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## **eNEWS 2019 - Term 1 Edition 1**

Friday February 15 2019

Dear Community,

As we come to the end of Week 3 of our ten week first term, I am both proud of & impressed with your children's start to the 2019 school year.

Classes are calm & learning is happening at a rapid pace; your children are engaged with life at school and enthusiastic about what they have been 'doing' in class, as their 2019 'learning journey' begins.

***'Like Christ, we believe in valuing each individual for who they are and who they can be'.*** Your children are individuals – unique, capable & competent, in all aspects of their young lives. As a Catholic learning & teaching community, we need to believe in them and their capacity to do their best in all they do in life & learning. Your children are 'special' in every sense of the word – there is no other like them & there never will be another like them. What they are capable of in learning & living, will depend greatly upon the opportunities they are given & the life experiences they have.

St. Paul's learning & teaching focus is on the individual, your children, in working with you in an education partnership. As partners in your children's education, we want to work with you in ensuring they reach their potential, in a safe & supported learning environment; we want them to explore, question, wonder, take risks, flourish & be happy. As we work together to achieve all of this for the children of St. Paul's, we can be sure that they will come to develop a love of life & learning.

For those families who are new to our St. Paul's 'family', you will 'hear' me often use the old African proverb, which states, ***"It takes a whole village to raise a child"***. We are a 'family' here at St. Paul's and as a family we work together, support one another and come to know & learn about our world and what we need to thrive & flourish in that world.



And so, I ask each of you, the adults of our St. Paul's family, to always keep your children, our children, in your minds, as together, we go about providing them with all they need to learn about, live in & love their world.

Have a wonderful week of learning together everyone.



**Denis J. Daly**

**Principal**

### **eNEWS, EMAIL ADDRESSES & SKOOLBAG APP**

eNEWS is now being 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? We encourage families to download the St. Paul's 'SkoolBag App' as well.



### **2019 SCHOOL TERM DATES**

- **Term 1: Thursday January 31 – Friday April 5 (Note: Easter April 19-22)**
- **Term 2: Tuesday April 23 – Friday June 28 (Note: Easter Monday April 22)**
- **Term 3: Monday July 15 – Friday September 20**
- **Term 4: Monday October 7 – Wednesday December 18**  
**(Note: Yr. 6 finish Friday December 13)**

### **ENTRY TO SCHOOL GROUNDS**

For the safety of all our children once the school gates are closed during school hours, all parents, visitors, couriers, contractors, must report to the office before going to classrooms, the canteen or any part of the school grounds.

### **EXTENDED HOLIDAY NOTIFICATIONS**

Please ensure the Principal is informed, in writing, of extended holidays or holidays taken during school term times, where children will be missing school. This is expected under government / Department of Education legislation.

### **COMMUNICATION**

Effective communication is the 'key' to ensuring all St. Paul's community members are kept informed at all times. At St. Paul's the following form our communications between home & school:

- Parents' & guardians' up to date contact numbers (mobile & landline)
- Parents' & guardians' up to date email contacts
- Up to date emergency contact details & contact numbers
- Website: [www.spkealba.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spkealba.catholic.edu.au)
- eNEWS: our weekly newsletter – emailed, on the Skoolbag App & on the school website
- SkoolBag App.: can be downloaded for free for smartphones & tablet devices; allows student absence notification as well via an 'Absence eForm'; receive newsletters & other school communications
- CareMonkey: can be downloaded for free for smartphones & tablet devices; set up your child's profile, which can be updated regularly; electronic permission forms from school; no paper forms!

## **PARENT, GUARDIAN, TODDLER, ADULT VISITORS & CONTRACTOR FACILITIES**

Student toilets should not be used by parents, guardians, toddlers, adult visitors or contractors. Nonstudent toilet facilities are available off the Gallery Space (beside the Discovery Centre/Library). This is about the safety of your children at all times.

| <b>2019 CALENDAR</b>  |  |
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| <b>TERM 1</b>   |  |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TUES 19 - PARENTS GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (7.00PM – 9PM)</b></li> <li>• <b>WED 20 - NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS (PREP)</b></li> <li>• <b>WED 20-22 - GRADE 6 CAMP</b></li> <li>• <b>WED 27 – NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS (PREP)</b></li> <li>• <b>THUR 28 – 1<sup>ST</sup> RECONCILIATION FAMILY NIGHT MARCH</b></li> <li>• <b>WED 6 – ASH WEDNESDAY</b></li> <li>• <b>WED 7 – NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS (PREP)</b></li> <li>• <b>THUR 7 – SCHOOL PHOTOS</b></li> <li>• <b>FRI 8 - SCHOOL CLOSURE</b></li> <li>• <b>MON 11 – SCHOOL CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b></li> <li>• <b>WED 13 – FOUNDATION (PREP) STUDENTS COMMENCE FULL TIME</b></li> <li>• <b>THUR 21 – EXCURSION GRADES 5 &amp; 6 – IMAX</b></li> <li>• <b>THUR 21 – CONFIRMATION FAMILY NIGHT 7.00PM</b></li> <li>• <b>THUR 28 – SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 7.00PM</b></li> </ul> |  |
| <b>APRIL</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>THUR 4 – END OF TERM 1 – SCHOOL FINISHES 1.50PM</b></li> <li>• <b>FRI 5 – SCHOOL CLOSURE</b></li> <li>• <b>THUR 18 – HOLY THURSDAY</b></li> <li>• <b>FRI 19 – GOOD FRIDAY</b></li> <li>• <b>SAT 20 – HOLY SATURDAY</b></li> <li>• <b>SUN 21 – EASTER SUNDAY</b></li> <li>• <b>MON 22 – EASTER MONDAY</b></li> <li>• <b>TUES 23 – TERM 2 COMMENCES</b></li> </ul>  |  |

