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NEWSLETTER – FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Friday 20 April 2018

Dear Community,

Welcome back to Term 2.

I hope you all managed to find some time to relax and rest, with family and friends, over the two week holiday break.

The term promises to be a busy one, as is the life of a school, and my hope is that it will be a term filled with many opportunities to learn, with lots of fun along the way.

Tonight we will gather in St. Mary MacKillop Church, Keilor Downs, at 7.00 pm, to celebrate & acknowledge the Confirmation of our Year 6 students. Bishop Mark Edwards OMI, will confirm the children. Please keep them in your prayers & thoughts, as they take yet another step in their 'faith journey'.



Term 2 is 'reports & parent-teacher conversations' term. Teachers will continue the process of assessing your children, to determine their growth in learning, over Terms 1 & 2, with a view to providing you with a Student Achievement Report, in Week 10 of the term. They, the teachers, will also sit with you in Week 11 of term, to have a conversation with you regarding your children's achievements throughout Semester 1 (Term 1 & Term 2).

I will be away from school for the duration of Weeks 3 – 5 (04.05 – 27.05), attending the International Conference On Thinking in the United States, as well taking some leave. In my absence, Matthew Stead, Deputy Principal, will be Acting Principal.

Once again, welcome back everyone and may Term 2 be a positive & fun-filled one for all at St. Paul's.

Denis J. Daly

Principal

PARENTS GROUP FUNDRAISER - AVENGERS INFINITE WAR - PRIVATE SCREENING

We have approximately 23 seats available for the Avengers Private screening at Hoyts, Watergardens. The cost is \$18.00 per person. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult. If interested please hand your order form and money to the office.

NAPLAN 2018

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 now advertised for 2019 Prep enrolments. To ensure we have a placing for our existing families wishing to enrol their child in 2019, we ask that you obtain an enrolment form 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 places for Prep 2019 are limited and Enrolment Applications (available from the office) need to be filled out as soon as possible.



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.

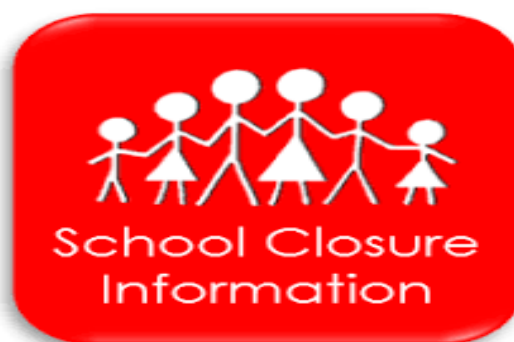
Email invitations are continuing to be sent to all families for whom we have an email address, to download the CareMonkey app. Thank you to those parents who have responded to the email and have set up a profile for their children. If you have not yet responded to the email please do so as soon as possible. **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.



SCHOOL CLOSURES

Wednesday 25th April - ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Monday 7th May – Staff Professional Development. The school will be closed for teacher professional learning on **Monday 7 May**. Staff will be working on the formation of the 2018 Semester One Student Achievement Report format and content



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.



O.S.H.C. PROGRAM (BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE)

Bookings for the St. Mary of the Assumption 'Out of School Hours Care Program' (Before & After School Care) can be made on a permanent or casual basis. Children must be registered to attend the program. Registration Forms are available from the school office. Bookings can only be made on the O.S.H.C. mobile phone number 0450 451 909. The school WILL NOT make bookings.



Support St Paul's Primary – Kealba and you'll be rewarded!

The NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Books are almost here!!!! You can pre-purchase your new Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership by logging onto the schools payment page at www.entbook.com.au/94z4839

Pre-purchased books will be delivered to the school before the end of term and can be used immediately. You will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you will also be supporting our fundraising. PLUS, order now to receive **over \$100** of bonus Early Bird Offers (hurry, these sell out quickly).

