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NEWSLETTER – FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thursday 26th July 2018

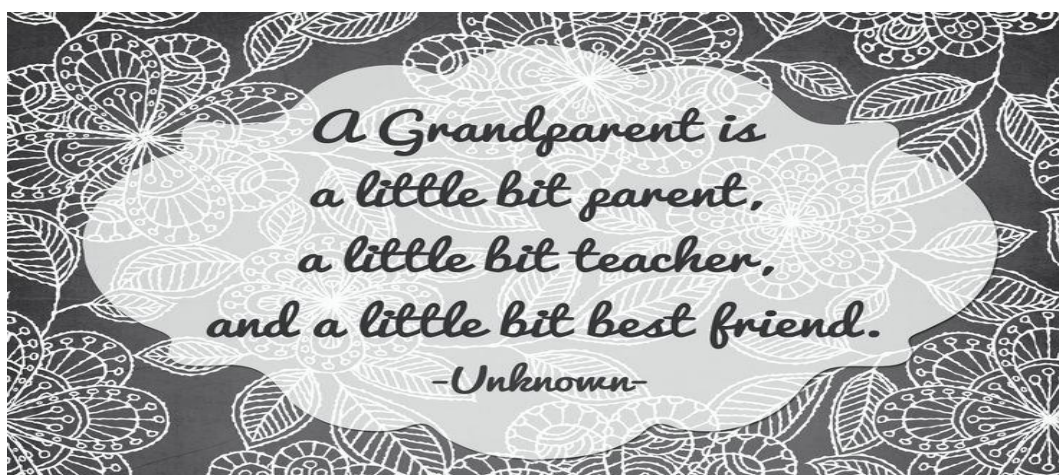
Dear Community,

Today, July 26, the church celebrates & acknowledges the lives of Saints Anne & Joachim.

This saintly couple are parents to Mary and grandparents to Jesus. With such amazing offspring, Joachim & Anne must have shared an extraordinary love. They have long been held up as exemplars for married couples, and in fact, they are one of the few married couple saints canonised in the Catholic Church. We know very few facts about Saints Anne & Joachim, the only recorded stories of them are from an apocryphal gospel dating from the 4th Century AD, called the Protoevangelium (gospel) of James. The legend told in this document says that after years of childlessness, an angel appeared to tell Anne & Joachim, that they would have a child. Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, we can assume that Mary was raised in a Jewish family home, faithful to God and to the religious traditions of her day, such that she was led to respond wholeheartedly to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will."

Not only did Joachim and Anne raise a sinless daughter, they also scored a perfect grandson! With such holiness among their offspring, they could be forgiven for having a spiritual inferiority complex. Yet, by all accounts, Joachim & Anne performed their parenting responsibilities with grace. Their feast day on July 26 is a day to honour them and all grandparents for their contribution to our lives.

(Adapted from www.catholic.org/saints)

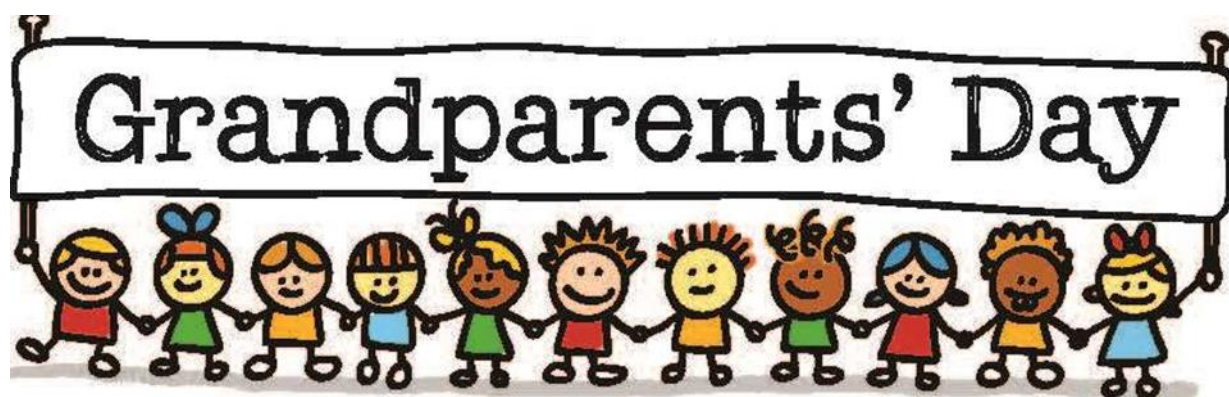


To all our grandparents here at St. Paul's, may I say, on behalf of the children, their parents & the staff, "Thank you"; thank you for the part you play in the lives of your grandchildren (our students), in the lives of your families and in the St. Paul's community. Your love, wisdom & guidance, ensure the generations who have come after you (your children & grandchildren) have life role-models, to direct them with love, care & encouragement on their path in life.

