



**ST STEPHEN'S**  
Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

**MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018 – Term 2, Week 1**

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### THIS WEEK

#### APRIL

16th – Term 2 Commences

18th – Beginning of Term 2  
Mass

25th – ANZAC Day

28th – Open Day  
10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

#### MAY

1st – Confirmation Preparation  
meeting 7 p.m. at St  
Gabriel's

8th - Eucharist Preparation  
Meeting 7 p.m. for  
Parents at St Stephen's

10th – School Photos

11th – Mother's Day Stall &  
Raffle

#### **Community Playgroup 2018**

Every Tues. 9.00 – 11.00

#### **Office Hours**

Mon to Thurs

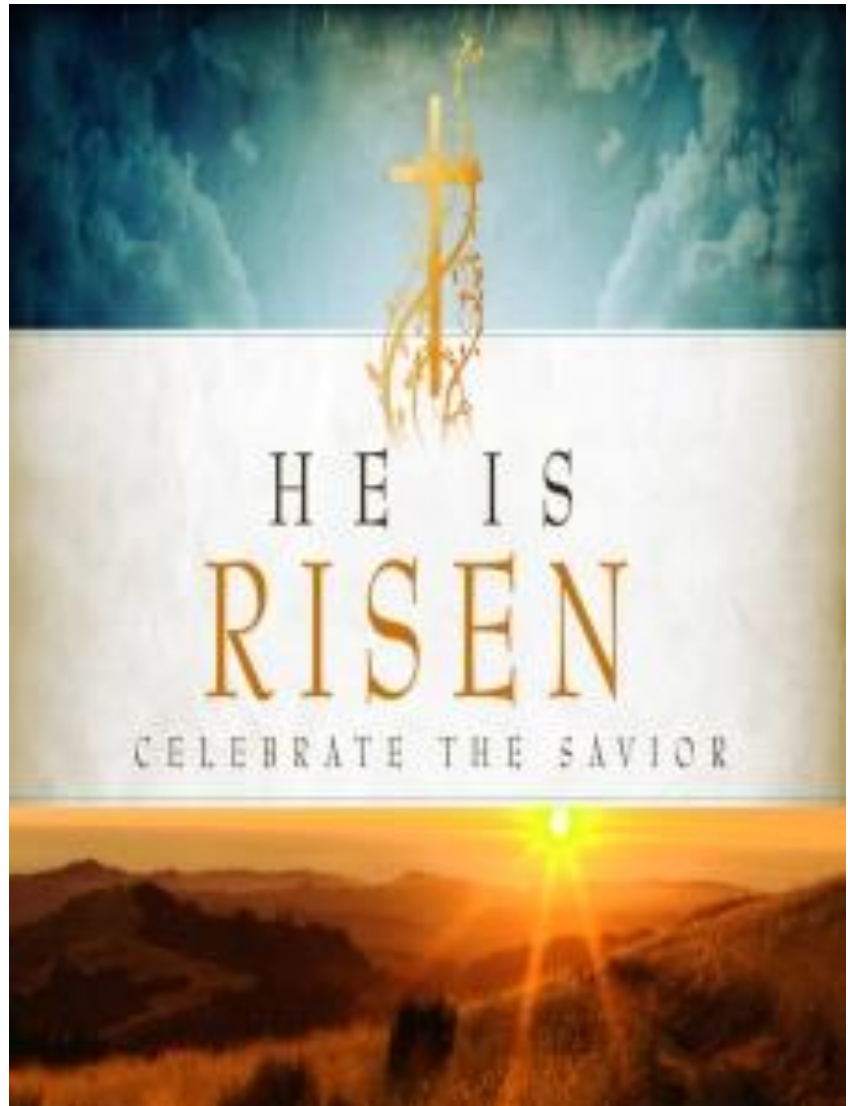
8.30 am to 3.30pm

#### **Uniform Times**

Tues & Wed mornings

8.50am to 9.15 am

*Unforeseen events may cause  
some dates to change*



**Blessed are they who walk in the way of the Lord**

**This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent**

# Principal's News.....

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*Dear Parents,*

Welcome to term 2!

Another busy term is ahead of us.

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing Easter and school holiday break. This term we are hoping to have our classrooms and stairwells painted to brighten and freshen up these areas of the school. There may be some disruption to classrooms however this should be kept to a minimum with other rooms available for classes to move to for a short period.

We will be having our annual Open Day on Saturday week (28<sup>th</sup> April) from 10.00 - 12.00. Please let friends and neighbours know if they are looking for a school for their children in 2019 or 2020.

