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Carbrook Campus Term 3 Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

At **Carbrook** we hope you enjoy the improvements to the surface of the entrance at the first roundabout. In every school I have worked in, traffic at peak drop-off and pick-up times is challenging and requires communities to exercise patience and courtesy. I appeal to you to drive and park in designated areas with awareness that we all have a responsibility to keep our little people safe at these times. I also ask that you show consideration for the needs of all our students and teachers by not taking your child out of class early to avoid the inconvenience of school afternoon traffic. Every call to a classroom for early pick-up disrupts the rhythm of learning for every student in the class and I appeal to you to limit these. This problem is particularly prevalent among Junior school students.

In August you will be invited to meet with me (there are morning and evening opportunities on each campus) and we can discuss the start and finish times for the school day. Another topic for discussion is the development of the College Master Plan. Do familiarise yourself with the progress we have made so far and come bringing your ideas for the next phase in development of our two campuses.

A great deal of work has been undertaken this year following cyclone Alfred damage. The Show Team community held a working bee last Saturday and animal shelters now have roofing and many other tasks were completed – installing greenhouses, mulching the vegetable garden beds among other tasks. Thank you for your willingness to support the farm.

As you may be aware our hospitality classes have been operating from a modified classroom following the flooding of the kitchen. The kitchen renovation including a much needed upgrade is well underway and we expect it to be in service from midterm. I am awed by what our students and their talented teacher, Mrs O'Connor, have achieved under very challenging conditions this past semester and look forward to their enjoyment of the new facility.

The very high water table means our oval is still very wet and every time it rains, work to improve drainage and restore the surface is hampered. The athletics carnivals will be enjoyable despite the challenging circumstances which have meant there are some limitations on student training and preparation. Our sports staff have been wonderful working with students to ensure the carnivals are enjoyable community events.

The new cricket pitch and repaired practice nets area fill me with optimism that we will soon have a lively and energetic cricket program at Calvary.

Yours sincerely

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Principal and CEO