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Dear Parents,

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting held on Wednesday afternoon. I appreciate that many of you were unable to attend because of the late notice and I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. Unfortunately the situation was unavoidable as correspondence was required from CEWA prior to the meeting taking place.

The reason for the meeting was to advise you of arrangements for 2019 which involves the Year 2 and Year 3 classes. As you are aware, St Joseph's has received approval to commence a capital development plan. This involves refurbishment of the current Pre-Primary and Year Six classrooms and building a new classroom in the adjacent undercover area to create a contemporary 'Early Childhood Hub'. Unfortunately, this work will mean that the current Pre-Primary and Year 6 classrooms are unavailable for a period of approximately six months. As a result, we don't have enough classrooms need to make alternative arrangements while endeavouring to keep disruption to a minimum. As such, we would like to announce the following changes for 2019:

- The Yr 2 and Yr 3 classes will be combined to create a composite class consisting of 33 students. Approval of the composite class has been granted by the Director of CEWA for the 2019 school year only and will return to separate classes in 2020.
- The Yr 2/3 class will be located in the library. This space will comfortably accommodate the number of children in the class and it also has the necessary resources required (eg smart board, WiFi, access to toilets etc) to operate the classroom efficiently.
- The library will be temporarily re-located to another area of the school.
- The Yr 2/3 class teacher will be Mrs Nila Poasa who will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the class and will be the first point of contact for all students and parents.
- Mia Catalano will be employed as a full-time Education Assistant in the Yr 2/3 class.
- For the Specialist subject areas including LOTE (Italian), Digi-Tech, Science and The Arts, the classes will be separated. Sport and Library will be taught together.
- The Extension and Support Programs will operate as per normal.
- The Yr 3 PR1ME Maths Program and Yr 3 Religious Education will be taught by Mrs Mary-Ann Landwehr from 11:00 – 12:40pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday each week. Mrs Landwehr will also be responsible for the Sacramental Program (Reconciliation).
- The Yr 2 PR1ME Maths Program and Yr 2 Religious Education will be taught by Mrs Poasa.
- The Walker Learning Approach will continue to operate within the class, allowing staff to incorporate inside and outside learning opportunities as well as quiet areas to utilise within the room. The composite class also creates potential to deliver the curriculum in an integrated way and for students to work at their own ability.
- Mrs Landwehr and Mrs Poasa will be working in tandem together to achieve the optimum academic and social outcomes for the students.

Thank you for your support during this important period of our school's development. At all times during the decision making process, the best interests of the students has been imperative. It is likely that difficulties may arise and we will endeavour to address any concerns you may have along the way. In the event of any questions, I am available at any time to discuss them with you. We are committed to making 2019 a wonderful year for our Yr 2/3 students.

Kind regards,

Travis Bienkowski
Principal