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Dear Families,

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Welcome to the 2023 School Year. It was great to welcome all the students this morning as they came through the gates. Their eagerness to return to school was very evident. We especially welcome our Preps and their families, our new students in Year 2 and Year 5 and their families, and our new staff.

Today's newsletter is more like an information sheet for all parents and carers with some important things for you to know about the return to school at SSPP this year. A more detailed newsletter will be distributed at the end of the week. Please ensure you take the time to read through and record some important dates for the upcoming events and celebrations. We would be sad to have any child or family miss out.

Please note that our newsletter will be distributed to families via email on a fortnightly basis.

As always, if you have any questions feel free to send me an email or call the school.

Warmest wishes,

Trish Vandekolk



**PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY
GATHERING SPACE
6:30pm
ALL PARENTS/CARERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

SPECIALIST CLASSES—START NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Digital Technologies	Performing Arts Visual Arts	Library Physical Education Italian STEM	Bluearth	No Specialist Classes
School Uniform with Black Shoes	School Uniform with Black Shoes	Sport Uniform with runners Library books	Sport Uniform with runners	School Uniform with Black Shoes

IMPORTANT EVENTS & DATES

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED AS DATES APPROACH

Monday 6th February

OPEN CLASSROOM AFTERNOON—3:15pm

- Parents, carers and families are invited to come into their child's class for a guided tour of the space conducted by the students.

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START OF HEALTHY LUNCHBOX WEEK

- As part of our Inquiry Learning for this term, students will be researching healthy lunchboxes. Parents are strongly encouraged to support their children in providing a healthy lunchbox that enables their child to engage more fully in their active learning and active playing.

Wednesday 8th February

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT—6:30pm in the Gathering Space

- This is an important session for all parents to attend to hear about the year ahead. The first half of the meeting will be in the Gathering Space and then at 7:00pm, parents will move to their child's classroom to hear important information from their child's class teacher regarding expectations, timetables and homework. For parents with more than one child in the school, a repeat of the class teacher's presentation will be given at 7:30pm.

Sunday 12th February

OPENING SCHOOL YEAR MASS & BBQ (11:15AM)

- This is our first family gathering for the term. Families are asked to join us for the occasion. All Student Leaders in all classes will be inducted into their leadership positions. School staff will be commissioned. Staff who finished their service at SSPP in 2022 will be acknowledged and thanked by the parish. A BBQ Sausage Sizzle will take place in the school playground afterwards. Please join us.

Tuesday 14th February

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL AGM—7:00pm—Staff room

Wednesday 15th February

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP MEETING—6:30pm ONLINE

Wednesday 22nd February

MEET & GREET INTERVIEWS—1:30pm—6:00pm

Thursday 9th March

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION—7:00PM

Sunday 10th September

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

- This year the Sacrament of Confirmation will be for both Year 5 and Year 6 Candidates. This is will see Confirmation become a sacrament celebrated every second year from this time onwards.

Saturday 18th November

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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SCHOOL NEWS

DROP OFF & PICK UP ROUTINE

Thank you to all parents and carers for your patience this afternoon at pick up time. We are doing our best to set up a routine that enables all children to get picked up as safely and quickly as possible.

Our new routine that is outlined below:

- **PREP / 1** students and their older siblings will be dropped off and picked up from the main gate at the front entrance. Entry to class is through the Room 2 gate.
- **Year 2/3** students and their older siblings will be dropped off and picked up from the main gate at the front entrance. Entry to the classroom will be through Room 8 and the class will be escorted to the front gate at dismissal.
- **Year 4 and Year 5/6** students will be dropped off and picked up from the lower gate at the staff carpark. Both classes will be using the external stairs to enter and exit the classrooms. Safe walking up and down the stairs is always expected.

This routine sees a relatively even distribution of numbers exiting the gates in the safest way. Staff are on duty to ensure all students are collected safely.

VERY IMPORTANT TO KNOW FOR PICK UP AND DROP OFF ZONES—PARENTS MUST STAY IN THEIR CAR

Please adhere to our requests with regards to the use of the zones directly out the front of the school and at the lower carpark gate.

- Cars drive into the zone to drop off or to pick up students only. During peak school times, these are not used as parking areas.
- For the area at the main entrance— Students will only be permitted to exit the school gate to get into a car when the car is in one of the first 3 car places.
- If your child needs assistance to get into the car and to be restrained, then parents/carers must park in an allocated parking area and walk to the gate to collect their child.
- Drivers move safely away from the zones as soon as possible to ensure a smooth flow of cars and safer delivery of students to vehicles.
- Please do not make U turns into or out off the drop off/pick up zones.
- Please do not stop across the path of our school crossing, the staff carpark, nor neighbours' drive ways, particularly in Hamilton Cres.
- Parents are not to enter or park in the staff car park for drop off or pick up.
- Families are asked to communicate this with any other family or friends who may drop off or pick up your children.

MEET & GREET INTERVIEWS
WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY
Online bookings will open Monday 13th February

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