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NEWSLETTER – FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thursday 10th May 2018

Dear Families,



We are coming to the close of the Easter Season. It is hard to believe that Easter Sunday is already six weeks ago! This Sunday we celebrate The Ascension of the Lord. This is when Jesus ascended back to heaven, knowing that his time here on earth was completed. We do not know the exact details of the Ascension.

Traditionally it occurred on a mountain or hill sometime after the Resurrection.

The disciples and followers were present to witness an event beyond

understanding or description. The fact is that Jesus did rise from the dead. He did appear to his disciples after his resurrection. He did leave them at some point after this, handing his mission over to them.

What we learn from this event is that the resurrected life is a reward for us at the end of time. More importantly, it is proof that there is life after death. Our mortal bodies die and decay but our spirits are eternal.



Four weeks into the term and so much has already happened. Last Friday, May 4th, was a fun day. The children were excited in dressing up as their favourite Star Wars characters. I think the Dark Side was more powerful than the Light Side of the Force this time. Darth Vader and Imperial Storm troopers were very popular. Thank you for your donations on the day, we were able to raise over \$232.00 for The Green Button Foundation.

GRADE 6 CHILDREN:

Parents if it is your intention to enrol your child in Government Secondary Colleges in 2019, then the application form attached to the **"Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Information Pack "** (previously distributed) must be completed and return to this office by **tomorrow Friday 11th May 2018** for processing.



Happy Mother's Day to all mums and grand mums in our school community. May you have a special day that is restful and peaceful. Kids remember to say thank you to mum for all that she does for you. Do not forget to tell her that you love her! If you can, for one day at least, do something special for mum; i.e., wash the dishes, vacuum, make her breakfast in bed, make her a cup of tea or coffee, make your own bed or even just spend some time with her without iPad, iPhone or TV causing a distraction.

NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Literacy and Numeracy

Next week is NAPLAN. The Year Three's and Five's will sit tests in Reading, Writing, Grammar & Spelling and Numeracy. These tests will provide a snapshot in time of where the children are in their learning, in comparison with children their same age nationally. These tests incorporate what the children have learnt from Foundation to Year Three and Five respectively, as well as including skills and knowledge they will learn in the future.

NAPLAN 2018 testing will take place on May 15, May 16 & May 17. If you are the parent or guardian of a Year 3 or Year 5 student, please take the time to read the **NAPLAN 2018 Parent Information Brochure** attached to this newsletter.

PREP (FOUNDATION) 2019 – ENROLMENTS OPEN

We have concluded Prep interviews for new families wishing to enrol their child in 2019 this week. Prep interviews for existing families wishing to enrol their child in 2019 will be held at a later date.

To ensure we have a placing for our existing families wishing to enrol their child in 2019, we ask that you obtain an Enrolment Application from the school office as soon as possible. Please be sure to pass this information on to prospective new families, who have a child due to start school in 2019. Enrolment Applications are available from the office – note there are limited places for Prep 2019.

Matthew Stead

Acting Principal

NAPLAN on paper – information for parents and carers

NAPLAN
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

2018

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN tests also provide schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

What will be tested?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, see example questions at nap.edu.au/naplanexample

How can I help my child prepare for NAPLAN?

Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend the use of services by coaching providers or excessive preparation. NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress.

Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN tests.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

Your child will sit the NAPLAN paper tests in 2018.

However, children in some other schools across Australia may sit the NAPLAN online tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that NAPLAN will move online over the next two to three years. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are presented with questions that test the same range of difficulty, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats will be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale.

To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit nap.edu.au/online-assessment

What if my child is absent from school on test days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 18 May 2018.

NAPLAN 2018 tests timetable

	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May
Year 3	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 60 minutes
Year 9	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 60 minutes

How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your school.

How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results at myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

For information about how personal information for NAPLAN will be handled by ACARA, please visit nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy

FAMILY PORTRAIT

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BOOK TO RECEIVE

for \$15

20 minute portrait session

20 minute viewing / selection session

8"x12" print

Glass bottle frame + print of your choice

Complimentary retouching
(Remove unwanted dribble or bumps!)

Opportunity to purchase the BEST value
packages & lowest cost options!
We also have the best value digital files available!

St Pauls Primary School Family Portrait Fundraiser

The easiest way to have boutique portraits, book now to secure your session!

WHEN: Sunday 3rd of June

WHERE: Indoors at the school

TO BOOK: head to www.averandline.com.au/book

enter the password **hooray2** and select your school + session time
then pay your \$15 online

BOOK BY: Monday 28th of May

CONTACT: Evelyn on ParentsGroup@spkealba.catholic.edu.au

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JUNIOR PARENT MATH WORKSHOPS



Last week, I held a series of parent workshops, exploring strategies we use at St Paul's to teach Addition and Subtraction in the junior years. I just wanted to say a **BIG** thank you to all parents who gave up time in their busy lives to come and learn more about Maths, from a child's perspective. Parents were involved in hands-on activities which are also used in class, as a means to demonstrate teaching approaches at St Paul's Kealba. They also received a 'Math Pack,' which included strategies that can be used at home to support their child, so even if you were unable to attend, please contact the Math leader, Luisa Calvano or please see your child's teacher for more information on how you can get a copy of the resources which were provided. I hope to run more workshops in the future, not only for juniors but for seniors as well. So keep your eyes out for advertisements in the school newsletter and the 'St Paul's Skoolbag App.'