May the love & joy you receive, in your role as grandparents, continue and be returned from those whom you love & care for.

Denis J. Daly

Principal



PARENTS GROUP MEETING RESCHEDULED

The St. Paul's Parents Group will meet in the staffroom, next **THURSDAY 2 AUGUST, AT 7.00 PM.** All parents are welcome and input & ideas would be most gratefully accepted.

UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES – POLICE WILL BE CALLED

Parents are asked to notify the school in advance of their children being away, by phone, a note or on the SkoolBag App. Teachers must mark attendance rolls by 9.10 am each morning; If your child is marked as absent from school without an explanation, you will be sent an SMS message or receive a phone call; if a parent does not respond to the SMS or phone call, the child's emergency contacts will be contacted; if the school is unable to make contact with the emergency contacts and parents have not responded to the school's contact, the assumption will be made that the child is missing and police will be called. **All schools (primary & secondary) in the state of Victoria are now obliged *BY LAW* to follow this process, when a student is marked on an attendance roll, as absent without an explanation.**

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A CAREMONKEY PROFILE?

Commencing this term, excursion and school activity permission forms will be sent out to families, through CareMonkey. All children need 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.



WHOLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE - 'CIRCUS EXTRAVAGANZA'

We are very excited to announce the first ever St Paul's Circus Extravaganza to take place on September 20th! Throughout this term, all students will be involved in circus workshops. We have engaged the services of 'The Circus Crew,' a professional group with performance and teaching experience, to work with our students. Ben and his team will visit the school each week, to introduce and practice a variety of skills, which include balancing, acrobatics, throwing & catching. The students will hone these skills to culminate in a circus performance, highlighting their new skills & talents. Our performance will take place in the Quinn Auditorium, at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College, in Braybrook, on Thursday September 20, at 7.00 pm. More information about tickets and organisation will follow throughout the term.

Students will be required to wear their sports uniform on 'Circus Crew' days.

THURSDAYS: ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS, ALL YEAR 3 STUDENTS, YEAR 4LP, YEAR 2JZ, YEAR 1CC

FRIDAYS: ALL YEAR 5 STUDENTS, ALL PREP STUDENTS, YEAR 2FG, YEAR 4AM, YEAR 1HV



S.W.P.B.S. AT ST PAUL'S KEALBA

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is a whole-school behaviour management & support framework, which provides school professionals with an approach to promote improved behaviour at their school.

SWPBS has been developed from evidence and data, demonstrating the most effective ways to prevent and respond to problem behaviour at school. Research has shown that SWPBS is successful in reducing problem behaviour, improving school culture, and increasing academic performance.

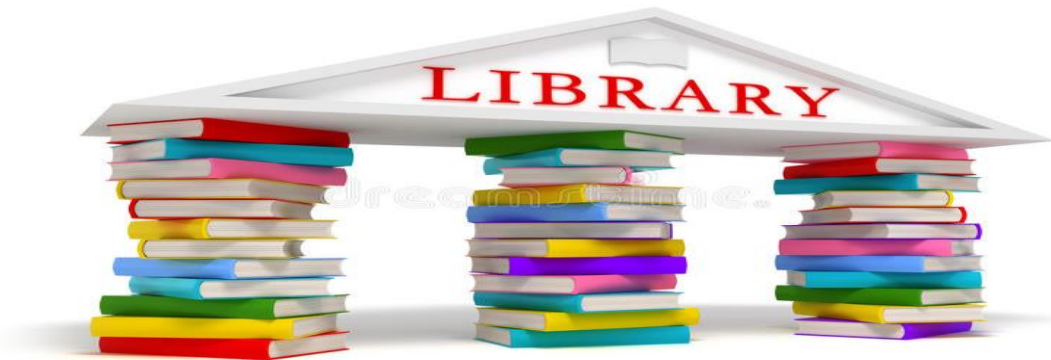
The school has developed a MATRIX, which is displayed in every classroom and helps to form the basis of our expectations. Each week we are going to focus on part of the Matrix and would love if this message could be discussed and reinforced at home. We, at St Paul's, believe that the more that we have a common language and approach to our expectations, the sooner our children will become the STARS we know they are.

