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NEWSLETTER – FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thursday 16th August 2018

Dear Community,

Yesterday we celebrated with the parish, the Solemnity of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin.

Our parish, St. Paul's, Kealba & St. Mary MacKillop, Keilor Downs, is named under the patronage of St. Mary of The Assumption. Her feast day acknowledges that she, Mary, was taken to heaven, body & soul, and remains there with her Son, Jesus Christ, with God the Father and with God the Holy Spirit.

Much of our church, its beliefs & its teachings, are a mystery; we accept them in faith, without explanation and understanding of them. The Assumption is one of the many aspects of our faith which is beyond our understanding; how could Mary have possibly been 'assumed' (taken) into heaven body & soul and not lay in a grave? These mysteries are not for us to explain or understand; that is faith. And as people of faith it is our belief, as well in Jesus' own words, that, "... with God everything is possible ..." (Matthew 10: 26).

Our students, your children, know very well, who Mary was and is, as well as the important role she played in Jesus' life and the role she continues to play in our lives, as our 'Heavenly Mother'. Mary, like all Mums, loved her son unconditionally, just as you, our St. Paul's Mums, love your children. Yesterday's special day to honour Mary, reminds us of just how important she is in the eyes of God; it is also a reminder for us too, that she watches over each of us here during our time here on earth and that she is waiting for each of us to join her one day in heaven.

Mary, our Mother in Heaven, pray for us!

Denis J. Daly

Principal



FOOD SHARING - BIRTHDAYS

The policy of St. Paul's Primary School regarding food being shared, is that this is not to take place under any circumstances. This policy was introduced some years ago, in a large number of schools throughout Australia, in the interests of the wellbeing & safety of all children. It has come to my attention that parents have been bringing packs of lollies to school to be distributed in class, to acknowledge their children's birthdays. I have instructed all staff that this is not to occur. Without written parent permission for every child in the grade to accept the lollies, the school is placed in a very serious breach of our duty of care. It may also place lives at risk, if a child has an undiagnosed, life-threatening allergy. Parents are welcome to put together a 'Party Pack', consisting of small, non-food party items, for the teacher to distribute, acknowledging a child's birthday. Please do not place teachers in the awkward situation of having to refuse the distribution of 50 lolly bags or cupcakes, brought to school to acknowledge birthdays.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS

My thanks to those families who have filled out the 2018 School Improvement Survey. All parents received the survey last week (242 surveys were sent home) and can fill out the hard-copy/paper version or the online version, using the unique User I.D. & Password, provided in the survey envelope. Your survey responses help us to plan for the 2019 school year, as well as in setting direction for St. Paul's as a learning & teaching community. **To date we have only had 10 online surveys completed and 35 paper surveys completed, out of the total 242 surveys sent home.** You have until Friday August 24 to complete the survey.

GRADE 1 AUTHORS

Recently, our Year 1's went to the National Gallery of Victoria. Below are some of their descriptions of the excursion. What great authors they are!

On Monday the 13th of August 1CC and 1HV went on an excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria. At the art gallery, there was lots of art! At the NGV I looked at the stained glass windows. I saw Moses paintings- it was wonderful! When I left there I touched the water wall. It was so fun! I wish I could go again!

Elysse 1CC

On Monday the grade ones went on an excursion to the NGV. We saw art work about God and we saw lots of other art. All the teachers and the kids sat on the grass and we ate lunch together with 1CC and 1HV. Then we lay down on the floor and we saw the stained glass windows on the roof.

Aaron 1CC

On Monday, I went to school. Then at 9.30am we went on a bus to the NGV. Lucas, Matteo and Liam sat together on the bus to the excursion. Then we met Lily. She showed us the pictures of Mary and Jesus and Mary had Jesus when he was a baby. Lily showed us three pictures and we were sitting down but then Lily brought us back. Then we went back to the bus and lots of people were speaking to each other. We liked the excursion!

Emily Doan 1CC

On Monday the 13th of August, we traveled to the National Gallery of Victoria. Our group saw Moses in the pictures. Then our group lay down on the floor and we saw shapes. My favourite artwork was when Moses was in the picture because it reminded me of prayer and The Prince of Egypt movie we watched in class. I had lots of fun there!