Math Leader: Luisa Calvano lcalvano@spkealba.catholic.edu.au

Junior Targeted Teacher: Narelle White: nwhite@spkealba.catholic.edu.au



Here's some feedback from parents;

- "I came to help my child in Maths. After today, I will try counting by 2s and doubling numbers."
- "I found this sessions very helpful because things have totally changed since I was at school and now there are lots of different and fun techniques to teach."
- "I came to this session to understand what my child is learning. After today, I am going to try all the strategies; cards, dice etc."
- "I came to this session to see how my son is learning Maths and how I can assist him at home. After today's session, I have learnt new things and now starting to understand what my son is trying to do at home. I will try all strategies and see which one works best for him."
- "I found today's session helpful because it gave me lots of tips and advice. The strategies I will try include 'bridging through 5 and 10,' '10 and 20 facts' and use of dice and counters."

GUIDE DOGS ASSOCIATION VISIT FOR YEARS 3- 6



As we are learning about belonging to the community, the children from years 3-6 had a special experience of meeting Nam and John from the **Victorian Guide Dogs Association**. They were also pleased to greet and meet Fraser, the beautiful Labrador with black silky fur who sat calmly by Nam's side the whole time. The children learnt about how the Guide Dogs Association help people who are blind, but they also discovered that there are lots of things that we, the community, can do to help continue their service, a program which receives very little assistance from the government, such as being a 'puppy raiser,' as well as donating.

A **BIG THANK YOU to ALL** children who brought a gold coin donation. Know that your donation is going towards providing independence for people who are blind, as they rely on these guide dogs to give them a quality of life they could not have, if it was not for the Guide Dogs Association. If you would like to know more, please explore their website or speak to Mrs Calvano who organized their visit.

<https://www.guidedogsvictoria.com.au/>



URGENT REQUEST

As of the first day of Term 3, Monday 16 July, all excursion and school activity permission forms will be sent out to families, through CareMonkey. It is therefore, essential that all children have a CareMonkey Profile, in order for parents to be able to give permission for their children to attend excursions or take part in school activities, requiring parent permission or consent. We ask all families to set up a CareMonkey profile for their children IMMEDIATELY.

Email invitations are continuing to be sent to all families for whom we have an email address, to download the CareMonkey app. Thank you to those parents who have responded to the email and have set up a profile for their children. If you have not yet responded to the email please do so as soon as possible. **Please check your email inbox or spam for the CareMonkey email.** Thank you for your support in ensuring your children are safe and cared for at all times.



STUDENT ABSENCES

Following a review of the Attendance Guidelines by the Minister for Education in Term 4, 2017 **'schools must advise parents/guardians of unexplained absences, on the same day, as soon as practicable, including for post-compulsory aged students'**. All schools must fully implement the changes to the Attendance Guidelines by the end of Term 2, 2018. These changes will help ensure the safety of school-aged children during school hours and that schools are supported in their duty of care obligations.

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, we ask that you log onto the Skoolbag app, then go to eForms, hit Absentee Form and complete the details of the absence then hit Submit. All Absentee Forms are sent to the Principal. They are then forwarded to the classroom teacher and the office. As of early Term 2, if your child is away and we have not been notified, you will receive an SMS message asking you to contact the school. If we do not hear from you within a certain time (to be notified) we will call your emergency contacts. If we cannot reach the emergency contacts we are mandated by legislation to call the police. If you have not yet downloaded the Skoolbag app, we ask that you do this as soon as possible. These practices are to ensure the safety of your children.

Full implementation of the new Attendance Guidelines is required by the end of Term 2, 2018. St. Paul's is currently exploring an automated SMS notification service, to inform parents of an unexplained student absence. **Parents and guardians are asked to notify the school immediately a student absence is known, preferably the day before but definitely before 8.50 am on the day of the absence.**





How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.



