



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This weekend we celebrate the wonderful gift of fathers, grandfathers, uncles and male carers with Father's Day. On Friday morning, during your child's *Google Classroom Meet*, we will be celebrating a Father's Day liturgy lead by members of our Year 6 Student Leadership Group, to which all are welcome to join. This is a great opportunity for each of us to thank God for the very special men who care for us and love us unconditionally. I am truly thankful for my dad, who is a father to three and grandfather to seven. His many gifts, including his compassion for others, wise judgment and humour continue to be a great source of strength and inspiration for myself.



God our Father,

We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

Parent feedback about remote learning

There was an excellent response to our parent survey regarding remote learning 2.0 with 108 families responding. The overwhelming response from families indicates that they are all very appreciative of the great work and communication that is being provided by the staff. We greatly appreciated the constructive feedback and have endeavoured to incorporate this into our future planning during remote learning.

Traffic congestion around the school

As all members of our school community know, there is a large amount of traffic congestion around the school in the morning and afternoon. This congestion can often lead to dangerous and illegal driving around the school which potentially endangers the safety of our students. In an effort to improve this congestion the School Advisory Council (SAC) has sort advice from a Traffic Management consultant. The overall conclusion is that "traffic behaviour" around the school needs to change and we need your assistance to change this. Ways that your family can assist with reducing the congestion around the school are: 1) Walk to school, 2) Ride/scooter to school, 3) Drop off and collect your child a short distance from the school, and 4) Only use the Elaine Ave drive-through if really needed. There are over 150 carparks within 250 metres of our school that you could use when dropping off and collecting your child. Please see the attached map.

Father's Day Raffle

Our Parents and Friends Father's Day Raffle closes tomorrow. To purchase tickets, go to

<https://www.rafflelink.com.au/stmdadsdayraffle>

God bless you all and keep you safe,

Mr. Simon Duffy,
Principal

Parking areas for parents to utilize when dropping off and picking up their children. These areas are within 250m of our school and are indicated in **red**.



With your assistance we can endeavour to reduce the traffic congestion around our school, therefore improving the safety for all members of our school community.