FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 2. It was lovely to see students back at school, either physically or virtually. Teachers also expressed their delight at being about to reconnect with their students after the break. It has been wonderful to see students re-engaging with their work, as they discover God’s world, in community, for the glory of Jesus.

I trust that the school holidays were a special time for families. I imagine that in many ways the holidays were strange, and times usually spent at the beach or with family, didn’t happen. But with every difficulty comes an opportunity for something new, so I hope that families spent time together in new ways. It may have been Zooming grandparents, backyard camping, cooking lessons, writing letters, bike riding, or the myriad of other things that could have been done. It may be that families look back on this time as quite special, having been forced to be at home.

This term we welcome (back) Mrs Kate Hampstead and Mrs Arna Jarrett to the school in permanent roles. They will be teaching PDHPE and CAFS in high school, and we look forward to the contribution they will make to the cause of Christ at Carinya.

In Psalm 46:1-3, the psalmist writes:

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging."

In the midst of this pandemic, it can seem like things are out of control. All the structures and foundations that we held on to, like school, sport, family, work and church, have been taken away or significantly restricted, and we can often worry about what will happen. While the difficulties are all real, we have a God who is solid in a time of uncertainty; he is sure when life can be unsure. God is our refuge and strength at all times, and especially in times of difficulty. As a school we rest in the assurance that all things are in God’s hand and in Christ’s control and we can trust Him in that.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
- Matthew 11:28

As always, if you have concerns or questions about your child’s learning or welfare, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher, or Head of School. We are keen to work with families in the education of their children.

We trust that students delight in their learning as they “think God’s thoughts after him”. We are looking forward to some of our students returning to school in a more formal way from Week 3.

Peter Wearry, Deputy Principal
SCREENINGS
Thank you for the way that students and families are working with the school regarding the screening procedures and end of day routines. Children and parents have been patient and the process has been very smooth. Your continued support of all these measures is appreciated, as these routines may stay in place for some time.

MUSICAL INFORMATION NIGHT
In the calendar, a Musical Information Night was planned for next Tuesday evening. Unfortunately due to the uncertainty of how the impact of the coronavirus will affect the musical, we have decided to not to run the Musical Information Night at this stage. We are still considering whether we are able to run the musical, and will make a decision in the near future.

Interim Reports for Year 7-11 and Half Yearly reports for Year 12 were posted today.

Parent Teacher Online (PTO)
Parents are to make their Parent/Teacher Interview bookings online. A letter has been posted home this week with instructions on “how to book”. If assistance is required, or you do not have internet access, please ring the school office. Due to COVID-19 this round of interviews will be conducted over the phone, on the number you provide when booking. Parents will not attend school for their interviews.

The interview dates for Years 7-12 are:
- Monday 11 May
- Tuesday 12 May

EXCURSIONS & EVENTS
With the disruptions due to COVID-19, many regular school activities have been cancelled or curtailed.

Until further notice, school excursions and events will not be running. We are regularly seeking advice from appropriate authorities about when events might run. We will keep you informed of these as information becomes available.

Some events that have been cancelled:
- Cross Country (Monday 4 May) and CSSA Cross Country (Friday 29 May)
- Infants Athletics Carnival - postponed
- Musical Information Night (Tuesday 5 May)
- Outdoor Education Trips (Friday 8 May - Year 9 & Friday 22 May - Year 10)
- NAPLAN Online
- Grandparents Day
Winter uniform will commence for all students in Week 3. Please ensure that your child/ren are correctly dressed according to policy guidelines.

All uniform items must be purchased from the Uniform Shop and that students must be wearing their uniform correctly from “door to door”. This includes shirts tucked in, ties worn properly and hair worn correctly. We regularly field comments from community members about our students and how well they wear their uniform. Wearing the uniform with dignity and integrity at school and in public is an important expression of commitment to the school, as well as encouraging a sense of community and belonging for students.

If you have had any difficulties with your child’s uniform, please contact your child’s Head of School.

2020
TERM 2
Monday 27 April to Friday 26 June
TERM 3
Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September
TERM 4
Monday 12 October to Tuesday 8 December

2021
TERM 1
Wednesday 27 January to Friday 26 March
TERM 2
Monday 19 April to Friday 18 June
TERM 3
Monday 12 July to Friday 17 September
TERM 4
Tuesday 5 October to Tuesday 7 December

The next edition of Connect Magazine will be sent home today. Due to coronavirus we will not be printing this edition, but it will be available on the school website.

Homework Club will not operate until further notice. We will advise of any changes to this arrangement upon the full return of students to the school.

STAY UP TO DATE
Follow us on Social Media and visit our website to stay up to date with all that’s happening at Carinya!

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Well-Being Survey (Year 5-12)

Carinya will be asking students in Years 5-12 to complete a well-being survey. The survey will be completed in Pastoral Care next Wednesday (7 May). Information from the survey will be used by pastoral care and well-being staff to follow up with students that have indicated they are having significant difficulties with school concerns and daily life since the COVID-19 restrictions, and any information will remain confidential and only shared with relevant staff if needed.

The survey will only take a few minutes, and it will allow pastoral care teachers to understand how their students are coping with the changes to school life. Below is a copy of the questions, and how students will respond to the survey.

If a student has indicated they are having difficulties, a staff member will contact you to follow up with the student and provide support. Follow up surveys will also be sent out during the term to monitor student well-being.

Carinya also has a well-being section on the Virtual Learning Platform with links and strategies to support you and your family during this time.

If you do not want your child to complete the survey, please email your child’s Head of School before next Wednesday.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Taylor (School Psychologist) at school.

Kind Regards,

Josh Davis
Head of Senior School

Bron Larkin
Head of Middle School

Survey Questions
As well as their name and year group, students will be asked the following questions: