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eNEWS – FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Community,

Last week's school improvement review has put my mind very firmly in 'planning mode'.

As a learning & teaching community, our ultimate goal is to work diligently & strategically, to ensure the best possible outcomes for your children. With that goal always in mind, the review supports us in the planning phase of our continuing improvement agenda. As I informed you in last week's e-News, myself and the Leadership Team have begun the process of developing a new 4-year 'Strategic Plan'; the plan will use the recommendations provided to us from the review, as well as the review's commendations & recommendations.

I provide you below, the reviewers' commendations, affirmations & recommendations, so that you are able to understand part of what will be informing our planning over the coming weeks, as well as moving into the 2019 school year. Commendations are the aspects of learning & teaching at St. Paul's which are outstanding; affirmations are the aspects of learning & teaching at St. Paul's which would expect to be found in all high performing schools; and, recommendations are the aspects of learning & teaching at St. Paul's which need to be given consideration & attention, in the strategic planning process.

COMMENDATIONS

St Paul's, Kealba, is to be commended for:

- ***The successful enactment of that part of the School Vision Statement, which states, 'working together for the common good, by building deep and genuine relationships'. These genuine relationships are embedded in all aspects of the school community and are the reason so many parents, staff and students, refer to the school as a 'family'.***
- ***The development of a strong data culture, as evidenced by the use of focus diaries, to track and monitor the learning progress of individual students.***
- ***The Catholic identity, which clearly underpins all areas of school life at St. Paul's Kealba, as evidenced by relationships, language, rituals and iconography.***
- ***The high levels of confidence, trust and respect, reported by parents, staff and students, in the Principal's leadership.***

- *The positive learning atmosphere, as evidenced by the immaculate presentation of the school, the stimulating classroom environments and the calm & busy work being conducted by teachers and students.*
- *The enactment of the school's vision of being 'inclusive', as evidenced by the way in which the learning & wellbeing needs of all students are identified and the actions taken to address these needs.*
- *The comprehensive knowledge that teachers possess of their students' personalities, home environments, interests & learning outcomes data and the manner in which they use this knowledge to develop differentiated learning experiences for their students.*

AFFIRMATIONS

St Paul's, Kealba, is to be affirmed for:

- *The introduction of the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program, to support and further develop the beliefs & relationships that drive the learning culture at St Paul's.*
- *The clear understanding possessed by School Leaders, of school data trends over several years.*
- *The strong content links that have been developed between the Religious Education program and other curriculum programs.*
- *The support provided to teachers, as they develop units of work and lessons, by the Learning & Teaching Leader and the Targeted Teachers.*
- *The way in which coverage of the curriculum content descriptors are mapped, ensuring that the Victorian Curriculum is enacted.*
- *The partnerships developed with social justice organisations, such as the St. Vincent de Paul Society & the Minnie Vinnies Team, which provide students with the opportunity to help disadvantaged members of the community, as an example of enacting the school vision of 'Christ lives in us.'*

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that St Paul's, Kealba:

- *Continue to systematically review student outcomes data, to identify specific achievement targets, which should be improved across the school, as a matter of priority; the achievement of these targets will form a narrow, sharp & explicit improvement agenda; discussion of this agenda with all teachers, with the aim of gaining their commitment to ensuring that the targets are achieved.*
- *Establish and implement a school-wide systematic plan for the annual collection, communication, analysis & use of student achievement & wellbeing data; this will inform the steps to create knowledge and understanding of data by all staff.*
- *Build the capacity of and opportunity for, teachers to visit each other's classes, learn from each other, receive quality feedback and use that feedback to reflect upon & improve classroom learning.*
- *Review and further develop all curriculum and assessment documents, to ensure that all learnings and assessment align with the Victorian Curriculum content descriptors & standards.*

- ***Agree and formalise a pedagogical model for St Paul's Kealba, that is research based, clearly defines the core teaching & learning beliefs held by the school, identifies the agreed core & consistent practices expected and establishes processes for ongoing review, renewal & leadership oversight.***

I will continue to keep you informed of the Strategic Planning process, as well as seek your input into the development of the final plan.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our efforts to ensure the best possible outcomes for your children.



Denis J. Daly

Principal

SCHOOL CLOSURES: MONDAY NOVEMBER 5 & TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6

A reminder to all families, that school will be closed on **MONDAY NOVEMBER 5**, for teachers to continue the writing of Student Achievement Reports (reports) and on **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6**, for the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.

YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY: EARLY DROP-OFFS & LATE PICK UPS

It has been noted that a number of children are being dropped off in the school grounds before 8.15 am and in some instances as early as before 8.00 am, as well as not being picked up until after 4.00 pm. Of particular concern are the children dropped off in the morning very early and left waiting alone, for the gates to open at 8.30 am. Parents & guardians, we implore you not to leave your children unsupervised in the morning or expect office staff to supervise them until after office hours. The school with the parish, offers an excellent & affordable Out of School Hours Care Program (Before & After School Care). Registering your children for the O.S.H.C. Program costs you nothing and gives you the option of requesting a temporary place for your child should you be late to pick them up but more importantly ensuring their supervision & safety early in the morning, before the gates are open and teacher supervision begins. What cost do you place on your child's safety, that you would be prepared to leave them alone, early in the morning, rather than enrolling them for Before & After School Care? We will be calling the parents & guardians of those children who continue to be dropped off early & picked up late, to alert them to an unacceptable & unsafe practice.

