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## **eNEWS 2019 - Term 4 Edition 36**

**Thursday 12 December 2019**

Dear Community,

As we come to the end of the 2019 school year, it is timely that we look back in gratitude for all that has been achieved in this year, as well as looking forward to 2020, with a sense of hope for what may be possible.

This is a time to express our gratitude and a time bid farewell, a time to celebrate achievements and a time to look to the future with hope, a time to complete the year's work and a time to plan for what a new year may bring; it is a time of hope, joy, peace & love – it is Advent!

And so with that 'spirit' of Advent very much in our minds, it is timely that we say, "Thank you", to all the members of our 'St. Paul's Family', who have, in so many ways, contributed to ensuring we have had a year of goals achieved & challenges met together.

To Monsignor Portelli, as our Parish Priest, for his faith leadership, wisdom & support, we say "Thank you"; to our School Leaders, for their guidance, inspiration & always being there, we say "Thank you"; to our Curriculum Leaders, for their insight, direction & knowledge shared, we say "Thank you"; to our Admin. Team, for their organisation, management & oversight, we say "Thank you"; to our Parents Group, for their enthusiasm, innovation & opportunities provided, we say "Thank you"; to our families, for their trust, encouragement & support, we say "Thank you"; and, to our students, your children, for their enthusiasm, energy and excitement in learning & life, we say "Thank you".

To those of our community who are leaving us at the end of the year – our Year 6 students, families & students moving out of the area or to a new school setting - we wish you well in your future endeavours & efforts; we are grateful of your time with us and all that you have contributed to the St. Paul's 'Family'. We shall miss you but you go with our prayers & thoughts, as you move on to new experiences & a continuing learning journey.



As the old African proverb states, “It takes a whole village to raise a child”; I truly believe that the St. Paul’s community is a living testament to that proverb. We exist solely for the children and all we do & say is focused on them and for them. I am indeed blest & most fortunate to be Principal, in a community where ‘kids matter’; where the efforts of the adults are directed towards ensuring those kids get the best education possible, in a safe, secure & well-resourced learning environment; and, where they are provided with rich & relevant experiences in life & learning, opening up our amazing world to them.

As a learning & teaching community we have worked very deliberately to ensure our St. Paul’s ‘Essence Statement’ is lived out in all we do and say, when ...

***Like Christ***

***We believe in valuing each individual***

***For who they are***

***And***

***Who they can be***

May your Christmas be a time of hope, joy, peace & love, with family and friends and may the New Year bring you opportunities, experiences, happiness & good health.



**Denis J. Daly**

**Principal**

## **FINAL DAY**

School finishes for Prep – Yr. 5 students on Wednesday December 18 at 1.50 am. The Out of School Hours Care Program (Before School Care) will only operate in the morning on the last day.

## **2020 DATES**

### **TERM 1:**

- Tuesday 28 January: Staff return
- Wednesday 29 January: Staff planning & preparation
- Thursday 30 January: Students return – 8.50 am start for Yr. 1 – Yr. 6 students; 9.30 am start for Prep students
- Wednesday 5 February: No Preps
- Thursday 6 February: Parent-Teacher Conversations
- Wednesday 12 February: No Preps
- Thursday 13 February: Opening of the School Year Mass
- Wednesday 19 February: No Preps
- Wednesday 19 February – Friday 21 February: Yr. 6 Urban Experience (Camp)
- Wednesday 26 February: No Preps

- Wednesday 26 February: Ash Wednesday – Lent begins (Whole School Mass 9.30 am)
- Wednesday 4 March: No Preps
- Thursday 5 March: School Photos
- Monday 9 March: Labour Day Public Holiday
- Friday 27 March: Term 1 Ends – 1.50 pm finish

Term 2, Term 3 and Term 4 dates will be supplied at the beginning of the 2020 School Year, inclusive of sacrament dates.

## **CANTEEN**

Last day for ordering school lunches and purchasing from canteen this year, will be tomorrow, Friday December 13.

After this day, all parents and guardians must provide lunches, snacks and drinks for the children until the end of the school year.

