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eNEWS 2020 - Term 1 Edition 2

Thursday 20 February 2020

Dear Community,

It is hard to believe that nest week will see us at the half way mark of Term 1.

Your children have made a great start to their new school year and grade level; lots of learning and excitement about what school and a new grade level holds for them.

Thank you for your input into our Parent-Teacher Conversations of last week. Whilst 10 minutes hardly seems enough time to talk about your children, it does provide us, their teacher-educators, with an invaluable insight into who they are as learners at home. Your ongoing conversations with us throughout the school year, formal & informal, are essential in us keeping us informed about your children and their progress, as well as maintaining a healthy parent-teacher home-school partnership.

Next Wednesday February 26 is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday commences the church season of Lent. As our shelves start to fill with all manner of chocolate and confectionary, with the approach of Easter, Lent is a reminder of the importance of penance (sacrifice), prayer and alms giving (looking after those in need). Lent helps us more deeply understand the Easter event that is at the centre of our Christian faith, and strengthens our commitment to living the life of love and mercy to which Jesus calls us. We can use this time to consider how our actions affect our relationship with God, with others and with our deepest self. Lent is a time for renewing those relationships based on compassion, truth and justice.



The first edition of the *Catholic Education Today* magazine will be sent home today. The first edition of the year, is a great introduction to Catholic education for parents and students new to our schools. It also shares the highlights to come in the very busy year ahead of us, accompanied by data that tells the story of the

excellent job Catholic schools are doing to educate their students. An <u>electronic copy</u> of the edition is also available from the Catholic Education Melbourne website.

Following last week's 2020 Annual General Meeting of the St. Paul's Parents Group, the following parents have taken on the following roles as the 2020 Organising Committee:

President:Natalie PearsonVice President:Anna JezierskiSecretary:Daniela KraljevicTreasurer:Evelyn Ellis / Vanessa Barbara

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following outgoing committee members for their tireless work, commitment & enthusiasm to and for our St. Paul's 'family':

Evelyn Ellis:	President
Vanessa Barbara:	Vice President
Tanya Cuxson:	Secretary

eNEWS will now be a fortnightly edition, with any urgent communications coming out to the community via CareMonkey, SkoolBag and/or our 2020 Families group email.

Have a wonderful fortnight of learning together everyone.

Denis J. Daly

Principal

2021 FOUNDATION (PREP) STUDENTS - ENROL NOW

We will shortly being advertising for 2021 Foundation (Prep) Enrolments. 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, a Foundation 2021 Enrolment Pack (including an Enrolment Application) can be downloaded from the school website at <u>www.spkealba.catholic.edu.au</u>, on the 'Enrolments' page. We would appreciate that you complete the application and return it to us as soon as possible, so as to ensure a place for your child.



2020 SCHOOL PHOTOS – REGISTER ONLINE FOR PHOTO ORDERS

School photos will be taken this year, on *Thursday March 5.* Photo Order details will be sent home today. Like last year you will be able to *register online with Arthur Reed Photography* and order your school photos electronically, when they are available for viewing after 'School Photo Day'.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Year 3 Catholic students will celebrate their *First Reconciliation*, on *Thursday March 28, at 7.00 pm in St. Paul's Church.* A *First Reconciliation Family Night* will be held on *Tuesday March 3, at 7.00 pm, in the school hall.*



LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

This year's Labour Day Public Holiday, will take place on Monday March 9.



STUDENT ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Just a reminder to all parents and guardians, if your child is going to be absent from school, please notify the school as soon as possible, preferably by 9.30 am at the latest. This may be done via Skoolbag, stating name of child, grade, date and reason of absence. Alternatively you may also phone the school office, advise the class teacher or via email. As our school roll has to be completed every morning and afternoon, if we are not notified you will be contacted, which for many reasons may be inconvenient for yourself if you are working. If you are aware your child is going to be absent the night before, you may notify the school via the SkoolBag App.

ENTRY TO SCHOOL GROUNDS

For the safety of all our children once the school gates are closed during school hours, all parents, visitors, couriers, contractors, visiting the canteen or any part of the school grounds, must report to the office before going to classrooms. This includes all Prep families attending for the Prep children's testing.

