



4 February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very smooth start to 2022 with the children enjoying their swimming lessons in this warm weather.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for ensuring that we maintain a safe environment at PCPS and continue to follow the mandated directives from the government, Chief Health Officer (CHO), CEWA and our school.

As part of the Phase 5 School Operations Guidelines –

- **The 1.5 social distancing rule continues to apply** to parents and visitors in schools and I ask that parents remember this when on the school grounds.
- All adults including **parents, visitors and staff must wear a mask when indoors. If social distancing is not possible outdoors, then the mask ruling requires you to wear a mask** eg if there is crowding around outside of classrooms during drop off/pick up times.
- If you have a medical exemption for mask wearing, I ask that you please **provide a copy of the relevant medical exemption in the form of a medical certificate from a doctor to me**. Unless a medical exemption from the relevant medical practitioner is provided to me it is expected that a mask is worn in line with current lawful requirements.

With the recent increase in COVID cases in the community and on the advice from the CHO, Catholic Education WA has today advised the following in order to minimize the number of students or staff impacted by the presence of a positive case:

- Only small or class-based assemblies to take place
- Large gatherings, whole school activities/events to be postponed
- Students be kept in year levels where possible
- Face-to-face meetings to be moved to online or alternatives offered

With the above in mind, Padbury Catholic Primary School has made the following changes:

- Our merit **assemblies** will continue this term however classes will not attend. Parents and relatives of recipients may attend following COVID regulations and procedures and protocols. The merit recipients will be announced to the rest of the school.
- The **Family Fun Night** scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> March has been postponed
- The **Year 6 Camp** will go ahead with increased COVID procedures in place
- The **Sacrament Parent Information Night** which was due to take place 9<sup>th</sup> February in the parish has been cancelled. Instead, the Parish will send home an information pack to families via the school.
- **Ash Wednesday** whole school mass has been cancelled and will be celebrated in individual classrooms

We will keep you updated as we receive further information.

Our electronic fortnightly school newsletter will commence next Friday.



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Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Margaret Williamson**  
**Principal**



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