Kayden 1HV

On the 13th of August, 1HV and 1CC went to the NGV in the city. My favourite artwork was The Weeping Woman because she was praying. When we ate lunch, I looked at the statues. Then we went inside the building to look at the stained glass windows. Then we went outside to touch the water wall. I loved the NGV.

Violet 1HV

On Monday, the Grade Ones went to the Gallery. We saw lots of artwork. My favourite was when they were helping Jesus off the cross. It was my favourite because they were helping Jesus. We even ate outside and we went on a big bus. I had fun.

Aleksandra 1HV

SCHOOL CLOSURE – TUESDAY AUGUST 28

The school will be closed for a staff professional development day on Tuesday August 28. Staff from the Catholic Education Melbourne Northern Region Office, will be working with the staff group, on a self-reflection review of the '5 Spheres of Catholic Schooling', namely, 'Education in Faith', 'Learning & Teaching', 'Student Wellbeing', 'School Community' and 'Leadership & Management'. This review process will add to the data provided by parents & guardians in the 2018 School Improvement Surveys (distributed today), as we work together to ensure St. Paul's 'listens' to all its stakeholders and seeks to be constantly improving.

SUNSMART

Although this winter is still a bit up and down with some nice hints of spring to come, the UV levels are on the rise with sun protection times already being forecast. Sun protection is recommended whenever UV levels are three or higher. Average UV levels in Victoria are three or higher from **mid-August** so it's time to dust off the sun protection gear and not wait until term four.

1. Check the daily sun protection times for your location

Available from:

- Free SunSmart app (<http://www.sunsmart.com.au/tools/interactive-tools/free-sunsmart-app>)
- Free SunSmart widget (on our website)
- Weather section of the newspaper

2. During the sun protection times, please remember to:

- **Slip** on covering clothing
- **Slop** on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen. Remember to reapply throughout the day.
- **Slap** on a wide-brimmed hat that shades the face, neck and ears
- **Seek** shade
- **Slide** on wrap-around sunglasses (labelled AS 1067) if practical



Slip



Slop



Slap



Seek



Slide



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE – LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEKS

This is reminder that our annual 'Book Character Parade' will held this year on **FRIDAY AUGUST 31, AT 2.30 PM.** Start planning character costumes now so that your children are dressed as a favourite book character!



Storybook Character Parade

ST. PAUL'S BOOK FAIR

Monday 10th- Wednesday 12th September

Brought to you by



Start saving!

Items priced between \$5.00 - \$25.00

Limited number of items priced at \$1.00-\$2.00

*Please Note: Students will have a chance to look at what is for sale and
make a*

'Wish List' during school time between Wed. 5th and Friday 7th September

****Please note all students will have a chance to 'go shopping' during
school time.**

****Parents/ carers are most welcome to visit the Discovery Centre
before school (8.30-8.50 am) or at the end of the school day
(3.00-3.25 pm) between Monday 10/9/18 to Wednesday 12/9/18 to
purchase books**

UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES – USE SKOOLBAG TO LET US KNOW!

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.**



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



2018 IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3

AUGUST

- THURS 23 - DISTRICT ATHLETICS
- TUES 28 – SCHOOL CLOSURE
- FRI 31 – 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

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 everyone 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:

I

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

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Enrolments for Year 7 2020

Dear Parents,

Recently Year 5 students from St Paul's Primary School visited Catholic Regional College St Albans. This was an opportunity for them to experience a secondary school in action and to see the College. It was a pleasure to watch the students engage in activities and for our students to catch up with staff and students from their primary school.

If you would like to enrol your child at our College, key dates are as follows:

Friday 31st August 2018:	Applications for Year 7 2020 close
Friday 19th October 2018:	Offers of places posted to families
Friday 2nd November 2018:	Final date for acceptance of offers made

Applications for enrolment are available at your school office or on our College website: www.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au

If you have any queries, please contact our Registrar Mrs Eileen Chalmers on 9366 2544 or email echalmers@crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au





SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2018
SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2018
10AM UNTIL 12PM

COME & TRY DAY

Do you have a child between 5 and 16 years old who is interested in Athletics? Athletes will be able to participate in most of the events we offer. Bring your athlete along and have some fun and meet some of our athletes and coaches. Our fees are only \$165 for the year, this covers the summer and winter season (this fee includes Brimbank Multi Championship and Brimbank Championship Day) If you have any questions, please email: brimbank@lavic.com.au.



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