2018 IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2	TERM 3
<p>APRIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TUES 15TH DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY 10-12PM THURS 24 - FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY NIGHT 6PM <p>JUNE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> THUR 7 - WHOLE SCHOOL MASS - FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART 9.30AM MON 11 - QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY SAT 16 - SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2PM MON 25 - REPORTS SENT HOME THURS 28 - LEARNING CONVERSATIONS 2.30PM TO 8.00PM - EARLY DISMISSAL 1.50 PM FRI 29 - ST. PAUL'S FEAST DAY - WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 12.00PM FRI 29 - EARLY DISMISSAL 1.50PM END TERM 	<p>JULY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MON 16 - TERM 3 COMMENCES FRI 27TH DIVISIONAL GRAND FINALS <p>AUGUST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WED 15 - FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION 9.30AM WHOLE SCHOOL MASS THURS 23RD DISTRICT ATHLETICS <p>SEPTEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> THUR 13 - WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 9.30AM THURS 20 - WHOLE SCHOOL CIRCUS PERFORMANCE - EVENING FRI 21 - EARLY DISMISSAL 1.50PM END TERM
TERM 4	
<p>OCTOBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MON 8 - TERM 4 COMMENCES FRI 12TH DIVISIONAL GRAND FINALS MON TO FRI 15, 16, 17, 18 19 - SCHOOL REVIEW WED 24 - CEM/VRQA COMPLIANCE REVIEW WED 24 - WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 9.30AM WED 31 - YR 4 CAMP <p>NOVEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> THURS, FRI 1, 2 - YR 4 CAMP MON 5 - SCHOOL CLOSURE REPORT WRITING TUES 6 - MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY WED, THURS, FRI 21, 22, 23 - YR 5 CAMP SAT 24 - STATE ELECTION <p>DECEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FRI 7 - CHRISTMAS FUN DAY, CARNIVAL AND CAROLS THURS 13 - YR 6 GRADUATION 7PM FRI 14 YR 6 FINAL DAY WED 19 P - 5 STUDENTS FINAL DAY 1.50PM DISMISSAL THURS 20 - STAFF FINAL DAY 	





✠ *Thank you God* ✠

Thank you God for this new day,
In my school to work and pray,
Please be with me all day long,
In every story, game and song.
May all the happy things we do,
Make you, Our Father, happy too!



MASS TIMES

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

SUNSHINE AVENUE

KEALBA

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.30 am
Thursday	9.30 am
Friday	No Mass
Saturday	5.00 pm (Latin) 6.30 pm
Sunday	8.00 am (Maltese) 10.00 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 6.00 pm

ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH

ODESSA AVENUE

KEILOR DOWNS

Monday	9.30 am
Tuesday	9.30 am
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	9.30 am
Saturday	5.00 pm
Sunday	9.00 am 11.00am 5.30pm

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4.30 pm



LUNCH ORDERS WITH FLEXISCHOOLS

A large number of families have now logged on to www.flexischools.com.au, created an account and are ordering lunches online. Cinzia Brancatisano, Canteen Manager, is happy to answer your questions regarding the account setup procedure and the new online ordering process. Snack items and drinks for the recess break (2nd break), need to be ordered online at the same time as the lunch order, as there are no counter / window sales during winter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

I am asking for any parents, grandparents or guardians who have any free time to come and help and be part of a great volunteer team to provide lunch for our precious children. We desperately need volunteers on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY each week. If you are interested, please complete the section below and return it to the school, as soon as possible.

Please note that you must have a current 'Working With Children Check' registration to be able to assist in the canteen.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER:

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Eldest Child..... Grade.....Teacher.....

I am available to work on the following day(s).....

Contact No.....



Open Day

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CRCNK Enrolment Year 7, 2020

Enrolment is currently open for Grade 5, 2018 students

Enrolment Closes 3 August, 2018

Offers posted to families Friday, 9 October, 2018
Final date for acceptance Friday, 2 November, 2018

College Tour Dates Term 2

Wednesday, 9 May 9.15am – Full
Thursday, 24 May 9.15am
Thursday, 31 May 9.15am

Bookings required

Please phone
9361 5900
or email
office@crcnk.vic.edu.au



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FAMILY TOURS

Thursday 31 May & Thursday 26 July

Commencing at 9.30am followed by morning tea

**Register with Mrs Gina Zumbo on 9361 0000 or
enrolments@crcsydenham.net**



Have you decided where your child will go to school in Year 11 and 12? Now is the time with growing population in the area and families requesting tours.

At Catholic Regional College Sydenham we serve the Catholic Parishes of this region and as the preminent Catholic senior secondary College in the Archdiocese we are proudly Catholic. We are already planning for your child and their future pathway so why not come along and see where their education will lead your family. Join the Principal and School Captains for a tour followed by morning tea at Catholic Regional College Sydenham.





Catholic
Regional
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St Albans

A school community where faith, learning and relationships matter

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 2020
ARE NOW OPEN

Call to book a personal school tour or
request an enrolment pack

on 9366 2544

or echalmers@crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au



Key Dates: Enrolments for Year 7 2020

Friday 31st Aug 2018: Applications for Year 7 2020 close.

Friday 19th Oct 2018: Offers of places posted to families

Friday 2nd Nov 2018: Final date for acceptance of offers made.

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CRC ST ALBANS

CELEBRATING
40 YEARS

2018 marks the 40th anniversary of the
Federation of Catholic Regional College.

We would like to reconnect with past
students and families to preserve
the stories and memories from
your time spent here at the College.

If you would like to share your stories or
memorabilia please contact us.

Call Jill on 9366 2544

or email:

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