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Dear Community,

Today is Mothers' Day.

I would like to wish all the Mums, Step Mums, Grandmas & special women, in the lives our students, a very "Happy Mothers' Day".

As I reflect on my own Mum today, I think of the person she was - to myself, my sister and my four brothers. Mum was protective, she was an educator, she was a nurturer, she was supportive, she was wise, she was gentle, she was calm, but above all else, she loved unconditionally and without question. As her children we were blessed to have had her as a Mum; she taught us so much about love, life, understanding & acceptance – she modelled 'the way' for each us, giving us an appreciation of and gratitude for the gift of life we have been given. I miss her very much every day but on this day particularly, I am reminded of the wonderful woman she was and I take great joy & comfort in knowing that she was so very proud of each one of us and what we have achieved in life.

I hope we all take time today to think of and pray for our Mums; they are one of the reasons why we live the lives we do and we are the people we are today.

"Thank you", Mums, for being you and for giving us life.

Denis J. Daly

Principal.



MOTHER WORK

Watching my own children become parents is an unexpected parenting joy. Not in the light-hearted 'your-turn-has-come' way where older generations delight in watching their own children endure the same sleepless nights, naughty toddler behaviour and teenage rebelliousness that they experienced as parents. The joy for me lies in watching my adult kids protect, teach, nurture and support their children, in the time-honored way that parents have done for generations. This work, also known as generative parenting, was outlined by American psychologists and researchers Dollahite, Hawkins and Brotherson in the 1990's.

Also known as mother work (and father work), generative parenting refers to the instinctive activities of parents that enable the next generation to survive and thrive. These activities range from providing kids with food and shelter and other basic needs through to developing more complex skills in their kids such as working with others, adapting to change and developing the resourcefulness needed for full independence. Like most parents my daughters want to be the best parents they can be so they both devour parenting books, attend courses when they can and join online chat groups for support and ideas. But it's their mother work, their instinctive work, that's their most potent parenting force. Here's why.

Mother work is protective. *When my eldest daughter visits our house she does a quick reconnaissance trip through each room, lifting errant blind cords and removing heavy objects, to make our house safe for her two boys to move around. The protective side is strong.*

Mother work is educative. *When my youngest daughter patiently explains to her exuberant young three year old that she needs to allow other children to share her toys, she is doing important teaching work. That requires super patience.*

Mother work is nurturing. *The safety my daughters provide when they wrap their arms around their children when they've fallen and hurt themselves comes naturally to them.*

Mother work is supportive. *The emotional support these young women provide to their children when they've been upset by the thoughtless or rough behaviours of siblings and friends is often hard work. But they are up to the task.*

My daughters' mother work will continue well into their children's teen years and beyond. The nature of the work will change with each developmental stage but the intent of the work –to nurture, protect, teach and support - will stay the same. Men can do this work too, but they do it differently. When a mother instinctively protects she generally draws her child closer before searching out the source of fear. There'll be lots of cuddles before she puts a nightlight on to ease a child's fear of the dark. When a father instinctively protects he's more likely to eliminate the source of fear, and skill his child up to fend for themselves. He'll prove there's nothing to be scared of when the light goes out, and show his child how to turn on the light when needed. Both are valid approaches, and are indicative of the gender differences in child-rearing.

This Mother's Day, it's my daughters' instinctive mother work that I'll celebrate, as that is real magic of parenting.

Happy Mother's Day. (Michael Grose, Psychologist & Dad)

NAPLAN

This week our Year 3 & Year 5 students will sit their NAPLAN Tests, in Literacy & Maths. Tests will be conducted in 'Language Conventions & Writing' on Tuesday May 14, in 'Reading' on Wednesday May 15 and in 'Numeracy' on Thursday May 16. Parents who believe it would be in their children's best interests to not sit the tests, should contact the school tomorrow, Monday May 13.



PREP PARENTS INFORMATION NIGHT

An information session for Prep Parents will be held, at 6.30 pm, on Wednesday May 22nd, in the Discovery Centre. The purpose of this evening will be to show parents & guardians, some of the strategies and activities that teachers are currently using with their children, in English and Maths. Important skill and independence development will also be discussed. It is hoped that this will help parents & guardians support their children's learning at home. The information session will be presented at an adult level, so it will be necessary that children do not attend. Parents & guardians coming to the session, are asked to fill out the attendance slip, sent home with their Prep child.

