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## **NEWSLETTER – FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Another week is nearly over! It has been very busy with three excursions for years three, four and six, as well as the Year 3 First Holy Communion Family Night. As a Catholic school, our faith is very important. Jesus Christ is at the centre of all that we do. Prayer, sacraments, scripture and liturgy are essential elements in the life of the Church and in our life here at St. Paul's. Another essential element is Social Justice, the way we speak and act towards one another is very important. Jesus taught and lived that we should treat others the way that we want to be treated. So in a catholic school, we show this by treating others with welcome, respect, care and understanding. No one should enter St. Paul's and feel unwelcomed. No one should be judged, particularly when their individual circumstances are unknown to others. No one should be targeted, victimised, bullied or subjected to aggressive and abusive behaviour.

This is not the nature here at St. Paul's. Our philosophy is that everyone is welcome. Everyone is an important member of the community. Everyone deserves a second chance. A policy will be sent home soon for your consultation and feedback regarding the behavioural expectations for all members and visitors to St. Paul's. As I wrote last week, St. Paul's is a happy and safe place and it is the responsibility of all (students, staff and parents) to keep it that way. In regards to this, there are some points I need to address:

### **ZERO TOLERANCE**

We have a zero tolerance policy here at St. Paul's on physical violence. That means that any student who deliberately hurts another student will be sent home. It includes the immediate removal from the playground or classroom and follow up consequences of reduced or limited play options. This type of behaviour will not be accepted or tolerated. We are extending the zero tolerance to swearing as well. This means that any student who deliberately swears at another student with the intent to upset and offend will be sent home. In this case we are not talking about the accidental swear word that pops out from surprise, shock as the result of an injury. It is the use of highly offensive language and terms to upset and offend that we will not tolerate. This type of language can be just as damaging as physical violence. A more detailed letter will be sent home in the next week. We appreciate your ongoing and full support with this. I must stress that this is not a major problem here at St. Paul's, but there have been some incidents and we want to stop this from becoming a regular occurrence.

### **GRIEVANCES AND COMPLAINTS**

This is just a reminder that if there are any issues or problems, please speak to your child's classroom teacher first. In doing so, make an appointment with them to discuss the issue in private. If they are unable to solve the issue, then they will direct you to make an appointment with a school leader. I encourage you to do this as soon as you become aware of or concerned about any issues involving your child.

### **STUDENTS PLAYING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL GATES**

It has come to my attention that there are some students using the large grass area (vacant land) next to the car park to play soccer and other games before school. This is to stop. It is not a play area. The carpark is a busy place in the morning and the last thing we need is for a student to chase a ball and be hit by a car. Once the gates open at 8.30 am, all students are to move into the school grounds, gathering in the courtyard before heading to their classrooms. This is for their own safety!

Next week we reach the end of May and therefore the end of Autumn. Winter will officially begin. We are already seeing signs now! Just a reminder to ensure your child/children are properly dressed for the colder weather! Mr Daly returns on Monday, we look forward to the experiences and photos that he will share with us. This will be the last you will hear from me for a while. I have enjoyed my time as Acting Principal, though I am a little tired as it has been a very busy three weeks.

If you don't see me about the place next week it will be due to the fact that I'm locked in my office having a '**long winter's nap!**' Does anyone know where that line is from? There's a prize for the first person that tells me!

Have a good weekend and enjoy next week!

Matthew Stead

Acting Principal

# 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.**



## **MATH OLYMPIAD UPDATE**

Congratulations to all children Year 5/ 6 children who participated in their **first** Math Olympiad paper today on Wednesday 23rd May. They all tried their best and will continue to train in preparation for the following exam which is due to occur on **Wednesday 13th June**.

Remember if you are a Grade 5 or 6 student who is confident in Maths, come and give it a go!!

**Coach: Mrs Calvano**

**Team: Year 5s:** Jimmy T, Jennet T, Vincent V, Holly L, Jovan P, Aimeely T, Jessica L, Leo N, Nathan H, Amy N, Thy-An T and Ashton N.

**Year 6s:** Michael T, Jamie N, Andy T, Kim V, Kim T, John N and Tom T.

## **Year 6 Excursion**

As part of our unit, the Year 6s had a busy day yesterday on Tuesday 22nd May travelling to the city. They spent the first part of the morning at Parliament House, located in the city of Melbourne. Here, they had a tour and learnt about how the Australian government works and how laws are made. We were also very fortunate to meet our local council representative for St Albans. After Parliament House, the children then travelled to Chinatown and Sydney Road, Coburg, where they had to take photos and look for signs of how areas had changed over time, as well as identify cultural presences. It was an enjoyable experience which will be used to support what they learning in the classroom. Here are some highlights;

***Parliament House***



***Parliament House***



***Chinatown Little Bourke Street***

***Sydney Road, Coburg***



### **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – MONDAY 11 JUNE 2018**

Next Monday June 11 is a public holiday to acknowledge 'The Queen's Birthday'; there will be no school that day.

### **EXPIRED MEDICATIONS & UPDATES OF MEDICAL ACTION PLANS**

Parents are reminded that Medical Action Plans (Anaphylaxis & Asthma), signed by a medical practitioner (doctor), are required by the school and should be kept up-to-date. All medications supplied to the school must be of current-use quality, that is, they should not be supplied beyond their expiry date. If you know your child's medication stored at the school is due to expire, please supply us with new/up-to-date medication.



### **DELIVERY OF LATE LUNCHES: LEARNING & TEACHING INTERRUPTIONS**

Lunches brought to school after the bell (8.50 am) must be brought to the office and left with office staff and NOT be taken to the classroom by parents or carers; the lunches will then be taken to the children by a staff member. This will help us in reducing the number of interruptions to the children's learning. Thank you for your support in ensuring the children remain engaged, we optimise their learning time and teachers are able to make best use of the morning learning & teaching block.

### **NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR 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.

**EXTENDED HOLIDAYS**

Parents please note that if it is your intention to take your children on a holiday outside normal term holidays, the office must have written notification for school files, as well as to comply with Government regulations and expectations. The note must specify your child's name, grade, date when going on holidays and date when returning to school.



# FAMILY PORTRAIT

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children's photography specialists



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](http://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](mailto:ParentsGroup@spkealba.catholic.edu.au)

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## 2018 IMPORTANT DATES

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





Glory be to the Father,  
Who by His almighty power and love created me,  
making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son,  
Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,  
and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,  
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,  
and continues to sanctify me  
by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity,  
now and forever. 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)<br>6.30 pm    |
| Sunday    | 8.00 am (Maltese)<br>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<br>11.00am<br>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](http://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.....



## CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE SYDENHAM 380 SYDENHAM ROAD, SYDENHAM



### 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](mailto: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.



