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Dear Community,

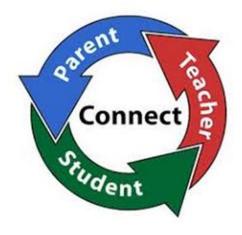
Next Thursday June 27, Parents & Guardians will meet with classroom teachers, in a conversation about their children and how they have worked to achieve the results indicated in their Semester One (Term 1 & Term 2) 'Student Achievement Report'.

The conversations or as we used to term them, the 'interviews', allow parents, guardians & teachers to have a 'say' – to contribute and to be heard.

As parents & guardians and your children's first educators, we ask you again to consider your children as learners at home - their interests, home study/work habits, their strengths and challenges as learners and any information you believe is relevant to them, as members of the St. Paul's learning community. Your understanding and knowledge of your children as learners, combined with input from their teachers in a written Student Achievement Report, will form the basis of your Parent-Teacher Conversations.

Your children's learning is a 'team effort', with the children themselves, you as parents & guardians, their teachers and school staff, all working together to ensure they, the children, are happy, safe and engaged with enthusiasm and interest, in a curriculum which is rich and rigorous, as well as relevant and fun.

In an effort for all of us to be involved in and informed about the children's learning, I ask that you consider carefully what is being asked of you above; come to your children's Parent-Teacher Conversations open to the possibilities for them as learners and willing to be informed as to the next steps they need to take on their learning journey.



Together we can open up a world of learning and opportunities to these most precious and unique 'little people' – your children. We look forward to our conversations with you.

Denis J. Daly

Principal

END OF TERM 2

Please note that school finishes for Term 2 on FRIDAY JUNE 28 at 1:50pm. Parents are requested to pick their child/children at this time. There is NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM on that day.

PARENT - TEACHER CONVERSATIONS

Parent / Teacher Conversations are scheduled for Thursday June 27, between 2.30pm and 8.00pm. The conversations are of 10 minutes duration. It is essential that you are on time for your conversation, as teachers have a very full timetable. If you are going to be late or are unable to attend at your allocated time, please inform your child's teacher or the office staff, so another time on another date can be arranged. <u>School will conclude for the day at 1.50pm</u>. Please be sure to return the blue 'After School Arrangements' form, to your child's class teacher as soon as possible, so that teachers will know what arrangements you will have in place for your children, at the earlier finish time. Conversation bookings may be made online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au, using our unique school code.

URGENT – PREP FAMILIES: SCHOOL ENTRANT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

This a call out to all Prep Parents & Guardians, to fill out and return the 'School Entrant Questionnaire', sent home some weeks ago. Unless we have at least 90% of the questionnaires returned in the coming days, your children will be placed almost last in the queue of Prep students, to be seen by the School Nurse, for their Prep-year health checks. *Please fill out the questionnaire and return it to school URGENTLY*.

CAR PARK – DOUBLE PARKING

Parents, guardians & grandparents, using the car park, are asked to **NOT DOUBLE PARK**, either before school, when dropping off in the morning but most particularly, in the afternoons, at pick up time. Double parking is a dangerous practice, as it places children & adults in danger of being hit by drivers, trying to get around cars illegally parked. Double parking also causes major traffic jamming, because vehicles are unable to get through the car park, due to double parked vehicles blocking the flow of traffic in and out of the car park.



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 <u>www.spkealba.catholic.edu.au</u>. 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 2 & 3). 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.

STUDENT LATE ARRIVALS

If your child arrives at school after the second bell at 9.00 am, please make sure you and your child/children come firstly to the office and not directly to class, to be signed in and receive a Late Pass, to be handed to their class teacher.

Minutes late per day	Equates to days of teaching lost in one year	Number of lessons missed in one year
5 mins	3.5 days	17 lessons
10 mins	7 days	35 lessons
15 mins	10.5 days	52 lessons
20 mins	14 days	70 lessons
30 mins	21 days	104 lessons

ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS & UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES

If children are absent from school for any reason, **Parents or Guardians must notify the school** due to Child Safety Unexplained Student Absence laws, for:

* extended holidays, outside of normal holiday periods, in writing, via the Skoolbag App, a form at the office, letter or email. Please provide your child's name, grade, first date not attending school and date returning to school. If travelling overseas please also include the country visiting. (School must be notified prior to leaving).

* other reasons: illness/sick, medical appointments, personal, family or other reasons, please advise via the Skoolbag App, a phone call, verbally to office staff or class teachers, email or letter.

Please provide your child's name, grade, reason and time of absence. (School must be notified prior, by or on the day of absence before 9.30am).

If we do not receive any notification, office staff shall be obliged to ring either parent/guardian on mobile, home number or at work. If we are unable to make contact, then we will call the Emergency contacts you have provided. *If we are unable to make contact with parents, guardians or emergency contacts,*

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.

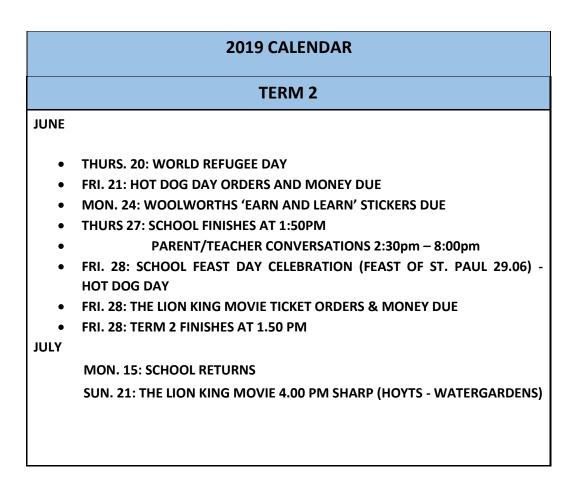
PARENTS GROUP: NEXT METINGS & TERM 2 EVENTS

The next Parents Group Meeting will be held in Term 3, on *Tuesday July 23, at 6.30 pm, in the staffroom* and on *Friday July 26, 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: <u>www.entbook.com.au/94z4839</u> Alternatively, you may complete an order form, or purchase a book for \$70.00 cash, which are both available from the School Office.





THANK YOU GOD.

God, thank You for this day! Thank You for the birds and the animals, the flowers and the trees, the lakes and the streams, and the sun that rises and sets over them each day. Thank You for creating everything we see!

Thank You for the life we live, and for making each person different. Thank You for Jesus, who died for us so that we can go to **heaven** one day just for believing in Him. What an amazing God You are! In Jesus' name, 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

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:

1.....

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

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

Contact No.....







- 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!