TERM 2 SCHOOL CLOSURES

School will be closed on **Monday May 27 & Tuesday May 28**, for staff professional learning. All staff will take part in our biennial conference (every two years), focusing on work health & wellbeing, under the theme of 'What Does It Take to Thrive at Work'. As a learning & teaching community, staff, like our students, continue their professional learning, throughout each school year, during planning conversations, at staff meetings, in professional learning team meetings and on school closure days.

2020 FOUNDATION (PREP) STUDENTS - ENROLMENTS DUE 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. We would appreciate you completing the application and returning it to the School office, as soon as possible.

SECONDARY COLLEGE ENROLMENTS

Parents & guardians of students in Years 4, 5 & 6 are reminded that considerable thought & planning need to be undertaken in selecting & applying for enrolment in Catholic, independent & state secondary colleges. It is too late to leave your thinking, choosing & applying until Grade 6, as most secondary colleges are accepting applications as early as Grade 4.

SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS

Photos are now available online for families to purchase.

Those who registered will have received an email with all the information they need to view and order their photos. There is an instructional video on the main ordering page if any families need some further assistance with the new ordering process. Included below is a YouTube link, explaining the ordering process. <https://youtu.be/bNqN-A5Fafg> If people have not previously registered, they can go to www.order.arphotos.com.au and use the individual code distributed on photo day to complete their order. For any that have lost their code, they can contact ARP directly on (03) 5243 4390 and the customer service team will be able to assist. There is a 10 day initial ordering period for free delivery back to the school. After this time, there will be a \$9.95 postage and handling fee on all orders, which will be sent home to a nominated address.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

All students should be in their winter uniforms by now (Terms 3 & 4). Just a reminder to all parents (especially our new Prep Families) that the Uniform shop is open on Friday mornings, from 8.30 am to 9.30 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

PARENTS GROUP: NEXT METINGS & TERM 2 EVENTS

The next Parents Group Meetings will be held in the evening of **Tuesday June 4, at 6.30 pm in the staffroom** and in the morning of **Friday June 7, at 9.00 am, in the Discovery Center (library)**.

The following are a list of events & activities that have been organized by the Parents Group & supported by school staff, in Term 2:

- **Family Entertainment Books Fundraiser: commenced Monday April 1. To order your Book or your Digital membership online visit: www.entbook.com.au/94z4839 Alternatively, you may complete an order form, or purchase a book for \$70.00 cash, which are both available from the School Office.**
- **Walkathon: Friday May 24**



2019 CALENDAR

TERM 2

MAY

- TUES. 14-THURS 16: NAPLAN 9.00 AM – 11.00 AM
- FRI. 17: PREP 2020 ENROLMENT OFFERS POSTED OUT
- WED. 22: PREP INFORMATION NIGHT 6.30 PM – 7.30 PM
- FRI. 24: WALKATHON 12.00 PM – 2.00 PM
- MON. 27 & TUES 28: SCHOOL CLOSURES: STAFF CONFERENCE
- THURS. 30: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FAMILY NIGHT 6.00 PM – 8.00 PM
- FRI. 31: PREP 2020 ENROLMENT ACCEPTANCES DUE

JUNE

- MON. 10: QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- TUES. 11: PMI MUSIC CONCERT 11.00 AM (SCHOOL HALL)
- SAT. 15: YR. 3 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2.00 PM – 3.00 PM
(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

Lord, look upon a little child,
By nature sinful, weak and wild;
O lay Thy gracious hands on me,
And make me all I ought to be.
Gentle Jesus, meek and mild,
Look upon a little child;
Pity my simplicity
Suffer me to come to Thee.
O supply my every want
Feed this young and tender plant
Day and night my keeper be,
And every moment watch round 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, 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.

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SCHOOL EDITION

\$30 ADULT
 \$25 CONCESSION
 \$20 CHILD

TICKETS ONSALE NOW

THURSDAY 16TH, FRIDAY 17TH, SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2019 7.30PM
 SATURDAY 18 MAY 2019 MATINEE 12PM

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