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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to all of our BRW children and families. We hope you had a wonderful, restful summer break and that you are ready for the exciting academic year of 2023-24!

I would like to take this opportunity to announce our new annual theme, which will inspire, motivate and guide our learning together this year. We continue to keep our 'BRW Spirit Strong' as always, and alongside this, we will be living out our faith by following **Exodus 13:4** –

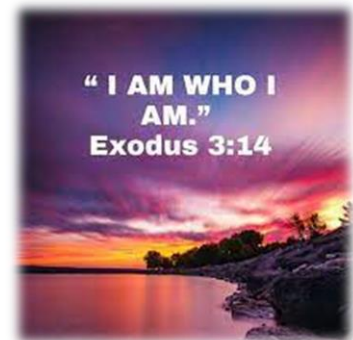
'I am who I am!'

In this scripture, God spoke to Moses to say that He is present in our lives eternally.

At BRW, 'I Am Who I Am' means we must remember that God is always with us: even in the challenging times, God is always present in many different ways.

Our mission this year is to always do the following:

- Be present in your own life!
- Recognise the beauty in your world.
- Be proud of who you are.



We will be encouraging our children to **think, act and speak** in a way that shows they are proud of **who they are, where they come from and where they are going**. We hope to show pride in our **pasts, presents and futures!** And we will show pride in others also!

To support children in doing this, we will be giving each child the opportunity to take home their class's '**I Am!** Backpack' for a whole week, filling the backpack with everything that makes them who they are: their family, community, world, passions and futures! This might be in the form of objects, pictures, photos, artwork, pieces of writing, quotes, presentations, videos, models and



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anything else you can think of. We look forward to celebrating the 'I Am!' Backpack' in class each week.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share our **Whole School Values and Virtues** with you again. We will be continuing to build learning power in our pupils using the strategies in the page that follows. Please take some time to read through them and encourage your child to use these strategies in their learning and lives!

Finally, thank you for your continued support for BRW. We look forward to working together with you and your children in this new academic year.

Best wishes,

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WHOLE SCHOOL RULES

Here at Blessed Robert Widmerpool, we aim to create a **happy and secure environment** where our children can reach their potential. We encourage our children to be responsible for their own actions, and a culture of **independence and respect** is fostered through the **Catholic Life** that underpins our school. Our school mission statement inspires us in all that we do:

"We walk kindly in the footsteps of Jesus Christ as we live and learn."



We encourage our children to be **guardians** of our mission statement, living out Jesus' example in our actions and our words. To guide us in this every day, we have our whole school rules:



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Whole School Rules



- Show **love** and **respect** for everyone 
- Be the **best** version of you  
- Take care of our **environment** 
- **Move calmly** around school 
- Wear our **uniform with pride** 

The children at BRW share our **high-expectations** and know that we come to school to learn in every way. We believe that it is their **right** to learn as well as their **responsibility** to support others in doing the same. Following our whole school rules helps us to make sure this happens!

BUILDING LEARNING POWER

Something else that helps our children to reach their potential is their 'Behaviour for Learning'. We encourage them to build their learning power and become 'learners for life' by promoting a **positive social climate** within school, where children feel **confident and safe** enough to participate actively in their learning.

We build this learning power not only by promoting our famous five Rs:

- Responsibility
- Resilience
- Resourcefulness
- Relationships



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- Reflectiveness

...but also using the acronym **SLANT!**

SLANT

SLANT stands for five important actions when learning:

- S** SIT UP: **Shoulders back. Strong spine.** Eyes forward. Prepare to listen.
- L** LISTEN: Clear desks of distractions. Nothing in hands. Hand on the desk
- A** ASK and ANSWER QUESTIONS: In **FULL** sentences.
- N** NOD HEAD: Showing the speaker you are listening and understanding.
- T** TRACK the SPEAKER: Your eyes and bodies follow the speaker as they move around the room. Adults **AND** peers!

In class, in the lunch hall, in the corridors, on the playground, in assemblies...we use our radar to show 100% **SLANT!**

But why?

- **SLANT** provides us with positive **habits of attention** that help us learn!
- By following **SLANT**, our attention improves, which means **we learn more**.
- **SLANT** shows that we **respect and value the person** who is speaking, and doing this...
- ...makes others feel **safe, comfortable and confident** to share the learning and their ideas!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



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Just as we do in school, encourage your child to 'show their SLANT' whenever they are interacting with others or learning at home! Our 'Whole School Rules' can also be adapted for use at home!



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