

Monday 05 December, 2022

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### *Staying Connected No. 19. 2022*

Hello Everyone,

**SOME IMPORTANT NOTICES** as we head towards the end of the school year...

#### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Tomorrow, Tuesday 6 December, we are resuming, post COVID restrictions, our Annual Christmas Carols in the Church.

The children have spent much time practicing and look forward to presenting their Christmas Carols to the school community.

**Carols begin at 11:45am. The Church will be open from 11:00am** with limited seating available. There will also be seating in the foyer. Please note reserved seating for the children.

The carols will be recorded. We will make this recording available later in the day; we will send out a link to access the recording.

Depending on numbers attending, it is possibly going to be difficult to fit everyone into the Church, but until we have access to the oval again it is the best we can do. Thank you for your patience. For those of you not able to attend; you do have the recording to look forward to.

Thank you to our teachers and Connie Simiele and Natalie Mulford, who have put much time into organising and practicing for this event.



## BUILDING PROGRAM

After numerous delays over many months due to lack of trades and suppliers, we hope to pour the slab on the new building this Wednesday. I am most grateful to know we will be ready to start moving up and seeing our new library, digital technologies studio and arts studio taking shape, as it comes out of the ground.

**HOWEVER, we really need your assistance on Wednesday of this week.**

From 7:00am through until 12:00pm, this Wednesday 7 December, we are expecting a steady stream of cement trucks coming through the back gates.

**This is going to make parking difficult.** If you can, **please use the front drop off.**

Otherwise please be aware of the need for trucks to move through the carpark and restrictions on parking that may be in place.

**Your patience and support are really appreciated. Thank you**

## COLOUR RUN

The Colour Run is happening this Wednesday 7 December. It is scheduled for the afternoon, starting at 1:45 pm, so hopefully the trucks mentioned above, will have finished on site.

We look forward to this fun event for the children. I am sure it will be a happy day for the children.

## Principals Awards



**2023**

**Please, if you are leaving SMMPS, let the school know immediately. We have put together class groupings for next year and we need to know numbers. Thank you.**

**REMINDERS and some DATES UPDATED**

**The Year Six Students finish on Wednesday 14 December at 12:45pm with our Annual Guard of Honour. Parents are welcome to gather to join with the school in farewelling the students.**

**The Year Six Graduation will take place at 7:00pm in the Church. This is a simple, yet significant celebration where we will have prayer, song, speeches and presentations.**

There are no school gatherings after the Graduation Ceremony. I know, in the past, some families have chosen to gather at a local restaurant or home. It really is up to you.

**The students in Prep to Year 5 finish at 1:00pm on Friday 16 December.**

**School starts for all students returning to SMMPS and our 2023 Preps in the new year on Tuesday 31 January 2023.**

Please note the amended start date. We have been fortunate enough to have gained the services of Patrice Wiseman, a highly regarded and very in-demand practitioner and coach in Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). PBL is embedded into the life and practice of our school, however we believe it is good to revisit PBL to keep all staff onboard and familiar with the best practice in PBL. Patrice will work with all staff on Monday 30 January.

**Prep 2023:** you are now invited to visit your child's classroom, to drop off their belongings on Friday 27 January 2023. Please choose one time: 11:45am -12:45 pm **or** 2:00pm -3:00pm

Have a good week everybody,



**Anthony Mc McCluskey**

**Principal**

# Upcoming Events-Term 4

Term 4: Monday 03 October-Friday 16 December 2022

**Tuesday 06 December**

Annual Christmas Carols at 11.45am in the church

**Wednesday 07 December**

Colour Run at 1.45pm

**Thursday 08 December**

2023 Prep Meet the Teacher

9.30am to 10.30am

**Wednesday 14 December**

Year 6 finish at 1.00pm

(Guard of Honour at 12.45pm)

**Year 6 Graduation**

7:00pm in the Church

**Friday 16 December**

Year Prep to Year 5 finish at 1.00pm for 2022

## 2023

**Tuesday 31 January**

First day of school for all students-Prep to Year 6