2020 CALENDAR

TERM 1

FEBRUARY

- 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)
- Friday 28 February: 2020 Welcome Picnic

MARCH

- Tuesday 3 March: First Reconciliation Family Night
 - Wednesday 4 March: No Preps
- Thursday 5 March: School Photos & Parents Group Meeting
- Monday 9 March: Labour Day Public Holiday
- Thursday 12 March: Sacrament of First Reconciliation
- Tuesday 17 March: Feast of St. Patrick & Parents Group 'Sausage Sizzle'
- Monday 23 March: Foundation 2021 Information Sessions & School Tour
- Tuesday 24 March: Confirmation Family Night
- Thursday 26 March: Easter Bonnet Parade & Raffle
- Friday 27 March: Term 1 Ends (1.50 pm finish)

2020 FEE & LEVIES SCHEDULE – EXPLANATION & BREAKDOWN

I write to you to inform you of our 2020 fees and to explain payment methods, so that there is no confusion. The statement which you will receive at the beginning of the 2020 school year will be the **FULL** amount for fees, levies and camp (where applicable) due for the entire year.

School Fees:	\$1,710.00 per Family per year.			
Curriculum & I.C.T. Levy:	\$ 315.00 per student	Total of \$710.00		
Excursion/Sports	\$ 395.00 per student	per student		
Grade 4 Camp:	\$ 330.00 per student –	Wed 25 th Nov – Friday 27 th Nov 2020		
Grade 5 Camp:	\$ 340.00 per student –	Wed 18 th Nov – Friday 20 th Nov 2020		
Grade 6 Camp:	\$ 350.00 per student –	Wed 19 th Feb – Friday 21 st Feb 2020		
	(Camp dates are subject to availability)			
Parish Contribution:	\$ 300.00 per family (to be billed separately by the parish)			

There has been an increase in 2019 school fees and levies, as per my letter of explanation dated 1st September 2018. Every effort has been made to keep these increases to a minimum. The following explains

all areas of fees and levies at St Paul's Primary School. Fee collection is how we continue to provide a rich and

well-resourced education and school facility for your children.

We have provided a number of options to meet the needs of our families; these are listed on page two.

- If you commit to a Direct Debit, Credit Card or Centrepay Agreement, <u>YOUR PAYEMENT OF FEES, LEVIES AND CAMP FEES ARE INCLUDED AS PART OF THIS AGREEMENT AND</u> <u>THE AGREEMENT WILL BE VALID UNTIL YOU WITHDRAW IT.</u>
- If you choose to pay in person at the office and not commit to any agreement the:
 - CURRICULUM-I.C.T. LEVY: IS TO BE PAID IN FULL BY THE END OF FEBRUARY EACH YEAR
 - FEES: ARE TO BE PAID IN FULL BY 11th SEPTEMBER 2020
 - CAMP FEE: IS TO BE PAID IN FULL 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO CHILD ATTENDING CAMP

Excursion/Sports and Curriculum-I.C.T. Levy: these levies pay for work books, excursions, stationery, library books,

I.C.T. resources and all the resources needed to educate your child. As from 2013 the Curriculum Levy has included all necessary stationery items which your children will need for the entire school year; you are not required to purchase any stationery items for your child. These items will be distributed to the children by the classroom teachers.

<u>School Fees</u>: are based on a Family Fee and not attributed to individual children. These fees pay for the running costs of a school, such as insurance, maintenance, power, gas, water and so on. These fees are, in fact, due and payable at the start of the school year. As you would no doubt be aware, many other schools ensure this happens. However, I am mindful that this, in many cases, is simply impossible. Therefore, agreements can be entered into to which suit the needs of your family and ensure that the **account is paid in full by 11th September 2020.**

<u>Camp Fees</u>: will be invoiced to families with students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 and are payable 14 days prior to the child attending camp, unless you have a Direct Debit, Credit Card or Centrepay Agreement.

We have made every effort to keep costs to a minimum and still provide a rich, relevant and well-resourced education for your children.

