asked to advise the office immediately family contact details change. Thank you for helping us to amend and update important information.

A friendly reminder that at our school, supervision of students begins at 8:15am and concludes at 3:20pm each day. We ask that parents make use of Gumtrees out of school hours care if they require assistance earlier or later in a day.

Bathroom and toilet facilities are available for all visitors to the school. All adults, siblings and visitors are asked to use the facilities available in the school hall. The school toilets are for enrolled students only. Parents are asked not to accompany their child to student toilets for child protection.

A number of families have mentioned that in a number of areas, the school website has not been updated recently and a number of anomalies exist. The school is currently working with a developer to rebuild the school's site. Please bear with us as the new site is developed.

Telephone Number Change The new number is 6318 7800. Please make adjustments in your contacts.

School App thank you to all who have downloaded the school app. Please have a look at the 'Events' tab as you'll find dates of all upcoming events for the school year. This is the most updated calendar.

Parents/Guardians and Visitors (including contractors) to the school are being asked to sign the school's **Code of Conduct** agreement. For parents/guardians, this is a one-off request. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to describe minimum standards of conduct in all behaviour and decision-making to ensure the safety and well-being of students, staff and parents. The Code of Conduct promotes positive relationships in our school community. The Code of Conduct is a Catholic Education initiative and compliments Child Safe practices in our school.

Jonnine Lamborne
Principal

May love & peace be found here

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE (Pre-Kindy, Kindy and Pre-primary)

Early Learning Centre gates will be open at 8:30am. At 8:30am the parents are invited to assist their children with preparing for the school day by placing down bags and getting their necessary items for class.

The Early Learning Centre Playground is not supervised before of afterschool by a staff member. As the safety of your child is of utmost importance, we ask that **children do not play on the equipment in the Early Learning Centre Playground before or after school.** Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

SIGNING CHILDREN IN AND OUT

It is important to remember that when your child / children either arrive late for the day or are picked up before the end of the day, that they are signed in or out by a parent. The Sign In or Out kiosk is located in the front office.

Please note: If you are signing your child out of school, Mrs Ellen will call for your child / children from their class. Parents are not to collect their child from class.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club will be going home on Monday. This year all payments for Book Club orders will be online. Cash will not be accepted. Please register at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop) and follow the instructions to order your child's books. The books will be delivered to the school and given to your child.

Welcome Back to 2020, we have our Welcome Back Bush Dance on 15th February 2020. Please come and join the school community or meet new families to the school. We need volunteers in the canteen, if you are able to help out for a short time, that would be most appreciated. Please sign up Click here now: <https://signup.com/go/CHRkAra>

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We are seeking volunteers to fulfil the important role of a P&F classroom representative for 2020. Class representatives are required for Kindergarten, Pre primary and Years 1 to 6. Ideally there will be a minimum of two Class Representatives per year level. The role of the P & F classroom representative is as follows:

- To facilitate the flow of information between the P&F and the parents in a particular class
- To organise informal social gatherings so that parents can interact e.g. arrange morning teas, dinners, family picnics, movie nights to ensure that new families to a particular class are made to feel welcome to the school community.
- To assist P&F event organisers throughout the year as requested.

Class representatives assist in the smooth running of the P & F. It is not an onerous task as most organising can be done from home and as it is a shared role the tasks can be divided up. Mums and Dads are all encouraged to consider nominating for this position. If you feel that you could contribute please contact Andrea (andrea@andreatan.net) with your child's year level.