Changes to our Afternoon Pick-Up

A huge thank you to our Parents who have adjusted smoothly and with patience, to the changes in the afternoon pick-up routine. For some time I have been concerned that the students are not lining up, but leaving with their parents - and at times before the teacher on duty is actually at the crossing area. Also the area outside the 5/6 room is very congested which makes keeping a track of students more difficult. Obviously our duty of care is to every child in our school at all times and your child’s safety is our primary concern. As a result of much Staff consultation we have decided to go ‘back to basics’ in our procedures.

- Teachers will bring their children from the classroom when the bell goes at 3.05pm to the walkers and bus lines.
- When the teacher on Crossing Duty has all children, she will proceed to the Scott Street gates which she will unlock bringing the children with her.
- Gates to the bus lines will remain closed until the buses come. This will ensure that we have seen and noted who has picked up all students rather than children moving through the bus lines area which are crowded.
- In wet weather the children will line up and be brought undercover to outside the 5/6 room until parents come to get them.
- If there is a change of plan to your child’s pick up routine, please notify the office prior to the students lining up.

Please understand that we are NOT locking parents out! That is not my intention at all, however we must bring formality back into the afternoon procedure as we pride ourselves on never letting your children be taken by anyone we do not know, or have not been notified has the approval of the parent to pick them up!

P&F BBQ

Earlier in the week we sent out the invitations for our ‘Welcome Back’ BBQ. This will take place on Friday evening 4th March commencing at 6.00pm. We hope as many as possible will come along and have a chat and welcome in particular the new families to our school. The evening will conclude at 8.30pm. Please remember to RSVP for catering purposes.

Thank you to our wonderful P&F Association who host this event each year and if possible we would love you all to join us for our AGM on Monday 21st March.
School Photos - Next Tuesday 1st March

Students are asked to wear full school uniform - including black shoes. Please try hard to have your child at school on that day as we use these photos many times throughout the year.

Canteen Roster

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Religious Education

Students in all grades have received their Project Compassion box to take home. Families are asked to just put any spare change in this box and return to the school on Wednesday 23rd March. All monies raised will go to people who are less fortunate than ourselves - many in developing countries as well as in our own country. Money is not handed directly to people, however using the money recipients are shown how to live a better life and become self sufficient ie well building, farming.

Lent is the season of preparation before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends when the Triduum begins on Holy Thursday.

Lent is a time of reconciliation. A time when we make space in our lives to think about our relationship with our heavenly Father and the ways in which we are responding or failing to respond to his love and care for us.
Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Certificates of Excellence at our Assembly last Friday.

Kindergarten: Laura Aquilini  
Jake Knight-Harris

Year 1: Brock Brown, James McDade  
Sage Haakstad, Luella Tomkins

Year 2: Amber Thomas, Lucy Harvey

Year 3: Lincoln Munce, Abby Roots

Year 4: Xavier Cusack, Laura Richards

Year 5: Josh Petrie

Year 6: Ethan Sweeney

Better to Be Safe than Sorry

You will be aware that there have been a series of lockdowns in various schools throughout Australia since our return to school this year. You may also be aware that they are moving closer to our region. We have been directed by the Catholic Schools Office to practise this safety procedure. Please do not be alarmed if your child comes home talking of a lockdown in our School, as we will commence practises next week just to ensure procedures are successful.

Tenterfield Show—Junior Fine Arts

Congratulations to Heidi Aquilini and Nik Petrie who were awarded First place in their sections and to Tahj Chapman, Sophia Searle and Caitlin whose work was Highly Recommended. Comment from the judge "Good to see people using different techniques—there is wonderful talent in our young children’.

School Banking

We continue to offer School Banking for our students. Children bring their banking in on Tuesdays. On Monday 29th February a representative from the Commonwealth Bank will speak briefly to the children about their School Banking programme. On Monday 7th March a lady from ADIG will visit the school to tell the children about their programme.

Junior Touch - the final afternoon and break up will be next Monday the 29th February.
Hogs for the Homeless

Yesterday Years 5/6 were invited to attend the Hogs for Homeless football drill day hosted by NSW Rugby League. The 'Hogs for Homeless' are raising funds for Father Chris Riley's Youth of the Street and we were lucky enough to be asked to participate in this day.

We took part in football drills, getting pointers from NSW Rugby League greats to improve our game.

It was exciting to meet the players We all received a football which we had signed by Brad Fitler and Matt Cooper. It was a fantastic day, enjoyed by all involved.