



Mt St John's Primary

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Weekly News

Wednesday 14th October 2020

Term 4 Week 1

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Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and managed to have some quality time with your children. Once again they have come back to school energised and ready to learn. I commend them on their positive approach to learning this week.

Towards the end of last term, we advertised for an Assistant Principal, Learning and Teaching. I am pleased to announce that Aleasa Kermodé will be our Assistant Principal commencing in 2021. Aleasa is currently K - 2 Instructional Leader, and Leader of Pedagogy. We look forward to working with Aleasa in this newly created role within our school.

I recently received news that Grant Lawler has resigned from his position at Mt St John's. Grant has taught here for about 18 years, commencing in the early 2000s. Grant and his family are looking forward to new opportunities, as family life for them migrates towards Coffs Harbour and secondary schooling. We thank Grant for his contribution to our school and for his many years of service. We keep Grant in our prayers for the next stage of his life.

Staffing for 2021 is now being finalised. I am pleased to report that we will have four classes here next year. The class groups will be as follows:

Kindergarten

Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

We currently have a number of teaching positions advertised on the Lismore CSO

website. These can be found at the following web address:

<https://www.lism.catholic.edu.au/current-positions-vacant>

Finally, our swimming lessons commence tomorrow. I sent home information about swimming earlier this week. Please note that swimming shirts should be worn during lessons. As part of Workplace Health and Safety, caps are mandatory. The school can supply your child with a swimming cap if necessary. We look forward to getting back in the pool this term and hope the weather cooperates for us.

Regards,

Nathan Trezise

Principal

COMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER	
Mon 12 th	Pupil-free Staff Development Day
Tues 13 th	First day of Term 4 for students
Tues 20 th	Year 7 transition session at DHS, 1:30-3:15pm
Wed 21 st	School photos
WEEK 3	Book Fair
Thur 29 th	Book Character Dress-up Parade
NOVEMBER	
Tues 3 rd	Year 7 transition session at DHS, 12:00-3:15pm

TERM 4 SWIMMING PROGRAM: Swimming will commence for all students this Thursday 15th October. Swimming is a **compulsory** part of the PDHPE curriculum. Students will need to

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bring swimmers, a towel, goggles, a cap and a sun shirt for their lesson. There is no cost for swimming lessons, as the school covers the pool entry fees and payments to the swim teachers. Swimming lessons will take place each Thursday in Term 4 at the following times:

Stage 3 at 1pm

Stage 2 at 1.40pm

K - 2 at 2.20pm

Students will walk to and from the pool. Please note, K - 2 students are to be collected from the pool at the end of the day each Thursday as their lesson will finish at 3pm. K - 2 students catching buses will be supervised at Dorrigo Public School by our staff.



BOOK FAIR: Our 2020 Book Fair will be held in Week 3 of this term from Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October. We will set up the book display in the library and send home wish lists, but unfortunately parents will not be able to visit the school – instead purchases can be made online, or students can bring in money to buy books. Thank you to Monique Shaw, who has volunteered to help set up the Book Fair.

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP PARADE:

We will also hold our Book Character Dress-up Parade during Book Week on Thursday 29th October. Due to current COVID restrictions, we can't invite parents and friends in for this event – instead, we will film the parade and share the film with families.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: We have booked our usual company, MSP Photography, to take our school photos again this year – order envelopes were sent home last term. **All orders MUST be returned by photo day; no late orders can be accepted.** Our photo day is Wednesday 21st October. Please note that

COVID health guidelines do not permit them to photograph siblings this year.

COVID STUDENT ATTENDANCE:

*From Monday 24 August 2020 staff and students exhibiting even mild COVID-19 symptoms should be sent home and are required to produce **proof of a negative COVID-19 test before returning to school.*** As per these guidelines, a screenshot of the text message, confirming a Negative result, is all that will be required to return to school.