## **FOUNDATION (PREP) 2020 - ORIENTATION**

The Last Orientation day for our 2020 Foundation students will be:

- Monday December 16, 9.00 am – 11.00 pm: 'Step Up Day': Children only – No parents (with Year 1 – Year 5 students)

## **FEE ARRANGEMENT FORMS FOR 2020**

To the families who have returned the forms we thank you kindly. To all other families whom have not returned the forms as yet, please do so as soon as possible. As they were due on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## **CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

If anyone is missing any belongings after leaving the Christmas Carols night, could you please contact the school office.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS**

If families have school uniform items they no longer need or use i.e. (children leaving St Paul's, no younger siblings to pass uniform onto) and they are in good condition, could you please drop off at the school front office. These will be used in the sick bay for children when they have been sick or have an accident.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

As we are coming to the end of the school year, could all families with children missing school uniform items, lunch boxes, drink bottles and other items, please check lost property as soon as possible. Also if you or your child have lost any personal items such glasses, small toys or other, then please check with the school office.

# 2019 CALENDAR

## TERM 4

### DECEMBER

- THURS. 12: END OF YEAR - WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR MASS (9.30 AM)
- THURS. 12: YEAR 6 GRADUATION – LITURGY 7.00 PM – FOLLOWED BY SUPPER IN SCHOOL HALL
- FRI. 13: YEAR 6 GUARD OF HONOR/ALL CLASSES TO JOIN/FAMILIES WELCOME IN COURTYARD FROM (2.30 PM)
- FRI. 13: YEAR 6 FINISH (USUAL TIME)
- MON. 16: WHOLE SCHOOL 'STEP UP DAY' (9.00 AM – 1.00 PM) – INCLUDING FOUNDATION 2020 STUDENTS (9.00 AM – 11.00 AM)
- WED. 18: FOUNDATION TO YEAR 5 FINISH (1.50 PM)
- THURS. 19: TERM 4 ENDS - OFFICE CLOSING & STAFF FINISH FOR 2019



## A CHILDREN'S PRAYER FOR OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS

O God of all beginnings and endings,  
We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.  
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,  
With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

The days have passed quickly, O Lord.  
The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days,  
The exams, vacations, breaks, and assemblies,  
All have come forth from your hand.

While we trust that your purposes have always been at work each  
day,

Sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate  
Just what you have been up to in our school.

Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.  
Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.  
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,  
And bless us, according to your will,

With the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams.  
Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,  
And guide each day as you have done this past year.  
Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.

May we continue to grow  
In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace  
All the days of our lives.



AMEN

## 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 pm

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019 OLYMPIAD TEAM



As Olympiad Coach of 2019, I would like to congratulate ALL team members on their enormous effort this year. A special congratulations goes to our 3 winners who received a trophy for achieving the highest score in the St Paul's team. Those members were;

**Highest Scores for 2019 at St Paul's: Jessica Le, Vincent Vo and Anthony Pham**  
**Special Encouragement Award: Charlie Khalifeh**

**Well done to the following members:**

**Year 6s:** Nathan H, Thy-An T, Jessica L, Ashton N, James M, Vincent V, Jovan P, Amy,  
**Year 5s:** Gisele B, Charlie K, Emma L, Mitchell C, Anthony P, Lucy N, Marko F, Ethan P, Natalie L, Kelvin V, Angelina P, Ai-Vy D

