



# PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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Term 1

Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you all so much for helping us with a smooth (albeit different) commencement to the new school year. We understand that every family's start has been different due to COVID and the pressures of isolation and illness. We acknowledge that each family's experience and needs are different and endeavour to be responsive to those needs. Please continue to notify the school of positive cases and we will be in contact with you.

Many parents, visitors and staff are coming to me with grave concerns for student and family safety when it comes to drop off and pick up times. I understand we have new families that may not be familiar with the school procedures and ask that you take the time to familiarise yourselves with the following information.

I have witnessed some disturbing behaviour that has had my heart racing as I watch a very small number of parents put their children and the community in danger. Please take the time to look at the photo and points below that highlights the correct procedures for cars and adults who may be picking up their children. This is even more important as we move to a later pick-up/dismissal time next week.

These measures are put in place to ensure children's safety. I have been at a school where a child was hit by a car at pick-up time and the damage to the child, the family and the school community is lasting and debilitating. My next step will be to ask a council ranger to be present at our drop-off and pick-up times where the very small number of parents doing the wrong thing will be fined.

**Please remember:-**

USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT ALL TIMES. Whether you be on your own or with a child. Children watch everything from the gates and mimic adult behaviour.

- A child MUST NEVER enter or exit the car from the driver/roadside.
- DO NOT park in "No Parking School Zones" outside the school (See photo).
- DO NOT do "U Turns" in front of the school, it is illegal and highly dangerous.
- DO NOT use the school driveways to do "U Turns".
- DO NOT park across our neighbours' driveways, they (quite rightly) get upset.
- DO NOT walk between cars in the "Slow n' Go" Drive Thru either in the morning or the afternoon.
- A child or adult is NOT TO ACCESS the boot of the car when using "Slow n' Go" Drive Thru in the afternoon.
- Please remain in your car when accessing our "Slow n' Go" Drive Thru pick up.
- If a teacher or other adult asks you to follow our procedures, please address them politely and do not abuse them for trying to ensure our student's safety.
- BE PATIENT!!! A couple more minutes of your time is worth it if all our community gets to and from school safely and incident free.

**See enlarged photo on page 5.**



*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*I pray to you for assistance as we step  
into our vehicle today.*

*Keep us safe on these busy and  
dangerous roads.*

*Surround us with your love, shield us  
from harm, and allow the journey to  
proceed without issue.*

*As the driver of the car, I pray that you'll  
give me patience too.*

*Patience with bad drivers, patience at  
slow traffic lights, and patience with my  
tired and cranky children in the back!*

*Please, Father, help me stay alert on the  
road ahead and recognize whenever I  
need a break.*

*For my fellow drivers and me,  
please protect and keep us safe so that  
we might reach our final destinations  
safely.*

*In Jesus' name, we pray,*

*Amen.*



### **DISMISSAL TIME/PICK-UP**

As of Week 5 (Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February) we will start pick-up (afternoon dismissal) at 2.55pm for the whole school. (Kindergarten to Year 6) This is half-way to reverting back to pre-COVID pick-up at 3.05pm. This will enable us to keep children in their cohorts and family groups for a smooth running of the "Slow n' Go' Drive Through and parent pick-up. If you need a family name sign for the car for "Slow n' Go' Drive Thru, please let the office know so we can send it home prior to next week. Clearly displayed names assist in the smooth running of the pick-up process.

Please let your children know the method of afternoon "pick-up" to help us minimise foot and car traffic. They will be doing one of the below:

- After school care
- Parent pick-up (Footpath outside gate **on the left side only** - to allow for Slow n' Go)
- Slow n' Go - Drive Thru - **on right side only** - no parents.
- Walkers - dismissed by teacher at 3.05pm
- Bus - Escorted to bus stop by teacher at 3.15pm

**Please also note that afternoon dismissal concludes at 3.20pm, any child remaining after this time will be sent to After School Care, where you will be charged for an afternoon session.** Of course, if there is a 'one-off' emergency, please let us know and we will supervise in the office.

### **SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Thank you to all the families, staff and students that made this day run smoothly. Although not the event we planned for at the end of last year, it was still a success for all who could attend. The Northern Beaches Cluster Finals will be held on **Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> March** and notes will be going home soon for those that have qualified. The Diocesan Carnival will be held on **Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> March**.

### **PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS Meet the Teacher**

We have been waiting for the updated COVID restrictions for schools that are due to be released at the end of this week. If parents are allowed back on-site we will be holding Grade Information Nights / Meet the Teacher in the hall, two grades per night, starting Week 6. If we are unable to welcome parents on site we will be holding them via Zoom in Week 5.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**MEET THE  
TEACHER** 



## **TECHNOLOGY CODE OF CONDUCT**

Last week you would have received a Compass Post and notification regarding the collection of parent and student agreements to follow the CSBB Technology Code of Conduct. This replaces the hard copy document that has been sent in the past. We have asked that this is completed by the 21<sup>st</sup> February. Students will be unable to access any technology in the classroom after this date, if it has not been completed.

## **PHOTOTGRAPHY PERMISSIONS**

As with the Technology Agreement above, our Photography Permission has also gone electronic and can easily be completed with the click of a button. Thank you to all who have completed this and also emailed (as asked) with any special circumstances.



## **PARENT HELPERS**

Thank you to all who have volunteered to be a parent helper in the classroom once COVID restrictions have been lifted. Shortly you will receive an email with the Child Protection and Safeguarding requirements necessary to volunteer in a school. As soon as we are allowed to "let parents in" you will be allocated a group, be provided with a short training session of the work to be done and allocated a class.

## **NEW PATHWAY AND SHADE CLOTH**

Thank you to the P&F for putting money towards the first section of our infant's playground shade cloth. We think it looks great and is practical too!

Check out how the new pathway that goes down to the bottom playground! We can't wait until it's finished in approximately 3 weeks.

Kind regards

Genevieve Smith  
PRINCIPAL



Congratulations to the 2021 ICAS Competition entrants. A list of all the entrants and the level awarded is below. They will receive their certificate at next week's assembly. We have numerous Distinctions, Credits and Participations in a broad range of subjects.

A very special mention goes to Amelia Cooper who was a Medal Award Winner in the Spelling Bee. To be a High Distinction Medal Winner, you have to be in the top 1% of the state. Congratulations Amelia!

<b>ICAS COMPETITION RESULTS 2021</b>				
	<b>Science</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Spelling Bee</b>
<b>High Distinction</b>		Amelia Cooper		Amelia Cooper
<b>Distinction</b>		Mia Hill		Mia Hill
<b>Credit</b>	Amelia Bhatti Alisha Senn Mia Hill Emma Murray	Alisha Senn Emma Murray	Mia Hill	Amelia Bhatti Alisha Senn
<b>Merit</b>			Will Groom	
<b>Participation</b>	Abigail Bhatti Sri Sasikumar	Amelia Bhatti Abigail Bhatti	Amelia Bhatti Alisha Senn Emma Murray Abigail Bhatti Hugo Groom Sri Sasikumar	Emma Murray Sri Sasikumar



**At pick-up and drop-off times.**

**No parking.**

**No U turns.**


**No student or adult crossing.**

**No student entering or exiting the car on the roadside.**





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