Tomorrow night at 6.30pm you are invited to a meeting with representatives from Catholic Education Melbourne who will respond to recent media coverage of funding shortfalls to some schools, including St Stephen's. I know a number of parents have raised concerns regarding these reports and it will be an opportunity to listen to and question as to what they have to say.

Thank you to the dads who painted around the adventure playground edging over the holidays. It does visually enhance the space and highlights the different areas of play.

Please keep a look out for relevant meetings and dates concerning various school events throughout the term. Confirmation, First Communion, Naplan, Interschool sport, reports, school photos, school masses and excursions are some of the events penciled in for this term!

Have a great week! (Hoping your football team is winning!?)

Richard Keele  
Principal

## **SCHOOL FEES**

**Instalment 1 of School Fees of \$340 was due to be paid by end of Term 1. On Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018 parents were required to pay for their child/rens' Curriculum Levy, Swimming Levy and Excursion Levy.**

***(Cash or Cheque payment or via EFT transfer)***

***If you have not yet PAID these levies please do so before the end of this week.***

**ALL SCHOOL CLOTHING MUST BE MARKED WITH THE CHILD'S NAME WITH A PERMANENT MARKE**

## NEWSLETTER NEWS - FORTNIGHTLY

The Newsletter from Term 2 will be done fortnightly and will be emailed to all families, there will be minimum printed, please ensure the office has an updated email address.

## NAPLAN 2017 for Year 3 & 5 students

NAPLAN testing will be held on 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May this term. Further details will be sent home shortly. Please ensure that your child is at school on these three days if they are in Years 3 & 5.

## TAKING HOLIDAYS IN SCHOOL TERMS

It is a requirement that every child attends school every day the school is open. Therefore, if families intend to take a holiday within the school term, the parents must complete a form which is available from the class teacher and then they must have a meeting with Mr Keele to get him to agree with the holiday and sign the form.

## UNIFORM SHOP

The school Uniform Shop is only open on Tuesday/Wednesday morning between 8.50am – 9.15am. If you wish to order uniforms at other times you can leave your order in the office with the correct money and the Uniform Shop Co-ordinator will put the order together. Your order can then be picked up from the school office.

## ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

We have already had enquiries for enrolments for next year. We have an Open Day on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April from 10 am to 12 pm, if you know of any families who would like to visit the School and enrol for next year please spread the word. If you have a child that will be starting next year, Don't forget to grab an enrolment form to secure your position.



## EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you again to all of the families and children who donated Easter eggs to make our Raffle a great success and to the parents who organised the wonderful 17 raffle prizes.



## EASTER RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Calista,

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Isaac,

5<sup>th</sup> Prize: Anaida,

7<sup>th</sup> Prize: Econnor,

9<sup>th</sup> Prize: Econnor,

11<sup>th</sup> Prize Monica (Leroye),

13<sup>th</sup> Prize: Miracle (Leroye),

15<sup>th</sup> Prize: Thomas Cauchi,

17<sup>th</sup> Prize: Johannes

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Elizabeth,

4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Angel,

6<sup>th</sup> Prize: Ward,

8<sup>th</sup> Prize: Harshwardhan,

10<sup>th</sup> Prize: Julia & Mac,

12<sup>th</sup> Prize: Miracle (Leroye),

14<sup>th</sup> Prize: Taim,

16<sup>th</sup> Prize: Daniel Le,

## COLES VOUCHERS

Support our School by collecting the Coles Vouchers, If you still have the Coles Vouchers at home, please don't forget to bring them in and pop them in the box in the School Administration area as we are in the final week of collecting.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2018/2019



The Entertainment Books have arrived at school!  
Cost: \$70 each whether it be the actual book or purchasing the digital version of the Entertainment Book. \$14 from each sale will go towards the school purchasing Ipads and equipment/programs. We must sell the minimum of 10 to receive our commission. Please ask family and friends. Sample of the book is now on display in the office foyer. Order forms are also

available from the school office. If you have any questions please contact Gracie in the office 9460 3566.

## GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

The process has changed for applications for Government Secondary Colleges. In the past the information was sent to us to send home with the students but now any family that wishes to apply to a Government Secondary school for their child must contact the school directly to pick up or have a enrolment form mailed out.

## DONATIONS

Thank you to Coburg Structural Steel and Ray Mascaro Real Estate of Reservoir for their generous donation to the School to go towards iPads for the students.



## ANZAC DAY

On this **ANZAC Day** we remember the soldiers of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps who landed and fought on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. We remember their bravery and sacrifice, many of them never returning home from the war. We also remember with gratitude all the men and women who have fought and died in all wars. May their sacrifice never be forgotten and may we continue to cherish the freedom that they fought for. May leaders everywhere work for lasting peace, true justice and understanding among people. May they come to know that true peace is the peace of Christ.