**Coach: Mrs Calvano**

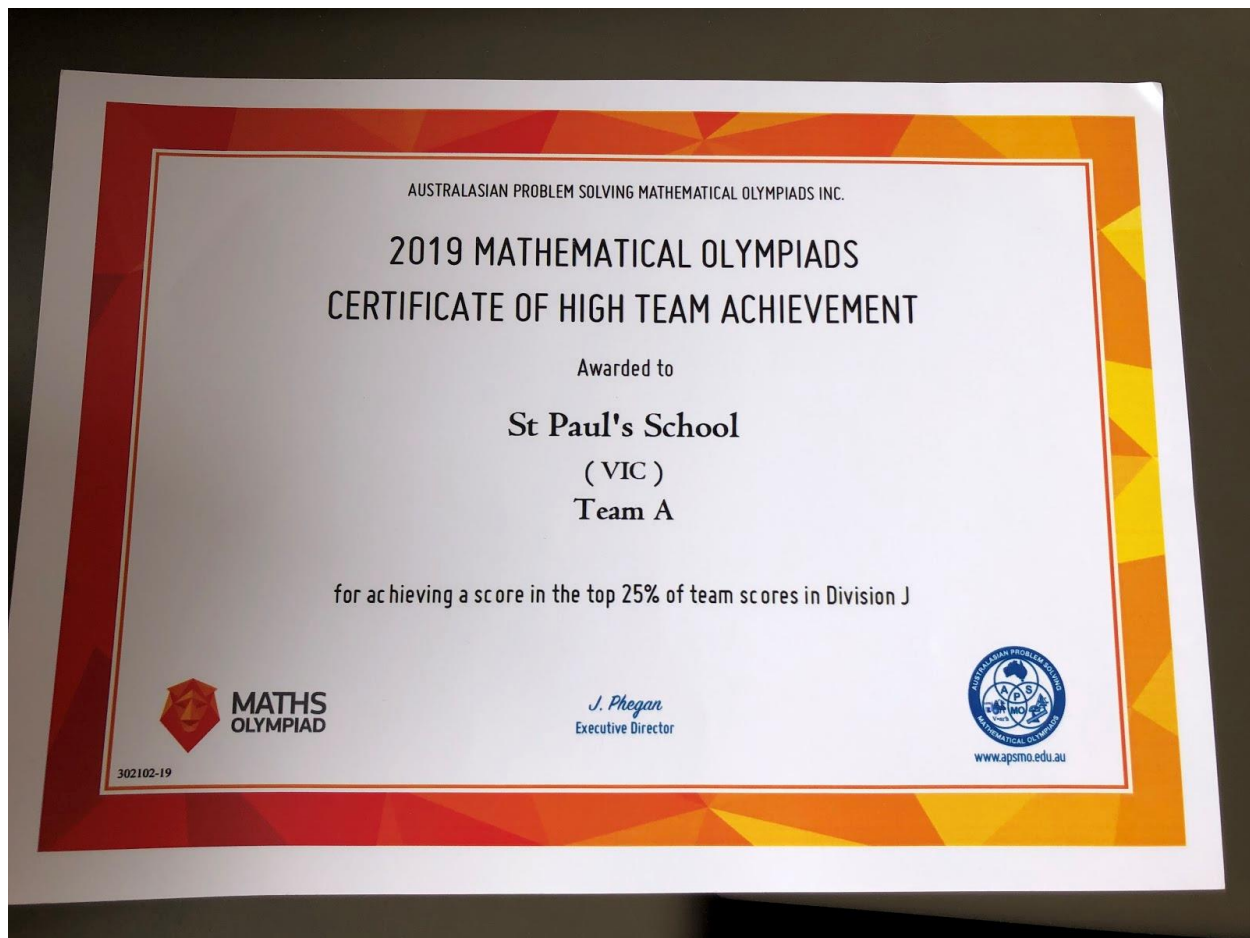




***But there's more.....***

***For the first time, St Paul's has received a special award for achieving a score in the top 25% of team scores in our division.***

***Great work team!!!!!!!!!!!!***



# NOT RETURNING TO ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2020

If your child/children will not be returning to St. Paul's in 2020, would you please complete the section below and return this to the School Office. This does not apply to the current Grade 6 children.

This information is required, as transfer documentation must be completed between this school and the new school your child/children will be attending in 2020.

Your co-operation regarding this matter would be most appreciated.

## CHILD/CHILDREN NOT RETURNING IN 2020

Name of Child:	Grade:
Name of Child:	Grade:
Name of Child:	Grade:
Name of Child:	Grade:

The above named will not be returning to St. Paul's Primary School, Kealba in 2020.

New School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

N.B.: PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





## TRỢ GIÚP TÀI CHÁNH THÔNG TIN CHO PHỤ HUYNH

Mọi trẻ em ở Victoria đều nên có được thật nhiều cơ hội học tập bên ngoài lớp học. Quỹ dành cho Cắm trại, Thể thao và Du ngoạn (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) giúp đảm bảo là không có em nào bị lỡ mất cơ hội cùng các bạn trong lớp tham gia các hoạt động quan trọng, mang tính giáo dục và vui nhộn. Điều này nằm trong kế hoạch làm cho Victoria trở thành Tiểu bang Giáo dục và cam kết của Chính phủ nhằm phá vỡ mối liên hệ giữa nguồn gốc với thành quả học tập của học sinh.

