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NEWSLETTER – FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thursday 26 April 2018

Dear Community,

Over the last week we have experienced two events of significance in our community, which should be acknowledged and noted.

The first took place last Friday evening, April 20, in St Mary MacKillop Church, Keilor Downs, when our Year 6 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation, from Bishop Mark Edwards OMI. Bishop Mark prayed with the Confirmation Candidates before the ceremony, asking God that their Confirmation be a powerful religious & faith experience for them. The ceremony was indeed a powerful & moving one, with the Bishop very focused on the children, their sponsors & their parents.

The Bishop, in the Rite of Confirmation, called upon the Holy Spirit, to come into the lives of each child being Confirmed, bringing the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of The Lord.

In his Homily, Bishop Mark, called upon the children to witness to their faith, having been gifted by the Holy Spirit, by bringing into their lives the fruits of the Holy Spirit, in the way they live and interact with others in their lives and in our world; those fruits being charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control & chastity.

On Monday, May 30, at our whole school assembly, the Confirmation Candidates, will be presented with their Confirmation Certificates; parents & families are invited to attend.

Yesterday we acknowledged the unbelievable sacrifices our armed services personnel have made in wars throughout our world, over more than 100 years, as we observed ANZAC Day. The day never ceases to both amaze & sadden me, as I realise just how much has been given, not in their fighting in wars but in their unceasing efforts to achieve peace.



We live in a complicated and challenging world, where each day we experience both great joy & great sadness; the part we play, as members of our global community, will, in a small way, influence the joy or sadness present in our lives and, in turn, in our world. My prayer for all of you and your families is, that your life and your family life may be filled with great joy, as you grow and learn together.

Denis J. Daly

Principal

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 we will be holding Prep interviews for new families wishing to enrol their child in 2019 next 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 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.



STUDENT ABSENCES

Following a review of the Attendance Guidelines by the Minster for Education in Term 4, 2017 <u>'schools</u> <u>must advise parents/guardians of unexplained absences, on the same day, as soon as practicable,</u> <u>including for post-compulsory aged students'</u>. 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 schoolaged 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.
- Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
- You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
- 1. The app is FREE to download.
- 5. When installed click "Open"
- 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).
- 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 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

- 1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
- 2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
- 3. Install the Skoolbag app
- 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 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au





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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 <u>O.S.H.C. mobile</u> <u>phone number 0450 451 909</u>. The school <u>WILL NOT</u> make bookings.

NEWSLETTER



Today is the Feast Day of St. Mark. St Mark the Evangelist was the author of the first synoptic Gospel. He is believed to be the same man referred to in the Acts of the Apostles as John Mark; a disciple of Jesus and John the Baptist and the cousin of St Barnabas. Mark travelled with St Paul and St Barnabas on missionary journeys to preach the gospels. He was a close companion of St Peter; it is considered that his gospel represented the teachings and memoirs of St Peter. He later travelled to Alexandria in Egypt where he continued his evangelisation. The church in Alexandria claims that St Mark became their first bishop and that he was eventually martyred there in the first century. As an evangelist, St Mark is often symbolised as a lion. He is the patron saint of Egypt. This is the Year of Mark. The Sunday and weekday Gospel readings are mostly taken from the Gospel of Mark during this year.

2018 IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2	TERM 3
APRIL	JULY
FRI 27TH GIRLS SOCCER GALA DAY MAY	 MON 16 - TERM 3 COMMENCES FRI 27TH DIVISIONAL GRAND FINALS
 MON 7 SCHOOL CLOSURE TUES 15TH DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY 10-12PM THURS 24 - FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY NIGHT 6PM JUNE 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 	AUGUST • WED 15 - FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION 9.30AM WHOLE SCHOOL MASS • THURS 23RD DISTRICT ATHLETICS SEPTEMBER • THUR 13 - WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 9.30AM • THURS 20 - WHOLE SCHOOL CIRCUS PERFORMANCE - EVENING • FRI 21 - EARLY DISMISSAL 1.50PM END TERM
TERM 4	
OCTOBER	
 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 NOVEMBER 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 DECEMBER 	
 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 	



Almighty God

We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here, We give you all the children who study here.

We pray our school would be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, A place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



MASS TIMES

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SUNSHINE	AVENUE		ODESSA AVENUE	
KEALBA			KEILOR DOWNS	
Monday	No Mass		Monday	9.30 am
Tuesday	No Mass		Tuesday	9.30 am
Wednesday	9.30 am		Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	9.30 am		Thursday	No Mass
Friday	No Mass		Friday	9.30 am
Saturday	5.00 pm (Latin)		Saturday	5.00 pm
	6.30 pm			
Sunday	8.00 am (Maltese)		Sunday	9.00 am
	10.00 am			11.00am
				5.30pm
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Saturday:	Saturday: 6.00 pm Saturday 4.30 pr		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 fo	ollowing day(s)		
Contact No			



Ave Maria College

invites you to the



2018 Community Education

Seminar

Apresentation by Robyn Treyvaud and DrDavid 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.

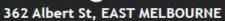


Robyn Treyvaud is an internationally-recognised expert in online safety and digital citizenship. As the Founder of Cyber Safe Kids, Robyn established a global organisation and network that assisted educators, schools and local communities in understanding and overcoming the challenges of the digital 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.

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre



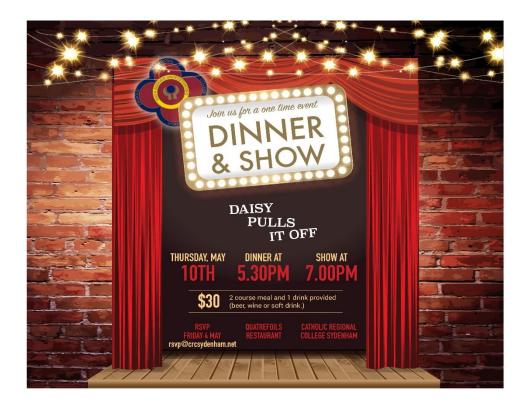




10.00am - 4.00pm

- **Pray in the Chapel**
- Take a tour of the Museum
- Visit the Gift Shop
- Enjoy a light refreshment
- Mary MacKillop Walking Tour available @ 11am

For further information and acceptances please contact MMHC on (03) 9926 9300 or admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au







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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@crcstalbans.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.

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 <u>office@crcnk.vic.edu.au</u>



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