# CSEF 2019 applications now open

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card (eg Health Care Card) or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The annual allowance is \$125 for primary school students, and is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if:

- **new student enrolments** - your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances**, such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

## الآن مفتوحة تطبيقات CSEF 2019

يتم توفيرها من قبل حكومة فيكتوريا لمساعدة الأسر المؤهلة لتغطية تكاليف (CSEF)

المخيمات والرياضة وصندوق الرحلات السياحية. الرحلات المدرسية والمخيمات والأنشطة الرياضية

إذا كنت تحمل اختبار وسائل بطاقة امتياز سارية المفعول (مثل بطاقة الرعاية الصحية) أو هي المحتضن مؤقت، قد تكون مؤهلة للحصول على يوجد فئة الاعتبار الخاصة أيضا للعائلات طالبي اللجوء واللاجئين. بدل السنوي هو \$ 125 لطلاب المدارس الابتدائية، ويدفع CSEF.

إلى المدرسة لاستخدام نحو النفقات المتعلقة المخيمات والرحلات والأنشطة الرياضية لصالح طفلك.

في مدرسة طفلك في عام 2018، لا تحتاج إلى استكمال استمارة الطلب في 2019 ما لم يكن هناك تغيير في CSEF إذا قمت بتطبيق ل الظروف عائلتك.

ما عليك سوى تعبئة استمارة الطلب إذا:

- **التحاق الطلاب بالجامعات الجديدة** - بدأ طفلك أو تغييرها المدارس في 2019 أو أنك لم تطبق في عام 2018.
- **ظروف عائلية المتغيرة**، مثل تغيير الحضانة، تغيير الاسم، ورقم بطاقة الامتياز، أو الأشقاء جديدة تبدأ في المدرسة في 2019.

## CSEF 2019 ứng dụng bây giờ mở

Các Trại, Thể thao và Quỹ Chuyến (CSEF) được cung cấp bởi Chính phủ Victoria để hỗ trợ các gia đình đủ điều kiện để trang trải các chi phí của chuyến đi trường, trại và các hoạt động thể thao.

Nếu bạn giữ một phương tiện thử nghiệm thẻ giảm giá hợp lệ (ví dụ Health Care Card) hoặc là một cha mẹ nuôi tạm thời, bạn có thể được hưởng CSEF. Một loại quan tâm đặc biệt cũng tồn tại cho người xin tị nạn và người tị nạn gia đình. Trợ cấp hàng năm là \$ 125 cho học sinh tiểu học, và được trả cho nhà trường sử dụng đối với các chi phí liên quan đến các trại, du ngoạn hay hoạt động thể thao vì lợi ích của

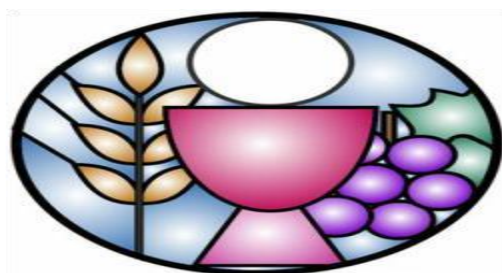
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Nếu bạn áp dụng cho CSEF ở trường của con quý vị trong năm 2018, bạn không cần phải điền vào một mẫu ứng dụng vào năm 2019 trừ khi đã có một sự thay đổi trong hoàn cảnh gia đình của bạn.

Bạn chỉ cần điền vào một mẫu đơn nếu:

**tuyển sinh viên mới** - con bạn đã bắt đầu hoặc thay đổi trường vào năm 2019 hoặc bạn đã không áp dụng vào năm 2018.

**hoàn cảnh gia đình đã thay đổi**, chẳng hạn như sự thay đổi về lưu ký, thay đổi tên, số thẻ giảm giá, hoặc anh chị em mới bắt đầu tại trường vào năm 2019.



## 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)<br>6.30 pm    |
| Sunday    | 8.00 am (Maltese)<br>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<br>11.00am<br>5.30pm |

#### RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4.30 pm

Dear God,

grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change;  
Courage to change the things I can;  
And wisdom to know the difference.

Amen.



## 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 .....

Idest Child..... Grade.....Teacher.....

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

Contact No.....



## WESTERN HEALTH

### JOAN KIRNER WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Information sessions are being held for interested community members.  
If you can commit to a minimum of at least 12 months volunteering

- Can complete at least 1 x 2 – 3 hour shift per week.
- Can supply a Working with Children's Check and attend mandatory training sessions
- Can commit to attending ongoing free training.

Please come to the information sessions being held at Sunshine Hospital, Furlong Road, St. Albans

14<sup>th</sup> March – 6pm – 7pm or  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 10.30am – 11.30am

We need your support for the following roles:

Way finding  
Social support for families  
Tea & Coffee and newspaper trolley  
Activities for children  
Fundraising

Bookings are essential to attend the sessions.

RSVP to [volunteer@wh.org.au](mailto:volunteer@wh.org.au) or 8395 9096