At St. Paul's Primary School, Kealba, we are committed to living and learning in a community where we try our best, act responsibly, respect others and stay safe. We are S.T.A.R.S.!



CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Do you have an hour or so to spare when you drop off your children or before you pick them up? Mrs Tabone, our Library Technician, is looking for volunteers to help cover new library books. If you would be interested in helping out, please email Mrs Tina Segulin at tsegulin@spkealba.catholic.edu.au as soon as possible. We will be covering books on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings – 9.00-10.00; Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons – 2.30-3.25. Thank you



MATH OLYMPIAD TERM 3 2018

Whilst the term has only begun, congratulations on the Year 5 and 6 Math Olympiad team who completed their 3rd Olympiad paper. Well done to all dedicated members who have been attending weekly training sessions with the coach, Mrs Calvano. Let us support and encourage ALL these children to continue to do their best.

If you are in Grades 4, 5 or 6 and like being challenged in the area of Mathematics, come and join a training session and see what it is all about. Come and speak to me anytime or send me an email at icalvano@spkealba.catholic.edu.au.

Members include; Jamie, Tom, Kimberly, Michael, John, Emily, Kimberley, Fiona, Justin, Andy Jimmy, Jennet, Vincent, Holly, Jovan, Aimeely, Jessica, Leo, Nathan, Thy-an, Amy and Ashton.

Coach: Mrs Calvano



Collection of school information by the Australian Government under the *Australian Education Act 2013*

Dear Parent/Guardian

Collection of information about schools

The Australian Government provides funding to Australian schools under the *Australian Education Act 2013*. That Act and the associated *Australian Education Regulation 2013* require that your child's school provide the Australian Government with certain information about the school, its financial arrangements, and its student body, in order that the funding is properly calculated and accounted for.

What information is collected by the Australian Government?

The authority that operates your child's school such as, a state or territory education department, a Catholic Education Office, or an independent school authority, will provide basic information about the school to the Australian Government, such as its name, address, contact details, years of schooling, and number and makeup of its staff.

The authority must provide the Australian Government with information about the school's finances, including annual audited financial statements and certification that Government funding has been used for proper purposes relating to education.

In addition, the authority will provide certain performance information at an aggregate level, including student attendance rates, student results in the National Assessment Program, and for secondary schools, post-school student destinations; such as going into the workforce, vocational education and training, or higher education.

The authority is required to publish much of this information, and it is also published by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) on the myschool web site at www.myschool.edu.au.

The school authority must also provide information to the Australian Government about the makeup of the school's student body during an annual school census. This is because Australian Government funding varies according to whether students are primary, secondary, receiving distance education, or are overseas students; and is calculated to provide additional funding, called 'loadings', for students at educational disadvantage.

The authority must provide information about the number of students attending the school, including the number of:

- primary and secondary students
- full-time and part-time students
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- students with disability
- students with low English proficiency
- students receiving distance education
- boarding students
- overseas students.

Who receives this information?

Most of the information is provided by school authorities to the Australian Government Department of Education. Some of it is provided directly to ACARA.

The Department of Education may in turn pass the information on to ACARA, state and territory education departments and authorities, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), and the Productivity Commission. The department will also provide the information to other organisations if required or authorised by law to do so.

Why is this information collected?

The Department of Education collects information about schools under the *Australian Education Act 2013* for the purposes of that Act, which include:

- calculation of Australian Government funding
- oversight of funding conditions and requirements
- monitoring of financial performance and educational outcomes of schools
- publishing and providing information about schools to the public.

The department also uses the information for research, statistical analysis, and policy development on school education for the Australian Government.

Information passed to ACARA, state and territory education authorities, the ABS, and the Productivity Commission is used by those organisations for their public purposes. For example, the information collected from school authorities under the *Australian Education Act 2013* forms part of the national statistical collection maintained by the ABS.

Is my child identified in the information collected by the Australian Government?

Where school authorities are required to provide the Australian Government with information about students, that information is aggregated statistical data that does not identify individual students. The information is not matched with any other information held by the Australian Government that can be used to identify individual students.

However, from time to time the Department of Education engages contractors to audit or verify school records, to ensure that the information that a school provides to the department is accurate. The information previously collected by the department may also be passed onto these contractors for this purpose.

