

#### ST. PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 230-240 SUNSHINE AVENUE KEALBA VICTORIA 3021

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#### eNEWS 2019 - Term 3 Edition 19

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Dear Community,

A very warm welcome back to Term 3!

I hope you all managed to find some time to relax & re-energise during out wintery break! Many parents, children & staff members had been 'battling' the flu, 'coughs 'n sniffles' and other 'winter bugs', at the end of last term; so, I hope the holidays helped you all to get well again!

Term 3 tends to be a quieter term, however, I hesitate to say that it will be that way for us here at St. Paul's. Day-to-day life in any school is busy; you can't live & work in a school and experience it any other way. So, whilst many of our more significant annual events have come and gone, we still have much to achieve and do, as we enter Semester 2 - the second half of the school year. As is said in racing circles, "We've entered the home straight"! Although the finish line is still quite a long way off!



On Wednesday afternoon, out students, your children, had the opportunity to 'showcase' & share some of their learning achievements over Semester 1. Whilst parents & guardians have a sound understanding of where their children are in their learning, as a result of Student Achievement Reports and Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conversations, our Open Afternoon & Art Show was an opportunity for the kids to share their work with you all. And how impressive is that work! We are very proud of their efforts & results and just wanted to give them the opportunity to show you all just what they are capable of.

There is still much to learn before our 2019 school year finishes; your children are progressing well, striving to do their best and being constantly encouraged to do just that little bit better! Thank you for your ongoing education-efforts at home, which support your children's learning at school; without you, our Parent/Guardian Educators' support, input & encouragement, your children's progress would not be as significant as it is.

I wish all members of our 'St. Paul's Family' a happy & healthy Term 3, filled with much learning and lots of fun!



Denis J. Daly

#### **Principal**

#### **URGENT – PREP FAMILIES: SCHOOL ENTRANT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE**

This an URGENT request 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 BY MONDAY JULY 22*.

#### UNIFORM: LONG PANTS FOR GIRLS

Long pants are now available for the girls, as part of our Winter Uniform. The long pants are in stock and available for purchase from our uniform supplier, Academy Uniforms, in Thomastown. They will also be in stock and available for purchase from Friday July 19, in our Uniform Shop, here at school. They should be worn with the school blouse (blue, with a Peter Pan collar) and the school pullover (charcoal, with the embroidered school crest). 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 <a href="https://www.academyuniforms.com.au">www.academyuniforms.com.au</a>

#### **TERM 3 SCHOOL CLOSURE**

Our Term 3 school closure will take place on <u>Friday August 16</u>. The day will have a focus on Student Wellbeing, with staff working on Catholic Education Melbourne's new 'Intervention Framework'. The framework has been designed to support all Catholic schools' staff members in coming to an understanding of the diverse and complex needs of learners in our Catholic school system, here in Melbourne.



#### **CAR PARK – ONGOING ISSUES**

Thank you to those parents, guardians & grandparents, who have 'listened' to my request to be more considerate in their use of the car park. We continue to have issues though, with double parking, parking in 'No Standing' & 'Disabled Only' zones and speeding. Ultimately, we all want your children to arrive at school safely and leave safely at the end of the school day. Your care and attention to the safe use of the car park is all I am asking, so that every child & adult are safe in, around and moving through the car park.



### SAVE THE DATE! WHOLE SCHOOL DANCE SHOWCASE - THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2019

Remember to save the date for our whole school performance on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm. The students have already begun learning their dance routines for our Dance Showcase. Further details regarding ticket sales will follow during the term. Looking forward to

sharing our dance moves with you all!

#### INTRODUCING THE NEW NCCD PORTAL

A new Portal has been launched to help school communities participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

Every school is required to submit data to the NCCD. The information gathered helps teachers, principals, education authorities and governments better understand and support students with disability.

There is no change to the data submission process this year. However, school communities can access extra support through a comprehensive online resource.

The new NCCD Portal is packed with free and practical resources to support schools and their communities to participate in the NCCD, including e-learning modules, videos, case studies and templates.

