



**ST STEPHEN'S**  
Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

**MONDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2018 – Term 2, Week 7**

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### JUNE

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Special Hot Food Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – First Communion 6 p.m. at St Stephen's
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - First Communion 10 a.m. at St Gabriel's
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass at St Gabriel's 10 a.m.
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Celebration of Learning 3/4
- 29<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 2

**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*

### Principal's News.....

#### *Dear Parents,*

Welcome to week 7!

Congratulations to Kalo Tafolo and Elizabeth Ha who received the Sacrament of Confirmation yesterday afternoon at St Gabriel's. Bishop Terry Curtin confirmed the St Gabriel's and St Stephen's students with families, friends and school staff in attendance. We wish our students the very best in their ongoing faith journey.

Next Saturday night we will be celebrating the First Communion of a number of our students at the 6.00pm Mass at St Stephen's. Could you please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament?

I hope you have noticed a change to the outside of the school buildings. The painter has now completed his work and I'm hoping from comments already made that the buildings look a little more contemporary. I have sign companies coming this week to look at the best way to give the school a little more exposure to the passing traffic as current signage is lost behind fencing.

Prep enrolments are slowly coming for 2019 however I would appreciate if you know of anyone still looking for a place for next year please direct them towards St

Stephen's. I'm currently negotiating with a not for profit organisation who provide after school care where no minimum numbers of participants are required which would suit our small numbers. I am very hopeful of being able to offer this service later in the year or at least by the beginning of 2019. Again I am hopeful that this will also help attract more enrolments.

We welcome back Mr Rooney this week. He has been quite unwell for the past three weeks but now appears well on the road to better health!

Thank you to Mrs Cramond and Mrs Forde who looked after the sales during our Book Fair last week. It is great to see in these days of digital technologies there is still a love for a book that you can hold onto and turn the pages!

Don't forget to get your orders in for the hot lunch this Friday!

Have a great week!

Richard Keele  
Principal



*O Lord, You have given us this Sacred Banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us. You have given them bread from Heaven. Having all sweetness within. Let us pray. God our Father, for Your glory and our salvation You appointed Jesus Christ eternal High Priest. May the people He gained for You by His Blood come to share in the power of His Cross and Resurrection by celebrating His Memorial in this Eucharist, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.  
Amen.*

### CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to Kalo and Elizabeth from Grade 6 who celebrated their Confirmation yesterday with the students from St Gabriel's School and the government Schools. It was a lovely Mass and the children all looked excited. Please keep them in your prayers.

### FIRST COMMUNION



On Saturday evening some of our Year 3 students will be celebrating their First Holy Communion. We congratulate Sam, Bennett, Julia, Anastasia and Jasmine who will be receiving this Sacrament. The Mass will be Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 6 p.m.. Thanks to Fr Hctor, Parents and Staff who are preparing them for this important celebration.

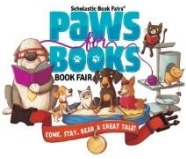
### SCHOOL FEES

**All families who are still owing for Instalment 1 & 2 of School Fees of \$340 are now due to be paid by end of Term 2. The School Fees Statements are going out this week to each family. Term 1 fees should already be paid. If not, the outstanding fees for Term 1 & 2 are now due to be paid. I thank families who have paid and are up to date.**

**(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.**

### SCHOOL FEES

School Fees statement have gone out to each family that owe School fees. Outstanding fees and Term 2 fees are now due to be paid no later than **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.**



### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We would like to thank all of our families who supported our Scholastic Book Fair last week. I'm sure the children enjoyed purchasing their books and novelty items. Angela & Gracie

**REMINDER:**  
**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC**  
**HOLIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2018**  
**There will be NO school on this day.**  
**School resumes Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June**  
**at 8.40am.**

### WINTER UNIFORM

The children should be in full winter uniform, the correct winter uniform is, long pants, black shoes and jacket or jumper. The school polo shirt is either long sleeved or short sleeve. The Winter socks are emerald green and if the girls wear tights they MUST be emerald green. The new price list for school uniform is now available at the office.

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

### NAPLAN TESTING

The NAPLAN testing for Years 3 & 5 is now completed. The children worked well during the sessions and we now wait for the results to be sent to us in the coming months.

### 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 advise the Principal and teacher in writing either by letter or email, and then meet with Mr Keele for approval.

### STUDENT ABSENCE

If your child is going to be absent from School either sick or appointment the School needs to be notified first thing in the morning. There is still a number of Children who are **late** on a daily basis, this is an disruption to the teacher and the classes learning time when children arrive late. School starting time is **8.50 am**.

### 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

Parents who have older children already at St Stephen's and have a younger sibling who is ready to start in 2019 (needs to be turning 5 before April 30<sup>th</sup> 2019) need to have enrolment forms in. Acceptance letters will be going out in the next week. Don't forget to grab an enrolment form to fill out to secure your position.

## CSEF (Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund) ELIGIBILITY

Last chance for families to complete their application for the CSEF, some parents have already applied to receive CSEF funding this year. CSEF is \$125 per child and this funding will only be applied to camp, swimming and excursion expenses.

To be 'eligible' for this fund a parent or legal guardian of a student must be a current holder of a Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCAA) and must be successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either Term 1 (30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018) or Term 2 (18<sup>th</sup> April, 2018).

For more information you can go to the website: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef). If you have not filled out a form already please come to the office to collect one. If you have any questions please see Mrs Forde in the school office.

## ST MONICA'S COLLEGE

St Monica's College, Epping invites Primary School Families to an information evening at the Theatre of all Nations, on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30 p.m. Tours of the Junior Campus commence at 6.30 p.m. and the last tour is at 7.10 p.m. Enrolments for **Year 7 2020 close Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018**. Enrolments are currently being accepted for Year 7, 2020 – 2021. For more information contact the College Registrar Mrs Enza Sinopoli on 9409 8444 or email [registrar@stmonicas-epping.com](mailto:registrar@stmonicas-epping.com)



## PARENTS AND FRIENDS SPECIAL LUNCH DAY

There will be a Special hot food day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018, forms went home last week and need to be returned by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Please have the correct money with your child's order.

## CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE



Parents and Friends have organised a chocolate drive, yum yum. Boxes have been handed out. Once all chocolates are sold, could you please return the money in the envelope provided. If anyone requests another box please contact Peggy.



## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2018/2019



Last week all families received an Entertainment Book addressed to each child. If you do not wish to purchase them, they need to be returned to the School. The books are numbered to the families name so until they are paid for, they will not actually work.

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.