### QUỸ DÀNH CHO CẮM TRẠI, THỂ THAO & DU NGOẠN (CSEF)

Đi cắm trại với trường sẽ cho các em những trải nghiệm lý thú ở bên ngoài, các cuộc du ngoạn khuyến khích tìm hiểu sâu sắc hơn về hoạt động của thế giới còn thể thao dạy các em kỹ năng làm việc theo nhóm, kỷ luật và lãnh đạo. Tất cả đều nằm trong khuôn khổ một chương trình giảng dạy lành mạnh.

CSEF sẽ được Chính phủ tiểu bang Victoria cung cấp nhằm trợ giúp các gia đình hội đủ điều kiện để trang trải chi phí cho các hoạt động du ngoạn, cắm trại và thể thao ở trường.

Nếu quý vị có thể giảm giá hợp lệ được cấp dựa trên trải nghiệm tài chính hoặc là cha mẹ nuôi tạm thời (foster parent), quý vị có thể hội đủ điều kiện để được nhận CSEF. Ngoài ra còn có một tiêu chuẩn cần nhắc đặc biệt dành cho các gia đình tảo mộ và tị nạn. Khoản phụ cấp này được trả cho trường để sử dụng cho các chi phí liên quan tới các hoạt động cắm trại, du ngoạn hoặc thể thao phục vụ lợi ích con em quý vị.

Số tiền CSEF hàng năm cho mỗi học sinh là:

- \$125 cho học sinh tiểu học
- \$225 cho học sinh trung học

### LÀM THẾ NÀO ĐỂ XIN

Liên lạc với văn phòng của trường để lấy đơn xin CSEF hoặc tải từ [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### ĐỂ CÓ THÊM THÔNG TIN

Để biết ngày hết hạn nộp đơn xin CSEF và có thêm thông tin về quỹ, hãy vào trang mạng [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)



## المساعدة المالية معلومات للوالدين

يجب أن يتمكن كل طفل في فيكتوريا من الوصول إلى عالم الفرص التعليمية الذي يوجد خارج الصف الدراسي. يساعد صندوق المخيمات والرياضة والرحلات (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) على ضمان عدم تفويت أي طالب الفرصة للانضمام إلى زملائه في الأنشطة الهامة والتعليمية والممتعة. إن هذا هو جزء من جعل فيكتوريا ولاية التعليم والفرص الحكومية بقطع الصلة بين خلفية الطلاب ونتائجهم.

### كيفية تقديم الطلب

إتصلوا بـمكتب المدرسة للحصول على إستمارة طلب CSEF أو قوموا بتحميلها من [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### معلومات إضافية

لمعرفة المواعيد النهائية لتقديم طلبات CSEF والحصول على معلومات إضافية حول الصندوق قوموا بزيارة [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### صندوق المخيمات والرياضة والرحلات (CSEF)

توفر المخيمات المدرسية للأطفال التجارب الملهمة في الهواء الطلق الرائع، وتشجع الرحلات على فهم أعمق لكيفية عمل العالم، وتعلم الرياضة والعمل الجماعي والانضباط والقيادة. إن هذه جميعها هي جزء من المنهج السليم.

سيتم توفير CSEF من قبل حكومة فيكتوريا لمساعدة الأسر المؤهلة لتغطية تكاليف الرحلات والمخيمات والأنشطة الرياضية المدرسية.

إذا كنتم تملكون بطاقة التخفيضات الخاضعة لإختبار المدخول سارية المفعول أو كنتم والدئ التيني المؤقت، فقد تكونوا مؤهلين للحصول على CSEF. توجد أيضا فئة الإعتمادات الخاصة لطالبي اللجوء والأسر الناجئة. يتم دفع المخصصات إلى المدرسة لإستخدامها في ما يتعلق بالنقلات المتعلقة بالمخيمات والرحلات والأنشطة الرياضية لصالح طفلكم.

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