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## **NEWSLETTER – FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018**

Dear Community,

Last night I attended the Solemn Mass of Installation, of Melbourne's ninth Archbishop, Peter Comensoli. Archbishop Comensoli comes to Melbourne from the Diocese of Broken Bay in north central New South Wales, where he was Bishop.

Archbishop Peter was born in Wollongong, where he grew up, attending Catholic schools, studying commerce at university and moving into banking, before he became a priest. As a priest, Archbishop Peter studied theology in Sydney & Rome and philosophy & ethics in Scotland. He has written & commented extensively on the inclusion of people of impairment (the disabled) in community life.

As a bishop in New South Wales & nationally, Archbishop Peter worked as Episcopal Vicar for Life, Marriage & Family, was Chair of the Sydney Archdiocesan Schools Board, Board Director of Catholic Schools N.S.W., and was a member of the Bishops Commission for Family, Youth & Life, and Evangelisation.

In a number of radio & television interviews prior to his installation as Archbishop of Melbourne and in his homily at his installation Mass, Archbishop Peter spoke to and of "the people of the Melbourne church"; in particular, that we are "the people who produced Australia's first saint (Saint Mary MacKillop)", that he'd "come from the city where Mary completed her missionary journey, to the city where she began it" and that his intent is to "be with the people & work with the people".

He also focused on particular elements of the Church's mission, with a focus on the need to be a Church of action, marked by joy and mercy and sharing a lived Gospel. "Our common task is a missionary one," he said. And a good start in sharing the Gospel was getting "the soil of our culture under our fingernails as we plant seeds of grace and peace."

Let us pray that Archbishop Peter is given the strength & wisdom to lead the Catholic people of Melbourne with openness and encouragement.

**Denis J. Daly**

**Principal**

## **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**

### **UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES – PLEASE CALL US OR EMAIL US!**

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.***

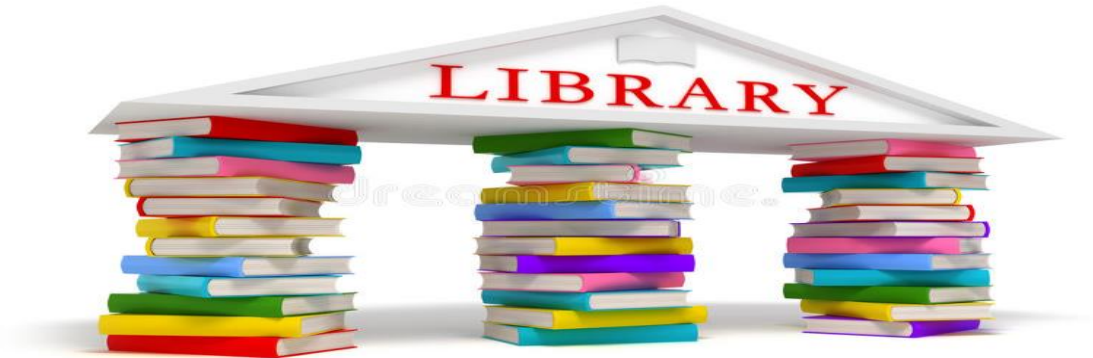
**THURSDAYS:** ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS, ALL YEAR 3 STUDENTS, YEAR 4LP, YEAR 2JZ, YEAR 1CC

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



## **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](mailto: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 [lcalvano@spkealba.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lcalvano@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**



**MATHS  
OLYMPIAD**

## **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](http://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.

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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](mailto:GrantsandData.help@education.gov.au).

The Department of Education's privacy policy is available on the department's website at [www.education.gov.au](http://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](mailto: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

## 2018 IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 3

#### JULY

- FRI 27 - 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,**

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**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.00 pm (Latin)</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.00 am (Maltese)</b> <b>10.00 am</b>

#### **RECONCILIATION:**

**Saturday: 6.00 pm**

#### **ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH**

#### **ODESSA AVENUE**

#### **KEILOR DOWNS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>5.30pm</b>

#### **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.....

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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.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au](http://www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au)

If you have any queries, please contact our Registrar Mrs Eileen Chalmers on 9366 2544 or email [echalmers@crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au](mailto:echalmers@crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au)





### 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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