



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Dear Parents,

So another term comes to an end and the year is passing in the blink of an eye. There are quite a few tired and emotional children around at the moment so the break is coming at the right time.

We farewelled Liz Mihalopoulos yesterday as she awaits the arrival of her second baby. On behalf of the whole school community I wish to thank Liz for her hard work and contribution to St Bede's in her role as Teacher/ Librarian this semester and wish her and husband, George, all the best with the new addition.

As you are aware, reports came home with your child at the end of last week. The teachers have worked hard to ensure that they have carried out thorough assessment for this reporting. Their comments truly reflect how well they know each and every child they teach. Can I remind parents that if you or your child have an issue that the first point of call is the class teacher? This can be done personally or through email keeping in mind that return communication may take twenty four hours.

From the beginning of next term, we will have a new process for signing your child in or out during school hours. To address the safety of your child and comply with legislation, we will have a sign out book where parents will tear off and deliver the slip to teachers if they sign students in/out during the day. These slips will be kept by the class teachers and put with the roll documentation for each term. A carbon copy is kept in the office for archive purposes. It is important that slips are presented to the teachers on every occasion and, unfortunately, children will not be allowed to leave without presenting the required slip. This is especially important if your child is late for school e.g. arriving at school any time after morning assembly.

We will celebrate our grandparents in an assembly at the end of Week Two next term. This is a wonderful occasion and one I know that the school community looks forward to each year. If you have any up-to-date photos that you would like to contribute for our assembly reflection, please forward them to me by the end of Week 1 next term.

In Week Four next term, St Bede's will undergo a re-registration process that happens every five years. A panel of reviewers will visit St Bede's from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August to peruse documentation, observe in classrooms and speak to the school leadership team about teaching and learning as well our vision for the future. The community will be invited to school on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August for an informal gathering whereby the panel members can speak to parents about our lovely school. More details will be forwarded in Week One next term.

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To conclude the semester, I would like to share with the community a comment from an ABC article released this week concerning teacher welfare. Dr John Collier, Principal of St Andrew's Cathedral School in Sydney's CBD, highlighted in a recent newsletter his concerns about the current level of agitation and concern by a minority of parents on their child's progress or development. St Bede's is a workplace and we have extremely hard working and professional staff who consistently endeavour to produce the best in every child. If you get the opportunity, please take the time to thank teachers for their efforts.

Enjoy the holidays and rest up. If any of you are staying around these holidays, please feel free to come up to school and use the playground equipment. Our families are the best security we have.

Have a lovely holiday and keep safe.

Julie



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