"The Entertainment Book is great value for such a low price. There are a lot of savings I get back instantly. It more than outweighs the original price. There is something for everyone casual, fine dining, adventure and family. I couldn't live without it." – Susan L



2018 IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1	TERM 2
	<p style="text-align: center;">APRIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THURS 19 BISHOP MARK EDWARDS VISITING CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 10AM • FRI 20 - SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 7PM • MON, TUES 23, 24 - PLANKS MATHS INCURSION • TUES 24TH BOYS SOCCER GALA DAY • WED 25 - ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY • THUR 26 - WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 9.30AM • FRI 27TH GIRLS SOCCER GALA DAY <p style="text-align: center;">MAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MON 7 SCHOOL CLOSURE • TUES 15TH DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY 10-12PM • THURS 24 - FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY NIGHT 6PM <p style="text-align: center;">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
TERM 3	TERM 4
<p style="text-align: center;">JULY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MON 16 - TERM 3 COMMENCES • FRI 27TH DIVISIONAL GRAND FINALS <p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WED 15 - FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION 9.30AM WHOLE SCHOOL MASS • THURS 23RD DISTRICT ATHLETICS <p style="text-align: center;">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 	<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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



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

ANZAC DAY (25th April)

O Lord, lover of souls,

who through the mouth of your prophet of old declared that all souls are yours, we thank you for the brave and faithful dead, who willingly laid down their lives on the battlefields of war or succumbed to the perils of the deep or of the air. We bless you for the dauntless courage of those defenders of our country who have fallen in the cause of truth and righteousness. In your hand, O Father, we leave their departed spirits. Grant us to follow their good example in faithfulness and endurance, even unto death, that we may with them be found worthy of the crown of everlasting life. Amen.



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:

I

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

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

Contact No.....



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Please **ENROL TODAY** – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day
- Only \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.95 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via "PMI Stars" program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons (students bring their own guitars)
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces available – so please enrol ASAP

P: 1300 362 824 E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au

Ave Maria College

invites you to the



2018 Community Education

Seminar

A presentation by

Robyn Treyvaud and Dr David Collins

Thursday, 3 May 2018

7.00pm to 8.30pm

Francis Hall

14 - 22 Vida Street
Aberfeldie

Bookings via: www.trybooking.com/USKQ

This event is made freely available to parents of Ave Maria College. Members of the broader community are welcome. We thank you for a gold coin donation on arrival.

Connecting Families: Parenting the Digital Teen

- What does research tell us about girls' use of technology and social media
- How do we raise responsible cyber citizens
- The impact of technology use on girls' health, well-being, relationships and reputations
- Learn about: identity and self image, relationships and communication, privacy and security, online addiction and risks for your teenage daughter.



Robyn Treyvaud is an internationally-recognised expert in online safety and digital citizenship. As the Founder of Cyber Safe Kids, Robyn established a global organisation and network that assisted educators, schools and local communities in understanding and overcoming the challenges of the digital world. Robyn is now the Head of Education at Wangle Family Insites, an Australian founded cyber safety platform designed for children, young adults and importantly, families. Wangle Family Insites have collaborated with leading childhood medical researchers, Telethon Kids Institute to bring a new approach to cyber safety. While initially starting her career in education, Robyn's transition into consulting led her to become a trusted advisor to the media, industry and governments in Australia based on her research and findings in schools around Australia and Asia.



David is a local doctoral trained Clinical Psychologist who has worked with young people for over a decade. David has worked in a variety of settings in public mental health, has been an honorary research fellow with the University of Melbourne, and has been involved in local and international research collaborations developing treatment programs for a range of psychological difficulties. In addition to his private practice, David has delivered workshops for teachers, psychologists, counsellors, parents, and students across Australia in the Neuroscience of young brains. David is also the director and developer of BRAiNgro, a whole school well-being program running in schools across Australia teaching young people about the neuroscience of wellbeing.



Open Day

SUNDAY 20 MAY

Come see why
we're leaders in
learning excellence.

65 & 204 Churchill Avenue,
Braybrook · 11am - 3pm

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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.

