



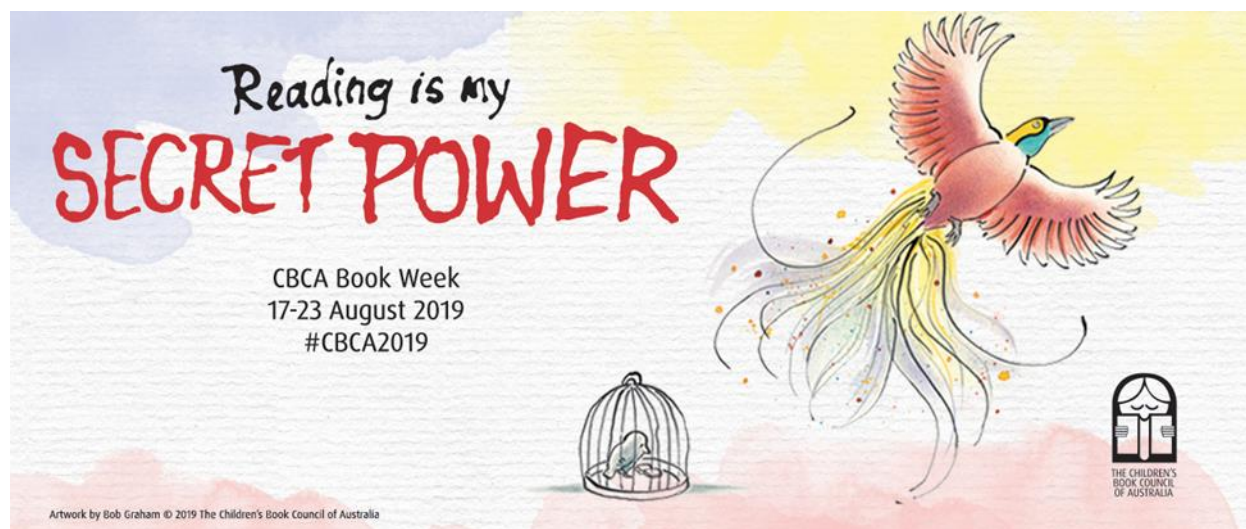
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Dear Community,

Over the next two weeks St. Paul's Primary School will celebrate its own ***'Literacy & Numeracy Weeks'***, as a part of the Children's Book Council of Australia's nationwide, 'Book Week', under the theme of ***'Reading is My Secret Power'***.



From Monday August 26 to Friday September 6, our learning & teaching community will be involved in a series of activities focusing on English & Mathematics. The staff have planned two action packed weeks, culminating in our annual ***'Book Character Dress Up Day & Parade'***, **next Friday August 30, at 2.30 pm.**

Research conducted by the Department of Education Victoria, resulted in the following findings about reading to and with children:

- The frequency of reading to children at a young age, has a direct effect on their schooling outcomes, regardless of their family background and home environment.
- Reading to children at age 4-5 every day, has a significant positive effect on their reading skills and thinking skills (language & literacy, numeracy and thinking) later in life.

- Reading to children 3-5 days per week (compared to 2 or less) has the same effect on the child's reading skills at age 4-5 as being six months older.
- Reading to them 6-7 days per week has the same effect as being almost 12 months older.
- Children read to more frequently at age 4-5 achieve higher scores on the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for both Reading and Numeracy in Year 3 (age 8 to 9).
- These differences in reading and thinking skills are not related to the child's family background or home environment but are the direct result of how often they have been read to prior to starting school.

The importance and impact of parents & guardians reading to and with their children cannot be understated; the results (above) 'speak' for themselves. It is vital that, as a family, you value & encourage reading; this is inclusive of 'take-home readers' and 'free-choice' reading material (library books, book club books and home-library books).

One of the best places to start, in encouraging a love of literacy & reading in your children, is to 'grow' a home library with them. Begin collecting / purchasing books for them as infants and allow & encourage them to purchase their own books through book club. Having their own home library will allow them to reread their own books, as well as take pride in their growing collection of books.

To help the children to 'grow' their home library, we have arranged for Lamont Books to bring in a large selection of books for the children (you!) to purchase, as part of our 'Literacy & Numeracy Weeks', annual **'Lamont Book Fair'**, running from **Thursday August 29 to Wednesday September 4**.

In short reading opens up the world to your children, gives them access to all aspects of their learning and supports them in becoming independent learners. It becomes one of their 'super powers'!

I hope you enjoy 'Literacy & Numeracy Weeks' over the next two weeks at St. Paul's and that you continue to read to & with your children.



Denis J. Daly

Principal

FATHERS DAY STALL

The Parents Group will run a **'Fathers' Day Stall'**, for the children to purchase gifts for Dads, Grandads & significant 'Father Figures' in their lives, **next Thursday morning, August 29 and again on next Friday morning, August 30**.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION MELBOURNE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS – CEMSIS

Melbourne Catholic school communities (staff, primary students in Years 4-6 & parents) will be asked to fill out our **annual school improvement survey**, between **Monday September 2 and Friday September 20**. The data collected from these surveys will support us in improving our school to be the best learning & teaching community we can be. The survey will be conducted online, with survey & survey access details coming home in the next two weeks. Please consider completing the survey and offering your thoughts & opinions on how we can best improve our school.



CEMSIS **Family** survey
opens for family input
this year from 2-20 September 2019.