OUTSTANDING CADBURY CHOCOLATES & MONEY

A number of families still have chocolates & money outstanding from our Term 3 'Cadbury Chocolates Fundraiser'. If you are one of those families, would you please return any unsold chocolates or provide payment for the chocolates you have bought.



CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & CAROLS

Preparation is well underway for our December 7 'Christmas Carnival & Carols'. Notes were sent home yesterday, requesting donations for the Christmas Raffle and offering tables for the Christmas 'Night Market', to sell home-made goods. Please consider supporting the raffle with your donations and perhaps take the opportunity to sell your 'home creations' to a big crowd! Thank you in anticipation of your support.



ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER – eNEWS & EMAIL ADDRESSES

The newsletter will no longer be sent home as a paper-copy. eNEWS will be emailed to all families, as well as continuing to be sent out on the SkoolBag App and placed on the school website. If you have not provided the office with a current email address, please do so immediately. If your email address has changed recently, would you please provide the office with the updated address?



UP-TO-DATE MEDICATIONS & MEDICAL ACTION & HEALTH PLANS

A reminder to parents of all children who need to take medications for diagnosed medical conditions, which require an action plan or health plan, that a parent cannot fill out the action / health plan. Medical action plans or health plans can only be filled out & signed by a doctor. Medications must be kept up to date and supplied to the school, so that we can administer them when & if required. ***In the case of a child who has life-threatening allergies (anaphylaxis), where the school has not been provided with a current 'EpiPen' & a current action plan (signed by a doctor), the child CANNOT BE AT SCHOOL.***



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 MATHS OLYMPIAD MEMBERS



Late last term, the 2018 Olympiad members completed their final exams and today at assembly we celebrated their success. As their coach, I would like to say I am very proud of **ALL** members; for the way they have supported each other as well as giving up their lunchtimes in order to prepare for the exams. Whilst we say goodbye to the year 6 members, I wish them all the very best as they venture into highschool and hope they continue their passion for Maths. I hope the Year 5 members will continue into next year. Throughout this term I will be running training sessions with new members for 2019. So, if you are in Grade 4 or 5 and are confident in the area of Maths, then you need to try out one of our training sessions to see if you would like to be part of the St Paul's team for 2019.

Looking forward to meeting new members!!!!

A special congratulations to the following:

- Highest score was Andy
- Special Award for participation: Andy
- The next 4 highest scores: Aimeely, Jamie, Vincent and Nathan
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Absent: John

WINNER FOR 2018 IS ANDY!!!!!!



NOT RETURNING TO ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2019

If your child/children will not be returning to St. Paul's in 2019, would you please complete the section below and return this to the School Office. **This does not apply to the current Grade 6 children.**

This information is required, as transfer documentation must be completed between this school and the new school your child/children will be attending in 2019.

Your co-operation regarding this matter would be appreciated.

CHILD/CHILDREN NOT RETURNING IN 2019

Name of Child: _____ **Grade:** _____

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The above named will not be returning to St. Paul's Primary School, Kealba, in 2019.

New School attending: _____

Address _____

N.B.: PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

2018 CALENDAR

TERM 4

OCTOBER

- WED 31 - YR 4 CAMP

NOVEMBER

- THURS 1 & FRI 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
- MON 26 – DAY 1 PREP ORIENTATION

DECEMBER

- MON 3 – DAY 2 PREP ORIENTATION
- FRI 7 - CHRISTMAS FUN DAY, CARNIVAL AND CAROLS
- MON 10 – DAY 3 PREP ORIENTATION
- THURS 13 - YR 6 GRADUATION 7PM
- FRI 14 - YR 6 FINAL DAY
- MON 17 – DAY 4 PREP ORIENTATION / 'STEP UP DAY'
- WED 19 - P - 5 STUDENTS FINAL DAY (1.50 PM DISMISSAL)
- THURS 20 - STAFF FINAL DAY



Father in heaven,

We thank you for the amazing, beautiful world you created.

Help us to care for it.

We thank you for the wonderful, unique people you have made us to be.

Help us to care for one another.

We thank you for the incredible, tasty foods you have invented.

Help us remember and care for those who are hungry.

We thank you for the inspiring stories and teaching in the bible.

Help us to share this good news with people everywhere.

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.....

I am available to work on the following day(s).....

Contact No.....

CRC ST ALBANS 40th anniversary celebration

Sun 28th October 2018
2pm – 5pm

Catholic Regional College, St Albans

Reconnect with past staff and students
Listen to Guest Speakers,
View archives and memorabilia
Tour the College
Enjoy afternoon tea

RSVP

40years@crcstalbans.com.au
or call Jill on 9366 2544





WEST IS BEST SAINTS SUMMER PROGRAM

Program Runs:
10th October -
19th December 2018

Registration Day:
Wednesday 10th
October 2018

Contact for Information

Nick Schneider: 0429 961 111
Laura Kretiuk: 0417 525 511
Dennis Psaila: 0425 777 500

*Be a part of The Saints Annual
Spring/Summer
Training Season*

AFL Accredited Coaches

**Learn: Game Sense, Game
Plans, Field Positions,
Fitness & Discipline, with
weekly confidence
boosting games for all
ages & skill levels**

Wednesday Nights
5:30pm – 6:30pm
Ages:
7 – 15 years

**Bring your drink
bottle & hat**

Venue:

**Errington Reserve –
Main Road, St Albans
(behind Maccas)**