



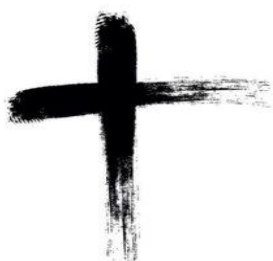
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Thursday March 7 2019

Dear Community,

Yesterday, as Catholics, we began the season of Lent; our 40 day 'journey' of preparation, for the great church season of Easter.



Lent is the period of 40 days (not including Sundays) leading up to Easter. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and finishes during Easter; the last week of Lent is called Holy Week. During the 40 days of Lent, Christians remember the time when Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray, before beginning his work for God. During this time Jesus was tempted several times by the devil, but he was able to resist those temptations.

Fasting

Lent is a time of giving up things. For Christians, it is one way of remembering the time Jesus' fasted in the desert and it is a test of self-discipline. There are many foods that some Christians do not eat in Lent, such as meat & chicken, fats, eggs and milky foods. Some Christians just give up something they really enjoy, such as cakes or sweets / lollies.

Shrove Tuesday

In western Christian churches, the day before Lent starts is Shrove Tuesday. This is also known as Pancake Day. This day was traditionally the last chance to use up the foods Christians would not be eating during Lent. Today people often give up chocolate or alcohol.

Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday many western Christian churches hold services during which Christians are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes. This is a sign of saying sorry to God for any wrong doing (penitence) and of our mortality. The ashes come from burning the palm crosses from Palm Sunday of the previous year.

As we enter into this reflective period of Lent, it is worth asking, “When I look back on this period of time (the 40 days of Lent), will I be satisfied with how I have responded to God, myself, and others? Am I reflecting who God wants me to be and what God wants me to do?” In this season of listening (prayer), doing without (fasting) and sharing (almsgiving), God is calling each of us to be a support and an encouragement to others.



I hope our Lenten Journey is one filled with many opportunities to work to be better Christians. I also hope it is an opportunity for each one of us to be Christ present to all those whom we encounter along the way.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Denis J. Daly'.

Denis J. Daly

Principal

SCHOOL CLOSURE: FRIDAY MARCH 8

Tomorrow, Friday March 8, the school will be closed for staff professional learning, with a focus on 'Workplace Wellbeing'.

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

This year's *Labour Day Public Holiday*, will take place next **Monday March 11**.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Next week the Archdiocese of Melbourne, with all Catholic school students & staff, will celebrate '**Catholic Education Week**', from **Sunday March 10 to Sunday March 17**, under the theme of '**Growing Young in Christ**'. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their Catholic identity, the most important role they play within their local community as well as the strength of the education sector. A group of Senior School students & staff, will represent St. Paul's, at the 'Mass of St. Patrick, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, next Friday March 15.

The dates for **NAPLAN 2019 are Tuesday May 14, Wednesday May 15 & Thursday May 16**. Forms for the withdrawal of a child from NAPLN are available from the office. A detailed letter of explanation will be sent home to all parents & guardians of students in Years 3 & 5.



Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program & framework, supports students, staff & all community members, to be the best they can be, in relationship with each other, with a focus on the positive behaviours we encourage in each other.

At St. Paul's Primary School, Kealba, we are committed to living in a community where we try our best, act responsibly, respect others and stay safe. We are STARS!

S - St. Paul's students, staff & community members

T - Try Our Best

A - Act Responsibly

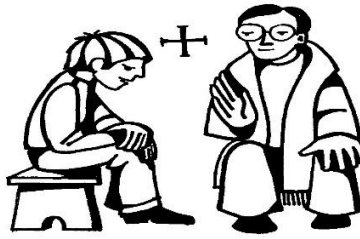
R - Respect Others

S - Stay Safe



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

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



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Year 6 students & their families, will take part in a **'Confirmation Family Night'**, on **Thursday March 21, at 7.00 pm** in the school hall. They 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 will shortly be advertising for 2020 Foundation (Prep) Enrolment enquiries. To ensure that we set aside a place for any of our existing families who have a child eligible to enroll 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. We would appreciate that you complete the application and return it to us as soon as possible.

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:

- **Special Food Day – Pizzas: Thursday March 14**
- **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser: Saturday March 23**
- **Family Entertainment Books Fundraiser: commencing Monday April 1**
- **Easter Bonnet Parade & Easter Raffle Draw: Thursday April 4**

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

Cultural Diversity Week takes place this year from **Monday March 18 to Friday March 22**. The school will celebrate & acknowledge the many cultural / ethnic groups represented in our St. Paul's 'family', on Monday March 18, with a '**Cultural Diversity Day**'. Gelati orders were sent home yesterday.



2019 CALENDAR

TERM 1

MARCH

- FRI 8 - SCHOOL CLOSURE
- MON 11 – SCHOOL CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- WED 13 – FOUNDATION (PREP) STUDENTS COMMENCE FULL TIME
- THUR 21 – EXCURSION GRADES 5 & 6 – IMAX
- THUR 21 – CONFIRMATION FAMILY NIGHT 7.00PM
- TUES 26 – FOUNDATION (PREP 2020)
INFORMATION SESSIONS & SCHOOL TOURS
9.30 AM INFORMATION SESSION & SCHOOL TOUR
7.00 PM INFORMATION SESSION ONLY
- THUR 28 – SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 7.00PM

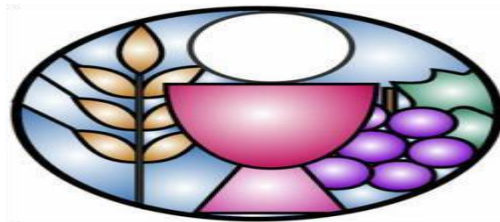
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- THUR 4 – END OF TERM 1 – SCHOOL FINISHES 1.50PM
- THUR 18 – HOLY THURSDAY
- FRI 19 – GOOD FRIDAY
- SAT 20 – HOLY SATURDAY
- SUN 21 – EASTER SUNDAY
- MON 22 – EASTER MONDAY
- TUES 23 – TERM 2 COMMENCES
- FRI 26 – ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS DUE

A Children's Prayer for Lent

Lord, please show me what I should give up for Lent
and when I've given it up
remind me to pray to You instead
to thank You
to love You
to hear from You
each and every day in Lent

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:

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

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

Contact No.....



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- Teach stroke correction for intermediate beginners, safe entry
- Teach freestyle, backstroke, breast stroke, butterfly
- Teach, tumble turns, advance stroke correction, survival...
- Improve stamina and breathing for those who cant swim distances
- Improve technique and build stronger Swimmers

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Instrumental Music Lessons
On School Campus!



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Only \$16.95 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 (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

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