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## KEEPING OUR CONNECTIONS – UPDATE 15



Thursday December 3

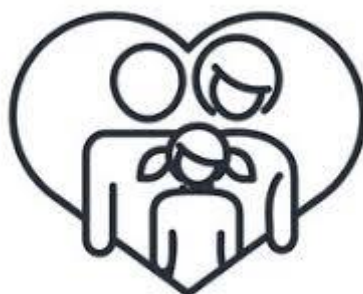
Dear Families,

A short 'newsletter' this week – for a change!

Your children continue to thrive and teachers continue to report to me how impressed and pleased they are with their students' progress and growth, in spite of all that 2020 has 'thrown' at them.

I continue to be grateful to you, our parents & guardians, for all the extras you have been called upon to provide & do this year. I understand how challenging family life has been and continues to be for many of you.

I thank you for doing your best to be there for your children, to ensure they have stayed safe & well and for working with us at St. Paul's, to continue their education at home & at school. Our partnership as the educators in the children's lives has, I believe, been strengthened this year. It has been wonderful for the children to see that their parents & guardians can be teachers too!



Please stay safe & well, as we all enjoy the relaxing of restrictions!

Denis.

**Denis J. Daly**

**Principal**

## **ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

As we explained in the last newsletter, the St. Vincent De Paul Society has informed us this year they will NOT be collecting non-perishable items for their annual Christmas Hampers, due to COVID-19 concerns. The Society will be giving out food vouchers to those less fortunate in our community, so they collecting money donations. We are asking families to 'dig deep' by giving money donations in Week 8 and Week 9 of the term. Classroom teachers will collect any donations from their students and their families each morning. We are encouraging the students and their families to give generously and to think of others during this Advent season. Thank you everyone.



## **PARISH MASSES TO RECOMMENCE**

Parish masses started up again as of last weekend - Saturday and Sunday and daily on week days (check the parish website for mass times). Masses will be at the usual times and locations as per pre-COVID-19 days!! There is a limit of 150 persons who can attend for each mass. The parish website has been updated with the details and the Try booking system is up and running, taking bookings from people who want to attend mass. **A booking must be made to attend mass.**



## 2020 SCHOOL PHOTOS STILL AVAILABLE

**School Photos are still online and available to order for 2020.** On photo day all students received a flyer which included a code unique to them. You will require this 2020 code to register online and view your photos.

If you registered earlier this year, you will be able to log back into your account to view your images. If you have not yet registered, please go to [order.arphotos.com.au](http://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your unique code to complete your order.

If you have misplaced your registration code or are unsure if you have registered, please contact the Arthur Reed Photos customer service team directly on 5243 4390 or [customerservice@arphotos.com.au](mailto:customerservice@arphotos.com.au)

Please note that you will need to register online with your **2020 photo code** to gain access to this year's images. All photo packages were sent home, so please ensure that you enter the correct details and nominated shipping address upon checkout. If you require any assistance ordering your photos, please contact Arthur Reed Photos directly on 5243 4390 or email [customerservice@arphotos.com.au](mailto:customerservice@arphotos.com.au)



## TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

Parents and guardians of our Year 6 students may be interested in a new book written for Australian families to help with the transition to high school process. *From Sixes to Sevens: a parent's guide to a smooth transition to high school with their child* was written by Natalie Daniel who is the co-founder of *Preparing in Primary for High School* – a joint project with Dr Prue Salter. It's a book for parents by a parent and provides information, tips, insights and practical strategies to help better prepare students and families for the journey from Year 6 to Year 7. To find out more go to: <https://www.nataliedaniel.com.au/parent-student-resources> or click on the Amazon link here [https://www.amazon.com.au/dp/B08GR513X7/ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_mt\\_dp\\_j9hRFb9R8KBMD](https://www.amazon.com.au/dp/B08GR513X7/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_j9hRFb9R8KBMD)



Transition to High School

## YEAR 3 FIRST COMMUNION – 2021 MASS DATE

Monsignor Portelli is considering possible 2021 dates for a 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass for this year's Grade 3 children. As soon as a decision has been made, Year 3 families will be informed. It will most likely be sometime in Semester 1 (Term 1 or Term 2).



## CONFIRMATION 2020

Our Year 6 students will be confirmed by Monsignor Portelli, this coming Sunday, December 6. Archbishop Comensoli has given special permission to all Parish Priests in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, to confirm this year's Grade 6 Catholics. Please keep our Year 6 Confirmation Candidates in your prayers & thoughts, as they take another significant step in their faith journey.



## 2021 DATES

### TERM 1: WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27 TO THURSDAY APRIL 1

Wednesday January 27:	Staff preparation
Thursday January 28:	Staff Professional Learning
Friday January 30:	Foundation (Prep) start: Orientation Day
Monday February 1:	All students return (P-6)

Wednesday February 3: No Preps  
Wednesday February 10: No Preps  
Thursday February 11: Parent-Teacher Conversations  
Wednesday February 17: Ash Wednesday & No Preps  
Wednesday February 24: No Preps  
Wednesday February 24 – Friday February 26: Year 6 Urban Experience (Camp)  
Wednesday March 3: No Preps  
Thursday March 4: School Photos  
Monday March 8: Labour Day Public Holiday  
Tuesday March 9 – Friday March: Preps first full week  
Thursday April 1: Term 1 finishes

**TERM 2: MONDAY APRIL 19 TO FRIDAY JUNE 25**

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**TERM 3: MONDAY JULY 12 TO FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 17**

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**TERM 4: MONDAY OCTOBER 4 TO FRIDAY DECEMBER 17**

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**CAR PARK CARE**

Please take care and be watchful in your use of the car park. A parent was unintentionally hit by another parent's car last week. The parent who was hit is ok. This happened because the driver was not watching when driving through a car park space. We want everyone in the car park to arrive and leave school safely.



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