PARENTS GROUP FUNDED WORKS & PURCHASES TO DATE

The Parents Group, with families' fundraising support, have, to date this year, allowed the school to provide the children with the following:

- Tiny Town additions: a Police Station and a Vet, with 'decking' around each cubby
- 30 new Chromebooks with a charge trolley & Google access software (120 Chromebooks have now been purchased with funds raised)
- The refurbishment of the Junior & Senior adventure playgrounds
- The installation of a GaGa Pit (Google it!), at the rear of the Senior School portable classrooms



Future planned purchases (2019/2020) include the following:

- 3D printers at Junior, Middle & Senior levels, to support student access to a strategic S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) plan
- Robotics resources to support the S.T.E.A.M. plan

- Landscaping of Tiny Town (surfaces, seating & surroundings)
- Installation of an 8 metre long 'rock climbing wall', on the outside wall of Room 5, facing the Junior adventure playground
- Decking & seating at the rear of the Senior School (Year 5 & 6) block



CYBERSAFETY – YOUR KIDS ONLINE

Do your children have access to a smart phone, tablet device (iPad), laptop p.c., or desktop computer? Do your children have a social media account, such as Facebook, Snap Chat, Instagram, WhatsApp, Viber, Twitter, etc. or access to Apps.? Do you control what websites your children regularly visit or internet searches they make or Apps that they access?

Allowing your children access to digital devices and the internet is important, as they are part of the world in which our kids are growing up in and learning in. However, problems are sure to arise if you, as their parents, are not controlling, supporting and guiding them in that access. Allowing a child to take a digital device to their bedroom and close the door, is potentially exposing them to grave danger online.

Here at St. Paul's we have a strong commitment to cybersafety, supporting and directing the children in how to be safe & responsible online cyber citizens. We would also like to support you, as their parents & guardians, in being informed about potential online dangers for your children. In order to do that, early next term, we will be offering you an opportunity to meet with two cybersafety experts (a teacher & a child psychologist), who will provide you with lots of information and take home resources on cybersafety.

The date for the parent & guardian meeting will be **Monday October 14, at 7.00 pm, in the hall**. It will be a parent only session, with school staff supporting you with child minding services, if you need to bring the kids along.

Further details will be sent home before the end of term.



2019 CALENDAR

TERM 3

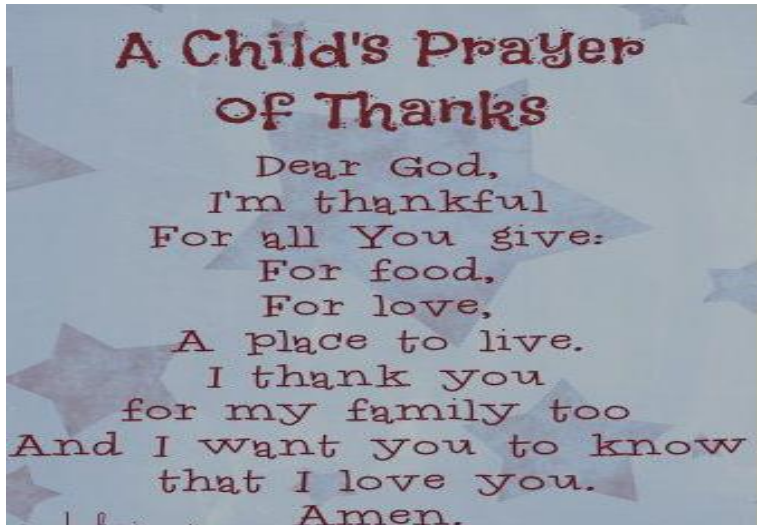
AUGUST

- **FRI. 23: PARENTS GROUP MEETING – 9.00 AM (D.C. – LIBRARY)**
- **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. 5: PREP AND GRADE ONE MUSEUM EXCURSION**
- **THURS. 12: FOOTY FEVER PIZZA DAY**
- **WED. 18: WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 9.30 AM**
- **THURS. 19: WHOLE SCHOOL DANCE SPECTACULAR (CCCC, QUIN AUDITORIUM, BRAYBROOK)**
- **FRI. 20: SCHOOL FINISHES FOR TERM 3 – 1.50 PM**





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



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.....

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

Contact No.....



Catholic
Regional
College
St Albans

Enrolments for Year 7 2021

Dear Parents,

Recently Year 5 students from St Paul's Primary School visited Catholic Regional College St Albans. This was an opportunity for them to experience a secondary school in action and to see the College. It was a pleasure to watch the students engage in activities and for our students to catch up with staff and students from their primary school.

If you would like to enrol your child at our College, key dates are as follows:

Friday 23rd August 2019: Applications for Year 7 2021 close

Friday 25th October 2019: Offers of places posted to families

Friday 8th November 2019: Final date for acceptance of offers made

Applications for enrolment are available at your school office or on our College website: www.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au

If you have any queries, please contact our Registrar Mrs Eileen Chalmers on 9366 2544 or email echalmers@crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au



ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 2021 ONWARDS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

*Enrolments for Year 7 2021 close
23 August 2019*

**Next Open Morning Tour:
Tuesday 3 September at 9am**

**9363 1711
www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au**



MARIAN COLLEGE SUNSHINE WEST

A Kildare Education Ministries Catholic school for girls in the Brigidine tradition

196 Glengala Road, West Sunshine 3020 T - 9363 1711 www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au

Ave Maria College
presents



GREASE
Book, Music and Lyrics By JIM JACOBS and WARREN CASEY

Friday 23 & Saturday 24 @ 7.00pm
Sunday 25 @ 1.30pm
August 2019

THE CLOCKTOWER CENTRE 750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds
TICKETS: \$25.00

<https://www.cloktowercentre.com.au/Whats-On/Schools-and-Events/Ave-Maria-College>



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Fundraising Dinner & Auction

WHEN

Friday 30th August 2019

Commences 6.30pm with canapés
7.00pm soup

WHERE

Mount St Joseph Girls' College
133 Maidstone St, Altona

COST

\$40.00pp (3 course meal, BYO drinks)

TICKETS

Call MMHC (03) 9926 9300

RSVP Friday 23rd August 2019