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Dear Community,

As we come to the end of Week 5, we are half way through the ten weeks of Term 2. Your children have been working consistently & enthusiastically, putting great effort into their learning, in spite of coughs & sneezes, colds & the flu and 'tummy bugs'. Well done Kids! Keep up the hard work!

Teachers too are working hard, continually assessing your children's progress and delivering rich & rigorous classroom programs, as they begin the process of writing your children's 'Student Achievement Reports', due out on Friday June 21.

As Parent-Educators it is appropriate, indeed essential, that you too 'assess' your children's learning, as they progress through the school year. I do not mean that you should be setting them assessment tasks at home (test, exams, etc.) and keeping assessment records. Rather, it would be great if you 'check in' with them at the end of each school day or at times throughout the school week and ask them about their learning, as well letting them share some of their work, brought home from school. It would also be great to use home as a place of learning for them, by involving them in helping with meal preparation & cooking, putting together shopping lists & going shopping with you, allocating cleaning & home-organisation duties and discussing environments & places of interest whilst out in the car.

In having those 'learning conversations' with your children, you may wish to use some of the following prompts / questions in the car after school, at home around the dining table or listening to them read or talk about some of the work they have brought home:

- I am pleased to see your effort in
- I am proud of your improvement in
- What makes this your best work in?
- How did you go about doing it?
- Did you come across/encounter any problems?



Your interest in your children's learning progress & achievements is vital, in developing their confidence & motivation, to work to the best of their abilities. As parents, guardians & teachers, it is our responsibility to ensure that we work together in partnership, to develop a love of learning in our children, as they come to understand themselves as learners in their world.

Thank you for your support, as we work to together to ensure the best outcomes for your children.



Denis J. Daly

Principal.

TERM 2 SCHOOL CLOSURES

School will be closed next **Monday May 27 & Tuesday May 28**, for staff professional learning. All staff will take part in our **Biennial Staff Conference** (every two years), focusing on work health & wellbeing, under the theme of **'What Does It Take to Thrive at Work'**. Please be sure to put these dates in your diaries & on your calendars.

Over the two conference days, staff will be working with Katrina Bourke, from Katrina Bourke Coaching, to achieve the following **'Intended Outcomes'**:

- *Empower staff to make informed choices and take responsibility for how they manage and respond to the daily demands of their workplace and professional role*
- *Co-create practical ways of building psychological safety across the organisation*
- *Begin to develop team and whole school 'Ways of Working'*
- *Create team action plans*
- *Continue to deepen individual and whole staff knowledge and understanding of relevant wellbeing related research and knowledge*

The conference focus, **'What Does It Take to Thrive at Work'**, is based on one of the four goals from our **2019-2022 School Improvement Strategy**, that is, **'To support staff to be confident in their practice'**.



WALKATHON 2019

Our 2019 Walkathon, will be held tomorrow, **Friday May 24**. Hopefully the children are busy asking family & friends to sponsor them for the laps they will walk! \$50.00 'Ultimate Kids Gift Cards', will be awarded to the top 5 money raisers across the school. Smaller prizes will be awarded at grade levels, for the most laps walked.



OPEN DAY & ART SHOW

Our 2019 Open Afternoon & Art Show, will take place in Week 1 of Term 3, on **Wednesday July 17, from 3.00 pm until 5.30 pm**. This will be an opportunity for families to visit classrooms, the Gallery Space, Discovery Centre & hall, to see children's learning & artistic talents on display, as well as to listen to their children share some of their learning achievements. Be sure to put the date & time in your diaries and calendars.

2020 FOUNDATION (PREP) STUDENTS – ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS

Enrolment Interviews for new families who have applied to enrol their children for Foundation (Prep) in 2020, have been conducted. Interviews with existing families will be conducted in the first half of Term 3. To ensure that we set aside a place 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 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

STUDENT LUNCH BAGS / BOXES & UNIFORM ITEMS

A reminder to parents & guardians, to please label your children's lunch bags or boxes and uniform items. Many recently have been misplaced, lost, handed in or found their way into the lost property without names; this makes it difficult to return these items to your child.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos which were taken earlier in the year, were either delivered to you personally or delivered to the school last week and given out to your child to be taken home. If you have not received them or have any further queries, then please contact (ARP) Arthur Reeds Photos direct on 5243 4390 or via their website on www.arthurreedphotos.com.au

WOOLWORTHS 'EARN AND LEARN' STICKERS

As in previous years, the school is collecting the 'Earn & Learn' stickers, given out by Woolworths stores, with your shopping, until June 25 2019. We ask if you could please collect the stickers and send them to school, with your children. The more we collect the greater the chance we have to select new school sports equipment & education resources, for our school.

PARENTS GROUP: NEXT MEETINGS & 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**
- **Pie Drive (supplied by Tony's Pies): Order forms sent home yesterday Wednesday May 22 and due back to school by Thursday June 13**



2019 CALENDAR

TERM 2

MAY

- 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)
- THURS. 13: PIE DRIVE ORDERS AND MONEY DUE
- 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

God, Creator of the World,

Please help us to love one another.

Make nations friendly with other nations.

Make all of us love one another like brother and sister.

Help us to do our part, to bring peace in the world and happiness to all people.

Amen



MASS TIMES

ST PAUL'S CHURCH SUNSHINE AVENUE

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| 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

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| Monday | 9.30 am |
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| 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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- 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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