The Portal includes step-by-step guides to the NCCD process, explains why data is collected and what supporting evidence is required, and suggests key timelines for action.

The e-learning modules assist school leaders, teachers and teaching assistants to understand their obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, the Disability Standards for Education 2005 and more.

Parents, guardians and carers can also find tailored information on the Portal.

For more information on the NCCD, visit <a href="www.nccd.edu.au">www.nccd.edu.au</a>.

#### **FOUNDATION (PREP) STUDENTS – ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS**

Interviews with existing families, for Prep 2020, 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 <a href="https://www.spkealba.catholic.edu.au">www.spkealba.catholic.edu.au</a>. 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.

#### **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,* 

#### **PARENTS GROUP**

The next Parents Group Meetings will be held, 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 is 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: <a href="www.entbook.com.au/94z4839">www.entbook.com.au/94z4839</a> Alternatively, you may complete an order form, or purchase a book for \$70.00 cash, which are both available from the School Office.
- 'Lion King Movie Day': Sunday July 21, at Hoyts Cinemas, Watergardens

#### **2019 CALENDAR**

#### TERM 3

#### JULY

- WED. 17: GR 3 MELBOURNE ZOO EXCURSION
   OPEN AFTERNOON & ART SHOW 3.00PM 5.30PM
- THUR. 18: SHOE LACES INCURSION PREP YR 1
- FRI. 19: GR. 4 HEALESVILLE EXCURSION
- SUN. 21: THE LION KING MOVIE 4.00 PM SHARP (HOYTS -WATERGARDENS)
- TUES. 23: PARENTS GROUP EVENING MEETING 6.30 PM (STAFFROOM)
- FRI. 26: PARENTS GROUP MORNING MEETING 9.00 AM (LIBRARY)

#### **AUGUST**

- FRI. 9: '100 DAYS OF PREP' CELEBRATION
- THURS. 15: FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 9.30 AM
- FRI. 16: SCHOOL CLOSURE STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
- MON. 26 FRI. 30: LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK
- THURS. 29: FATHERS DAY STALL
- FRI. 30: BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY & PARADE

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- SUN. 1: FATHERS DAY
- THURS. 19: WHOLE SCHOOL DANCE SPECTACULAR (CCCC, QUIN AUDITORIUM, BRAYBROOK)
- FRI. 20: SCHOOL FINISHES FOR TERM 3 1.50 PM



#### Dear God,

Thank you for looking after our school.

Thank you that you love each and every one of us here.

Help us to learn, play and share together,

so that the wonderful world you have made
becomes more beautiful every day. Amen



#### **MASS TIMES**

ST PAUL'S CHURCH	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH
SUNSHINE AVENUE	ODESSA AVENUE

KEALBA KEILOR DOWNS

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

RECONCILIATION: RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 6.00 pm 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 Terms 1 & 4), 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.

Eldest Child	Grade	.Teacher	
am available to work on the following	day(s)		
Contact No			















#### 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!

P: 1300 362 824 E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.a.

www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au

## Ave Maria College

in support of St Maria Mazzarello School, Venilale, Timor-Leste



# Join us in celebrating this fun and entertaining Community Event!

#### WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

This is a great opportunity to have a fun night out with parents, staff and friends of the Ave Maria Community, and at the same time help to raise funds for the College's sister school St Maria Mazzarello school in Venilale, Timor-leste

#### WHO IS IT FOR ?

parents and friends of Ave Maria College along with staff and year 10-12 students

#### WHAT TO BRING....

BYO food and drinks, themed table, sense of fun and bring some gold coins for mini games and the raffle

alcohol is permitted - please note that the College supports the responsible service of alcohol. Ave Maria College students, regardless of age, are not permitted to consume alcohol at all during this event.

Friday, 19 July 2019 6.30-10.30 pm Francis Hall

Trivia starts at 7pm sharp!

Tickets \$25

100% of ticket sales go directly to St Maria Mazzarello school

Tickets on sale NOW www.trybooking.com/BCXVR