When carrying out an audit, the contractors may need to access information about individual students from the school's records. This information may be 'personal information' within the meaning given in the Privacy Act 1988. The contractors may pass this information onto officers within the department if there is a discrepancy in the data provided by the school and the school's records and further investigation is required.

There may be other circumstances in which a school authority will voluntarily provide information about individual students to the department, when seeking additional funding for those students. Most commonly, these are where a student has not been in attendance at a school during the annual school census but the authority wishes to receive funding for him or her, and where the authority believes that the demographics of the students at the school are not representative of the households in the ABS statistical areas serviced by the school.

Other than in exceptional circumstances (for example, investigation of fraud relating to overseas students), the department does not disclose personal information to any overseas recipients.

Contacts for further information

If you have questions about the collection of information about schools by the Australian Government under the Australian Education Act 2013, please contact:

The Recurrent Assistance for Schools team at: GrantsandData.help@education.gov.au.

The Department of Education's privacy policy is available on the department's website at www.education.gov.au. The privacy policy contains information about:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of the personal information held by the department
- how complaints about breaches of the *Privacy Act 1988* can be made
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

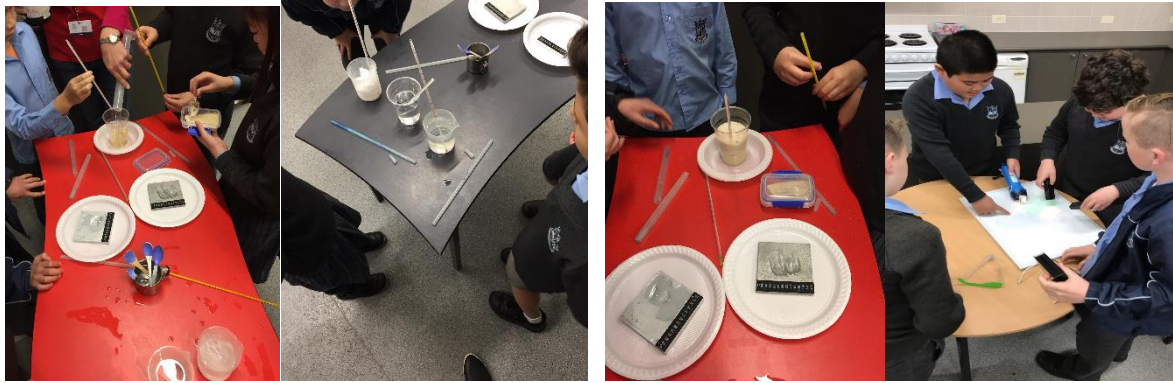
If you wish to contact the department about privacy related matters, please e-mail the department at privacy@deewr.gov.au or write to:

Privacy Contact Officer

Legal and Compliance Group
Location C12MT1
Department of Education
GPO Box 9980
Canberra ACT 2601

ST PAUL'S SCIENTISTS IN TERM 3!! LOOK OUT!!

During the first two weeks of Term 3, the whole school started their inquiry journey into exploring various aspects of Physical Change such as movement, light, forces and electric circuits. The students have had a chance to be immersed into the concept they will be exploring by attending an incursion run by Prime Sci during the first two weeks of this term. Here are some exciting moments children across the school experienced. We encourage you to ask your child what they learnt in their session.



2018 IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3

JULY

- FRI 27TH DIVISIONAL GRAND FINALS

AUGUST

- WED 8 – FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP
- WED 15 - FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - 9.30AM WHOLE SCHOOL MASS
- THURS 23 - DISTRICT ATHLETICS
- TUES 28 – SCHOOL CLOSURE
- THURS 30 – BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP PARADE

SEPTEMBER

- THUR 13 - WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 9.30AM
- THURS 20 - WHOLE SCHOOL CIRCUS PERFORMANCE – 7.00 PM, QUIN AUDITORIUM, CAROLINE CHISHOLM CATHOLIC
- FRI 21 - END TERM 3 (1.50 PM DISMISSAL)

TERM 4

OCTOBER

- MON 8 - TERM 4 COMMENCES
- FRI 12 - DIVISIONAL GRAND FINALS
- MON TO FRI 15, 16, 17, 18 19 - SCHOOL REVIEW
- MON 22 - 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 (1.50 PM DISMISSAL)
- THURS 20 - STAFF FINAL DAY

Lord God,

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

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.....

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On School Campus!



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

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