



NEWSLETTER 3

**ST AGNES
SCHOOL**
Preschool - Year 7
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2021 Friday 30th April

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Welcome back to Term 2!

I hope everyone was able to have a restful break and spend time doing the things that you love to do, with the people that you enjoy spending time with. Over the holidays the brick "snake shed" in the East Yard was rendered, thanks to Ryan Grigg and mural artist Sam Brooks will start to work his magic from the 7th May onwards. I can't wait to watch the mural unfold each day.

We have a very busy term planned with numerous events and activities. Among them is our annual Mother's Day stall, our school disco, SAPSASA, Reconciliation Week, the Mid-Year Performance Showcase & NAPLAN.

It's important to remember that NAPLAN provides the school with valuable information about where students are at in their learning journey and how to best plan for future learning needs. We ask that all students taking part in NAPLAN (Years 3, 5 & 7) be on time and present each day so that testing can take place promptly within the time frames. Please talk to your child about NAPLAN and reassure them that all students across Australia are taking the test at the same year levels and whilst the results don't show us the individual and unique skills that students have in other areas, they do provide information for us to make school a better place of learning. We are proud of all of our students and the ongoing hard work that they do each and every day. During this time we ask them to give it their best effort as they would at any other time.

Assemblies will take place on Wednesday mornings in Weeks 3 (10N), 6 (8E) and 9 (3W). Two family members of each student of the hosting class are welcome to attend. There will also be invited parents for students who are being recognised for something significant. All visitors will need to check in via the QR code on the gym door and remember to social distance unless in a family bubble. We are not able to open up assemblies to everybody at this time due to continuing social distancing restrictions.

We will continue to have parents drop off students outside of classrooms. Students have become quite resilient and independent in their morning routines and many parents have commented that they have appreciated the opportunity to drop their child off and say goodbye while classes begin promptly.

As the weather gets cooler, students may like to purchase beanies or jackets/jumpers from the front office. While there is still some stock left for sale of the old school jacket, the new jumpers and long sleeved polo shirts are also due to arrive soon. We will advise families via seesaw as soon as they become available. As per the Sun Smart policy, hats are no longer a requirement for outside play from May 1st until September 30th 2021.

We are noticing that there are an increasing number of students who are entering school grounds before 8:30am and that many school pick-ups from the East Playground after school are also becoming later. Duty of care is provided from 8:30am until

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3:20pm. Outside of these times we ask that you make alternative arrangements such as OSHC as students are not to be on school grounds unsupervised. Please also be advised that students should not be on site using the playground equipment outside of school hours when there is no supervision, including on weekends and during school holidays.

Please keep the evening of Thursday 10th June (Week 7) free for our Performing Arts Mid-Year Showcase which will take the place of our annual End of Year Performance. More information will come home soon with information regarding specific costume requirements and details about times each class will perform, how many people can attend & exactly how the evening will run. We apologise that information for this event is not being communicated earlier but we want to ensure that the most up to date Covid restrictions are observed and this is easier if we do not plan too far ahead.

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