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Dear Community,

The Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter Sunday. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter. This year, the Feast of Pentecost will be celebrated this coming Sunday, June 9.



Before he returned to his Father in Heaven, the risen Jesus visited his disciples and promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them. We read in Scripture that one morning, when the disciples were gathered together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and some other women, they suddenly heard a noise like a strong wind. Then they saw what looked to be flames of fire over each of them. "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts of the Apostles, 2:4)

The Holy Spirit filled the disciples with courage and faith, empowering them to share the Good News with others. They began to tell others about Jesus, and that he died for us and rose to new life. On this day, the gift of the Spirit allowed the disciples to communicate even with those who spoke different languages.

On Pentecost, the Apostle Peter spoke to a gathered crowd. He asked the people to be baptized and receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit. Many people were baptized that day. The Apostles continued to baptize many people. They laid their hands on them so that they might receive the Holy Spirit, giving them strength and courage.

The Holy Spirit came to the disciples on Pentecost. God the Father and Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help and guide the Church. The event of Pentecost changed the world and gave rise to today's Church. The Holy Spirit is still with us today, is given to us at the time of our Baptism and confirmed in us by the Bishop at our Confirmation.

The prayer of the Church for all Confirmed Catholics is that they will be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives, living in such a way as to spread God's message of love for all. Those gifts are as follows:

- Wisdom helps us recognize the importance of others and the importance of keeping God central in our lives.
- *Understanding* is the ability to comprehend the meaning of God's message.
- *Knowledge* is the ability to think about and explore God's revelation/message, and also to recognize there are mysteries of faith which are beyond our understanding.
- *Counsel* is the ability to see the best way to follow God's plan when we have choices that relate to Him.
- Fortitude is the courage to do what we know is right.
- Piety helps us pray to God in true devotion.
- Fear of the Lord is the feeling of amazement before God, who is all-present, and whose friendship we do not want to lose.



Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful!



Denis J. Daly

Principal.

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 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.

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S BRINGING LUNCHES TO SCHOOL FOR THEIR CHILDREN

If you choose to bring lunch and snacks to the school rather than to send lunches with your children in the morning or order from the Canteen on days available, office staff would appreciate if you could do so within the following times only:

Lunch between 10.30 & 10.45 am

Snacks between 1.30 & 1.45pm

If you bring food after these times, your children will be watching other children eat their lunch or snacks whilst they do not have any food of their own. Also outside of these times causes disruptions in the class rooms.

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, legislation requires us to call the police, to notify an 'Unexplained Student Absence'.

We would greatly appreciate your co-operation on this matter.

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 tomorrow *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.



• Pie Drive (supplied by Tony's Pies): Order forms sent home Wednesday May 22 and are due back to school by Thursday June 6



2019 CALENDAR

TERM 2

JUNE

- THURS. 6: TONY'S PIES PIE ORDERS DUE
- MON. 10: QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- TUES. 11: PMI MUSIC CONCERT 11.00 AM (SCHOOL HALL)
- THURS, 13: PIE ORDERS DELIVERED
- FRI. 14: HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE 12.00 PM 2.00 PM (ST. MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, KEILOR DOWNS)
- SAT. 15: YR. 3 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2.00 PM 3.00 PM (ST. MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, KEILOR DOWNS)
- THURS. 20: WORLD REFUGEE DAY
- MON. 24: WOOLWORTHS 'EARN AND LEARN' STICKERS DUE
- FRI. 28: SCHOOL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION (FEAST OF ST. PAUL 29.06)
- FRI. 28: THE LION KING MOVIE SLIPS AND MONEY DUE
- FRI. 28: TERM 2 FINISHES AT 1.50 PM

JULY

MON. 15: SCHOOL RETURNS

SUN. 21: THE LION KING MOVIE 4.00 PM SHARP (HOYTS - WATERGARDENS)



A Children's Prayer



Dear Lord

I love you with all my heart.

Bless my day and my night.

Give us your peace today.

Amen

ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4.30 pm

MASS TIMES

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 6.00 pm

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Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	No Mass No Mass 9.30 am	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	9.30 am 9.30 am No Mass No Mass	
Friday	No Mass	Friday	9.30 am	
Saturday	5.00 pm (Latin) 6.30 pm	Saturday	5.00 pm	
Sunday	8.00 am (Maltese) 10.00 am	Sunday	9.00 am 11.00am 5.30pm	



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:

I			
Eldest ChildTeacherTeacher			
am available to work on the following day(s)			
Contact No			







Instrumental Music Lessons On School Campus!







- 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!