



Mt St John's Primary

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Weekly News

Tuesday 15th December 2020

Term 4 Week 10

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Dear Parents,

What a wet way to end the school year! I trust that you are all keeping safe. Yesterday and again today we have kept the school open with a skeleton staff supervising the students. This may once again be the case tomorrow. It is good that we are able to stay open as some parents need to work this time of year. If it is safe to do so, school will be open tomorrow Wednesday 16th December for the students' last day of school.

LEADERSHIP TEAM STRUCTURE 2021: I am pleased to announce some exciting news regarding our Leadership Team structure for next year. In 2021, Aleasa Kermode will be our Assistant Principal. Aleasa will work alongside both myself as Principal and Sue Darby as K - 2 Instruction Leader and Leader of Spirituality Evangelisation and Catechesis. We have a strong leadership team to support the new staff coming into the school and to continue to build upon the student learning gains we have achieved this year.

Aleasa will also work as Principal each Wednesday, as I enter into a Flexible Working Arrangement (FWA) for next year. I have confidence that Aleasa and I have effectively set up processes to ensure consistency and to provide what is best for the school. Aleasa has been a small school Principal and comes with wealth of experience in leadership. Personally, I am looking forward to spending more time with my young children during 2021 as I enter into my FWA.

Finally, below is a message from our Director Dr Sally Towns.

As we turn towards Christmas we remember that God gave us Jesus because God's love is unconditional. That Jesus was born in the humblest of circumstances, in an animal shelter, should not be lost on us. God gave Jesus to us this way to make it clear that no place and no person was beneath His dignity. The first Christmas story is one of humility, a story without royal robes, and a story without a proper bed. Jesus' presence brings joy to the world. Christmas is about finding God in unexpected places – in the faces of the homeless and refugees, the lonely and the persecuted.

I wish you all a safe, happy and Holy Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year. School resumes on Thursday 28th January for all students.

Regards,
Nathan Trezise
Principal

CHANGES TO BCU ACCOUNTS: As you may be aware, Bananacoast Community Credit Union have made some changes when merging with Police & Nurses Ltd. One change was the change to account numbers. If you are transferring directly into the school's BCU account, you will need to change our account number to **3282 0430**. The BSB remains the same – **533 000**. Please make sure that when you are doing direct deposits or bank transfers that you put your child's surname as a reference. Please call Cathy at the school if you have any questions.

OUR CORE VALUES

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

INTEGRITY

SERVICE

COMPASSION

COOPERATION

ENTHUSIASM

TERM 4 SCHOOL FEES: Term 4 fees are now due, unless you are paying by regular direct deposit amounts or you are eligible for the COVID19-related school fee waiver (see below). If you feel you may have difficulty in finalising your fees by this date, please contact Mr Trezise.

Several payment methods are available;

- Regular direct deposit payments
- Lump sum direct deposit
- Cash
- Cheque

Term 4 school fees:

1 student - \$271.50

2 students - \$475.00

3 or more students - \$610.50

To pay online, the school's account details are:

BSB: 533-000

Account: 3282 0430

Account name: Mt St Johns Primary School

Please make sure to put your child's name in the reference area.

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.

CANTEEN: New canteen coordinator needed. Is anyone interested in taking over the position of Canteen Coordinator? Please contact the school if you would like to know more about this volunteer role.

A really big thank you to all our canteen volunteers, who have kept us fed and happy each Friday. A very special thanks to Alicia Miller, our canteen coordinator, for all her hard work during the year.

SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL: Applications for student travel can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody). Students who have changed school/campus, changed

address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

KIDS OFF STAGE: Dorrigo Dramatic Club is seeking a maximum of 15 young folk aged eight years and over to attend a workshop of drama games and techniques on Sunday 13 December 2020 at the Old Dorrigo Gazette Theatre from 1.00pm to 3.30pm. You will be skilled up to present drama activities to participants on the *Kids Off Stage Drama Trail* to be held from 9.30am to 11.00am on Tuesday 12 January 2021 at four locations around Dorrigo as part of Bellingen Shire's Arts Week 2021. For more information and to book for the workshop, please contact Kate Smith on 0407994699.

School resumes in 2021 on Thursday 28th January. Have a happy & holy Christmas and enjoy the holiday break!

Holiday Activities
JANUARY

Bellingen Library
Thursday 14th Jan : 3pm
Pico Puppet Show
Tuesday 19th Jan : 10:30am—11:30am
Make your own shadow puppets
Bookings: 6655 1744

Urunga Library
Wednesday 13th Jan : 10:30am-11:30am
Making Bunting
Wednesday 20th Jan : 10:30am—11:30am
Dinosaur Fun
Bookings: 6655 6444

Dorrigo Library
Thursday 14th Jan : 10:30am
Pico Puppet Show
Wednesday 20th Jan : 10:30am—11:30am
Fun with clay
Bookings: 6657 2234

Bellingen Shire COUNCIL

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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.