If you are experiencing any difficulties please remember to come and speak to me as early as possible; together we will work out appropriate alternatives.

PAYING METHODS FOR 2020 FAMILY ACCOUNT

School Fees:	\$1,710.00 per Family per year.			
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AND THE AGREEMENT WILL BE VALID UNTIL YOU WITHDRAW IT.				
	n person at the office and not commit to any agreement, you	have the		
option to pay any amount you choose, as long as you observe the following:				
CURRICULUM-I.C.T. LEVY: TO BE	PAID IN FULL BY THE END OF FEBRUARY EACH YEAR.			
FEES : <u>TO</u>	BE PAID IN FULL BY 2 nd LAST WEEK OF TERM 3 OF EACH YEAR.			
CAMPS: <u>TO</u>	BE PAID IN FULL 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO CHILD ATTENDING CAMP.			

Family Name:	Mother's / Father's	First Name	
Eldest Student's Name: (in 2020)	Elde	est Student's Grade Level:	
Signature:			
Cash payment - by end (please circle)	of February/Weekly/Fortni	ghtly/Monthly/Every Term/End of	f Term 3
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A CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Hold my hand God, lead the way Help me be good every day Let me know what's wrong and right Keep me safe day and night Let me know what you have planned Lead the way God Hold my hand

Amen



MASS TIMES

ST PAUL'S CHURCH AVENUE

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ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH SUNSHINE ODESSA AVENUE

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)	Sunday	9.00 am
	10.00 am		11.00 am
			5.30 pm
RECONCIL	IATION: Saturday 6.00 pm	RECONCILIATION: S	aturday 4.30 pm





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)

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

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

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.





Vietnamese



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 Cấm 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.

QUÝ DÀNH CHO CẨM TRẠI, THỂ THAO & DU NGOẠN (CSEF)

Đi cầm trại với trường sẽ cho các em nhũng 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 dếu nằm trong khuôn khổ một chương trình giáng 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, cấm trại và thể thao ở trường.

Nếu quý vị có thẻ giảm giá họp lệ được cấp dựa trên trác nghiệm tài chánh 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 cản nhắc đặc biệt dành cho các gia đình tấm trú và tị nạn. Khoản phụ cấp này được trả cho trường để sử dụng cho các chi phí liên quan tới các hoạt động cẩm trại, du ngoạn hoặc thể thao phục vụ lợi ích con em quý vị.

Số tiên CSEF hàng năm cho mỗi học sinh là:

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

LAM THẾ NÀO ĐỂ XIN

Liên lạc với văn phòng của trường để lấy đon xin CSEF hoặc tải từ 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 vô trang mạng www.education.vic.gov.au/csef





Arabic



المساعدة المالية معلومات للوالدين

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

صندوق المخيمات والرياضة والرحلات (CSEF)

توفر المخيمات المدرسية للأطفال التجارب الملهمة في الهواء الطلق الرائع، وتشجع الرحانت على فهم أعمق لكيفية عمل العالم، وتطُم الرياضة العمل الجماعي والإنضباط 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 كلّم تملكون بطقة التغنيضات الخاضعة الخاضعة لإختبار المدخول سارية المفعول أو كلّم والديُّ التبني المؤقف، فقد تكونوا مؤهلين للحصول على CSEF. توجد ليضا فلّة الإعتبارات الخاصة لطالبي اللجوء والأسر اللاجئة. يتم دفع المخصصات إلى العدرسة لإستخدامها في ما يتعلق بالنقات المتطلقة بالمخيمات والرحانت والأنشطة الرياضية لصالح طفلكم.

إن مبلغ CSEF السنوي لكل طالب هي:

- 125 دولار لطائب المدارس الإبتدائية
- 225 دولار لطائب العدارس الثانوية

كيفية تقديم الطلب

المطوا بمكتب المدرسة للحصول على إستعارة طلب CSEF أو قرموا بتحيلها من www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

معلومات إضافية

لمعرفة العواعيد النهائية لتقديم طلبات CSEF والحصول على معلومات إضافية حول الصندوق قوموا بزيارة www.education.vic.gov.au/csef







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.

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

Contact No.....





