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## **eNEWS 2019 - Term 1 Edition 8**

Thursday March 28 2019

Dear Community,

Last week, St. Paul's, along with all Victorians, celebrated 'Cultural Diversity Week', under the theme of, 'Proud To Belong: Your Generation Your Stories'.

It was an opportunity to celebrate & acknowledge how diverse & mixed our great nation is culturally & ethnically. With the existence of Victoria's First Peoples, our indigenous brothers & sisters, remaining in continuous connection to this land, successive waves of migration have seen people from all over the world arrive in our state. Today, almost half of Victorians were either born overseas or have at least one parent who was born overseas. We come from 200 countries, speak over 260 languages and follow more than 130 different faiths. Victoria is considered one of the most successful multicultural societies in the world. Multiculturalism is a part of the Victorian identity, character and way of life. This is our multicultural story. It is part of who we are as Victorians.



***On Monday March 18, we celebrated 'St. Paul's Cultural Diversity Day'.*** The children spent the day engaged in a number of activities, which focused on some of the many cultures & ethnic groups which make up our 'St. Paul's Family'. Hopefully this experience encouraged the children to think about their own ethnic backgrounds and that they came home with questions about your family's 'story'!

An underlying theme of our cultural diversity experiences of last week, was the consideration of those in our local & wider communities, who are less fortunate than we are. The children's purchase of gelati on Monday last was a fundraising initiative, to provide financial support to 'Joseph's Corner', a social support group for mothers & their children, affected by drug & alcohol abuse in their families. Sr. Jean Dwyer, a Josephite sister, manages 'Joseph's Corner', in Yarraville and will be coming to school next Thursday, to receive a cheque for \$2006.00, raised by St. Paul's, to support the wonderful work she does with those in the community in need. 'Joseph's Corner' lives out the mantra of St. Mary MacKillop, the founder of the Josephite sisters, to ***"Never see a need without doing something about it"***.



May I say a very big "Thank you", to all our St. Paul's family for their support of Cultural Diversity Day and indirectly for their support of Sr. Jean and the work of 'Joseph's Corner', through the money raised.

**Denis J. Daly**

**Principal**

## **END OF TERM 1**

**Please note that students will finish Term 1 on FRIDAY APRIL 5 at 1.50 pm**

## **PARENTS GROUP MEETINGS**

The next Parents Group Meetings will be held next week, on **Tuesday April 2, at 7.00 pm, in the staffroom;** and, for those who cannot make the evening meeting, a day meeting will be held on **Thursday morning, April 4, at 10.30 am, in the Discovery Centre (library),** after the Easter Bonnet Parade & Easter Raffle Draw.

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Year 3 Catholic students will celebrate their **First Reconciliation**, this evening, **Thursday March 28, at 7.00 pm in St. Paul's Church.**



## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Year 6 Catholic students will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, being confirmed by Bishop Mark Edwards, on **Friday May 10, at 7.00 pm in St. Mary MacKillop Church, Keilor Downs.**



## 2020 FOUNDATION (PREP) STUDENTS – ENROL NOW

We are currently advertising for 2020 Foundation (Prep) Enrolment enquiries. To ensure that we set aside a placing for any of our existing families, who have a child eligible to enrol next year, we ask that you contact the school office to obtain an Enrolment Application form. Alternatively, an Enrolment Pack (including an Enrolment Application) can be downloaded from the school website at [www.spkealba.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spkealba.catholic.edu.au). We would appreciate that you complete the application and return it to us as soon as possible.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Just a reminder to all parents (especially our new Prep Parents) that the Uniform shop is open on Friday mornings, from 8.30 am to 9.00 am for purchases, trying sizes and to place orders. Academy Uniform order forms with prices, can be downloaded via the Skoolbag App or are available in the office foyer. Alternatively you may visit their web site at [www.academyuniforms.com.au](http://www.academyuniforms.com.au)

## PARENTS GROUP EVENTS: TERM 1

The following are a list of events & activities to be organized by the Parents Group & supported by school staff, in Term 1:

- **Family Entertainment Books Fundraiser: commencing Monday April 1**
- **Easter Bonnet Parade & Easter Raffle Draw: Thursday April 4**

## 2019 CALENDAR

### TERM 1

#### MARCH

• THURS. 28: SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 7.00 PM

#### APRIL

- FRI. 5: END OF TERM 1 – SCHOOL FINISHES 1.50 PM
- THURS. 18: HOLY THURSDAY
- FRI. 19: GOOD FRIDAY
- SAT. 20: HOLY SATURDAY
- SUN. 21: EASTER SUNDAY
- MON. 22: EASTER MONDAY

### TERM 2

#### APRIL

- TUES. 23: TERM 2 COMMENCES
- THURS. 25: ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- FRI. 26: BISHOP MARK EDWARDS TO MEET YR. 6 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
- FRI. 26: ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS DUE
- MON. 29: CONFIRMATION REFLECTION DAY

#### MAY

- MON. 6: FRI 10 – PREP 2020 INTERVIEWS (NEW FAMILIES)
- TUES. 7: PARENTS GROUP MEETING
- FRI. 10: CONFIRMATION (ST. MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, KEILOR DOWNS)
- TUES. 14-THURS 16: NAPLAN
- FRI. 17: WALKATHON
- FRI. 17: PREP 2020 ENROLMENT OFFERS POSTED OUT
- MON. 27 & TUES 28: SCHOOL CLOSURES: STAFF CONFERENCE
- THURS. 30: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FAMILY NIGHT
- FRI. 31: PREP 2020 ENROLMENT ACCEPTANCES DUE

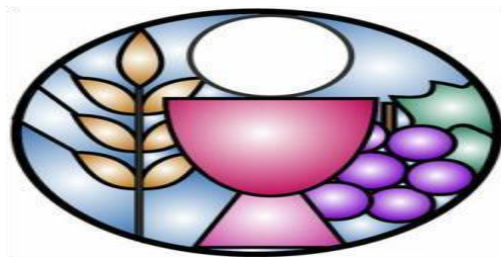
#### JUNE

- MON. 10: QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- SAT. 15: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (ST. MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, KEILOR DOWNS)
- THURS. 20: WORLD REFUGEE DAY
- FRI. 28: SCHOOL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION (FEAST OF ST. PAUL 29.06)
- FRI. 28: TERM 2 FINISHES AT 1.50 PM

## A Children's Prayer for Lent

Hi Lord, it's me, just come to pray  
And thank you for a fun filled day!  
You've been with me, so I know you've seen  
All the great exciting things.  
But also when I'm sad or cross  
I know you love me, no matter what!  
So help me rest and go to sleep  
And feel the peace of your love for me.

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](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:**

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