

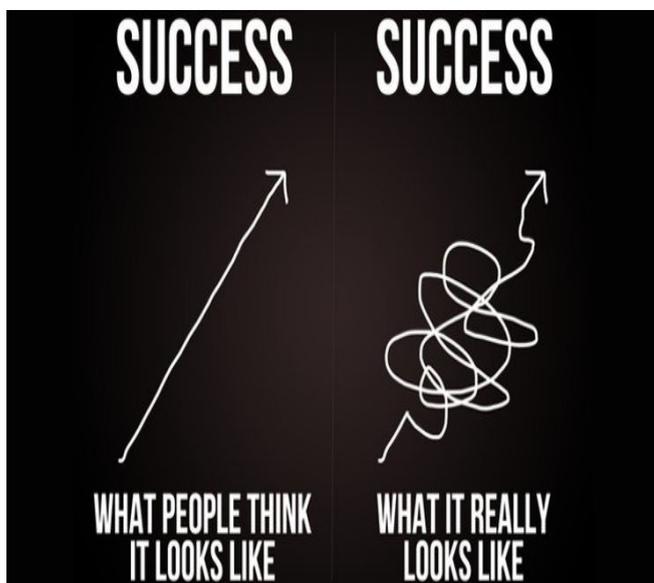
# WELCOME TO TWO WAY MEETINGS

Welcome and thank you for making the time for a **Parent/Teacher meeting** today, either by phone or face to face. This is one last formal opportunity to receive important **teacher feedback** regarding your child's learning progress before reports come home (PP-Year 6), and before the busy end of the last four weeks of this 2020 school year.

Your teacher has already been working very hard to prepare for this meeting and as you will appreciate, today is a very long day for them, meeting with thirty or more families. Whether meeting face-to-face or by phone, **thankyou** for your presence and punctuality, your participation and your positive, respectful attitude - it is very much appreciated and highly valued.

Your teacher will give you feedback about your **child's progress and achievement** and will highlight some of their personal and academic strengths, as well as any challenges and targets for ongoing improvement.

The **school report** sits alongside all the work samples, assessments, conversations, discussions, the cooperative group work, the interpersonal opportunities and the social/emotional opportunities of school life. The report and the grades within it, while an indicator of where your child is at in relation to curriculum outcomes, **is not the whole picture** of your child's ability, intelligence or future success.



**Success** as a learner and as a person is not a linear process - real learning is a bit messy; failure is part of an authentic learning trajectory and the best learners persist, work hard, collaborate and develop some good habits and ways of thinking that keeps them 'having a go' and persisting. The **teacher comments** in the school report are where the real gems lie - ie how much **effort** does your child give? How **motivated** is he/she? How well can he/she **regulate** themselves when things go wrong? How well can they **articulate** their ideas? How well can they **cooperate** and work in a team? How well can they **get along** with others? These are very important aspects to learning and life success!

We are all '**works in progress**' and this is no less true for our children. As teachers and parents, and our children's biggest champions, we need to be able to simply support, encourage, gently challenge and continue to take the **big picture view**. We also need to model and set our children up for increasing success. You are encouraged to continue **auditing things at home** in relation to creating a physically and emotionally safe, secure, loving and affirming home environment, as this has a strong correlation to learning, your child's overall happiness and to their sense of who they are and who they are yet to become.

Thank you for continuing to invest in your parenting and in your child's education. As significant adults in your child's life, we all need to keep sprinkling love, kindness, patience, encouragement, humour and role modelling, for these are like magic dust in relation to a child's well-being and learning!

**From, Tania Thuijs, Principal.**

## **Some Important Reminder Dates**

### **MOPS Christmas Playgroup Gathering - in readiness for 2021**

Morning tea and mothers of young children invited to find out more about this parent led playgroup. Tuesday 24th November in the small school hall, at 9.00am.

### **Annual General Meeting - P&F and Annual Community Meeting - School Board**

Wednesday 25th November 5.00pm - 6.30pm

**RSVP your attendance to the Office by this Friday, 20th November** for seating and catering purposes.

### **Kindy 2021 Playdates**

Thursday 26th November - Kindy Gold

Friday 27th November - Kindy Blue

9.00am - 9.40am

### **Community Mass**

Wednesday, 2nd December in the parish church - all welcome.

8.00am - 8.30am.

### **Edudance Concerts**

Friday, 4th December in school hall - one parent per family to attend due to COVID restrictions.

1.15pm PPG, 2G, 4G & 6G

1.40pm 1G, 3G, 5G & 6G

2.05pm PPB, 2B, 4B & 6B

2.30pm 1B, 3B, 5B & 6B

### **Graduation**

Monday, 7th December, in school hall - 5.30pm - 7.15pm.

Graduating student, plus two parents - due to COVID restrictions.

### **Water Fun Afternoon**

Pre-Primary students - Tuesday 8th December, 1.30pm.

### **Christmas-y Assemblies**

Wednesday, 9th December - 9.00am - Kindy and Pre-Primary school hall - one parent per family invited to attend.

### **Water Fun Afternoon**

Kindy students - Wednesday 9th December 1.30pm (for children only - due to COVID restrictions).

### **Water Fun Afternoon**

Years 4-6 - 11.00-12.15pm

Years 1-3 - 1.15pm - 2.30pm

### **School Reports - Online**

SEQTA Engage School Reports go live in the afternoon on Thursday, 10th December.

### **Christmas-y Assemblies**

Yr 1 to 6 Christmas Assemblies - Friday, 11th December in the school hall. One parent per family.

8.45am Year 5 and 6

9.30am Year 3 and 4

10.00am Year 1 and 2

**Looking forward to a wonderful end of year everyone!**