COVID 19-RELATED SCHOOL FEE WAIVER ANNOUNCEMENT:

Due to the financial strain Covid-19 may have had on some families, the Lismore Catholic Schools Office has announced they will waive 2020 school fees for recipients of Centrelink's JobSeeker payments. If you would like to apply for a fee waiver for 2020, please contact the school, providing correspondence from Centrelink demonstrating JobSeeker approval or payment.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS – 2021:

We are taking enrolments for Kindergarten for 2021. To enrol at Mt St John's, follow these three steps:

1. Collect an enrolment form from the school office.
2. Return the completed enrolment form to school office.
3. Attend an enrolment interview with your child.

In Term 4, students who are enrolled for 2021 can attend our formal Kindergarten transition sessions. We look forward to meeting our new Kindergarten students soon.

LIBRARY DAY FRIDAY: Library day for all students is Friday - please make sure your child brings in his or her cloth library bag on this day. Each student may borrow four books per week. New COVID regulations state that library books are to be quarantined for 24 hours after they have been returned before they can be re-borrowed, so we are asking for books to be returned to school on Thursdays.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE:

We have a stock of school uniform items available for purchase from the front office. We accept cash, cheque or bank transfer. Uniform prices are as follows:

School hats - \$15
School shirts - \$25
Shorts - \$20
School hats - \$15
Skorts - \$20
Rain jackets - \$50

We also have some items available to buy from our 2nd-hand uniform pool.

MUSIC LESSONS: Rob Harpley is available for music lessons, teaching guitar, ukulele and drums. Call Rob on 6775 9282 for more information.

BUS TRAVEL: To apply for free school bus travel, go to www.transportnsw.info/school-students and complete the online application.

YMCA DORRIGO SWIM CENTRE: Dorrigo Swim Centre has reopened again. Enquiries and bookings for Term 4 Learn to Swim and Squads will be taken from 26th September. Call us on 66572578 or feel free to drop in for a chat.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS: For those parents who are volunteers at school, such as canteen helpers, we need to ensure that you have a current Working with Children (Volunteers) Check. To apply for this check, go to <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>

HEAD LICE: If you notice head lice on your child, please treat his or her hair ASAP and notify the school that you did this. Remember – long hair must be tied back at school.

GLUE: GLUE restarts this Wednesday 14th October at 3pm in the Church Hall. It will run for 8 weeks until the Wednesday 2/12 which will be our Christmas Party COVID safe practices will apply.

PLAY CRICKET THIS SUMMER

Registration with the Dorrigo Cricket Club is now open at www.playcricket.com.au. Use your Active Kids Voucher when registering. All registrations completed online.

Registration 10s - \$100

Registration 12s & 14s - \$150

Junior & Senior players in Senior Comp - \$230

Junior Club Cricket – 10s, 12s, 14s

Junior Club Cricket for boys and girls in three age groups playing Saturday morning in the

Coffs Harbour District Junior Cricket Association competition.

Senior Club Cricket

Senior Club Cricket for Third Grade play on Saturday afternoon in the Coffs Harbour District Cricket Association competition.

DORRIGO YOUTH CENTRE: Dorrigo Youth Centre's opening hours are Wednesdays 3-5pm weekly, with music, games, free wifi and food and any assistance, for 12-18 year olds. We are following the advised Covid19 rules and conditions for safety of all young people, staff, volunteers and visitors. The Dorrigo Youth Bus is scheduled to start up soon, please return registration forms to the Centre, forms are available at the various locations in town too. Looking forward to catching up and seeing everyone. For any enquiries or to join the volunteer team, contact Erika at dorrigo youthcentre@gmail.com



Texts4families

Free text messages for families supporting children on the autism spectrum

Are you a parent or carer of a child on the autism spectrum? Would you like to learn more about autism and ways to support your child?

You will receive 2-5 texts per week, for 10 weeks, you can text STOP at any time.

Texts start 1st September 2020.

To be involved, send a message saying 'TEXT' and your preferred language to, 0427 485 410

by the 25th August 2020



Languages available: Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese, Hindi, Arabic, Korean & English

www.positivepartnerships.com.au 1300 881 971

We are honoured to be on the ancestral lands of the Gumbaynggirr people. We acknowledge the First Australians as the traditional custodians of the continent, whose cultures are among the oldest living cultures in human history. We pay respect to the Elders of the community and extend our recognition to their descendants who are present.