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NEWSLETTER – FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thursday 31st May 2018

Dear Community,

It was with great delight that I returned to Melbourne from the United States last Saturday and with even greater delight that I returned to school on Monday.

Travelling always confirms for me that we do indeed live in a most fortunate and beautiful country. It also affirms my appreciation of all that we have here in Australia.

My conference experience at the Florida International University, in Miami, Florida, at the International Conference On Thinking, was, in most respects, a valuable one. Whilst organization was not a conference 'stand out', its calibre of presenters, as well as its scope of topics, most certainly was.

ICOT is offered every two to three years in different parts of the world. The conference concept was founded 34 years ago by the University of the South Pacific, in Suva, Fiji.

ICOT fosters collegial exchange and educational developments around the topic of thinking. Thinking is understood broadly to include any kind of thinking and learning and to acknowledge cultural, psychological and historical diversity and richness.

The conference drew from diverse fields including education, neuroscience, health sciences, the arts, sports, government, business, anthropology, history, cross-cultural studies, architecture, engineering, economics, geography and technology.

It was a challenge to negotiate and plan my conference program but the overall conference experience was a worthwhile, positive and affirming one. I am passionate about learning and how much of our world new learning experiences open to me. We are all lifelong learners and our quest for knowledge never ceases as long as we are breathing.



As I return to the busyness of life at school and look at your children as they engage with their learning, I realise just how important our role as their educators is. As they explore, experiment, expand and embed their learning, we journey with them, also exploring, experimenting, expanding and embedding our own learning.

In short, school is not about learning, life is about learning.

Let's continue our learning journey together everyone - learning about our world and learning about one another.

Denis J. Daly

Principal

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.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

A Parent Code of Conduct will be posted home to all parents sometime next week. If you have moved house and are yet to notify the school of your address change, would you please do so as soon as possible. The Code will consist of a Cover Letter with a Return Slip (to acknowledge receiving & reading the code), as well as the detailed Code of Conduct.

UPDATED PRIVACY POLICY & STANDARD COLLECTION NOTICE

An updated Privacy Policy & Standard Collection notice have been added to the school website, on the Policies page. Please take the time to familiarise yourselves with these documents, at www.spkealba.catholic.edu.au.

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI & FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, historically known by its Latin name, Corpus Christi, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday following the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. The feast dates to the Middle Ages and originated with a visionary nun and a Eucharistic miracle.



Corpus Christi

The Visitation, the visit, described in the Gospel According to Luke (1:39–56), was made by the Virgin Mary, pregnant with the infant Jesus, to her cousin Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary's greeting, the pregnant Elizabeth felt the infant St. John the Baptist leap in her womb, which, according to later doctrine, signified that he had become sanctified and cleansed of original sin. Mary then said the Magnificat. The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church on May 31.



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.

From the commencement of Term 3, 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 the Year 5 & 6 children who participated in their **first** Math Olympiad paper. 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

Math Olympiad Team:

Year 5: 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.



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.

2018 IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2	TERM 3
<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 	



FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI (SUNDAY, 3RD JUNE)

This is a day to thank God for giving himself so totally to his people; it is a feast to ask for an increase of faith to believe in the lavish love of God. It is a feast to ask that more and more Catholics might come to true faith in the Eucharist – that they may see how great is our God; how great his love that he would give himself to us so personally, so intimately.



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.....



Let the consequences do the teaching

by Michael Grose

Behavioural consequences are a parent's best friends. When consistently applied consequences will improve kids' behaviour and increase personal responsibility.

Too often parents will overtalk or repeat themselves to get cooperation from their kids. Too much talk and most modern kids tune out.

Alternatively, parents who protect their kids from the consequences of poor or selfish behaviour aren't doing them any favours as they are robbing them of terrific learning opportunities. I love the notion of behavioural consequences as they teach kids to take responsibility for their lives and to make smarter choices.

Parents can use two types of consequences – logical and natural consequences. A logical consequence is used more frequently in family situations.

They require adult intervention and are used when their behaviour disturbs other people.

A child who makes a noise in the family room is asked to leave; children who refuse to clean their toys lose them for a period of time; and teenagers who come home late from a party lose the right to go out next time.

The 3 R's of consequences

Consequences often involve the withdrawal of a privilege or a right. For example, a teenager who spends more time than agreed on Facebook, may lose access to technology for a day or two.

Restitution, or making up to someone for unfair treatment or for loss of a possession is another form of consequence. A child who willfully breaks his sister's toy may make full or part payment for a replacement. In both these examples the consequences are related to children's misdemeanours, and are reasonable and respectful of their dignity.

A natural consequence involves NO adult interference. For instance, a child who leaves an excursion note at home will miss the excursion; a child who spends all his pocket money on the first day will have nothing for the weekend and a child who oversleeps and misses the bus walks to school. In these examples, children learn from the direct consequences of their own decisions and thus they are not protected from negative outcomes from their parents.

"It's your fault, mum!"

Some kids are experts at manipulating their parents to rescue them from experiencing the consequences of their poor choice. They'll blame their parents for not getting them out of bed on time, or for not reminding them about

their responsibilities. It's best to stand back and let the consequences work their magic! Note you shouldn't use natural consequences when safety is an issue. Act decisively to ensure your child is safe.

Here are four simple tips to help make sure your consequences are effective:

1. Set consequences like a neutral cop

Issue a consequence using sarcasm or anger and your kids will be angry at you. Issue it like a neutral cop free from emotion or without being heavy-handed and your kids are more likely to be mad at themselves.

2. When possible, negotiate consequences prior to engaging in new activities

If your young person is going out for the first time with friends at night, talk about their behaviour and home time. Also discuss the likely consequences if kids don't stick to the agreement. As a rule, kids are more likely to abide by consequences when they've had a say in deciding them.

3. Avoid life sentences

Ban a child from going out for a few days rather than leaving the duration open-ended. Set a time-frame for the consequences and remember the second of the 3R's – reasonable – means that parents shouldn't go overboard with consequences.

4. Don't acquiesce to terrorism or guilt

If your child issues a threat saying something like, "There's no way you can make me come home at six o'clock," don't rise to the bait. Deflect it by saying, "We'll talk about this tomorrow." Don't give into the threats of running away or non-cooperation. "I hope you don't run away. It's great having you at home. I want what is best for you." Avoid stating what you would love to say, which maybe something like, "Yeah, try running away. You wouldn't last inside two days before you are back here begging for a good feed and comfortable bed!!" Bite your tongue instead, and let the consequences do the teaching!



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including Thriving! and the best-selling Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It, and his latest release Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children. A trailblazer in the parenting and educational scenes Michael regularly appears in the media throughout Australia in programs including The Project, The Today Show and ABC radio.



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 & 3

Thursday, 31 May 9.15am
Wednesday, 13 June 9.15am
Tuesday, 24 July 9.15am

Bookings required

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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@crtsydenham.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 preeminent 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.





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Enter via Gate 10 on Pecks Road



Quatrefoils is open
for group bookings,
fundraising events, parent
association evenings,
Christmas in July, special
occasion dinners and as a
meeting space.

QUATREFOILS RESTAURANT OPENING NIGHTS

Term 2

Wednesday 30 May
Thursday 31 May
Tuesday 5 June
Wednesday 6 June
Thursday 7 June
Tuesday 12 June
Wednesday 13 June
Thursday 21 June

Term 3

Thursday 26 July
Thursday 2 August
Tuesday 7 August
Thursday 9 August
Tuesday 14 August
Thursday 16 August
Thursday 23 August
Thursday 30 August
Tuesday 4 September
Wednesday 5 September

Term 4

Tuesday 23 October

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