



**ST STEPHEN'S**  
Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

**MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2018 – Term 3, Week 1**

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### JULY

16<sup>th</sup> – Term 3 Commences

18<sup>th</sup> – Beginning of Term Mass  
9.30 a.m.

24<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Interviews

#### AUGUST

#### **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 term 3!!

I hope you all have enjoyed the two weeks with your family regardless of how your football (or soccer) teams fared!!

Another busy term is forecast starting with our beginning of term Mass this Wednesday at 9.30am. Hoping a number of families are able to attend.

Last Saturday night we were privileged to have Archbishop Denis Hart join the Parish in one of his last official engagements to Dedicate and Bless the new alter in the church. It was interesting to observe how this dedication was to be performed and for many of us present it was something we had not witnessed before. Thank you to all the families and staff who assisted in the preparation of the Mass and the celebrations after.

Tomorrow week, 24th July we will be holding our mid-year parent teacher interviews. A note will go home today for you to fill in an approximate time to meet with your child's teacher. Please be sure to keep to time and

if necessary make another appointment with your child's teacher if further issues need to be discussed.

We farewell Alisha and Neha Arun this week as they move with their parents to the other side of Melbourne. We send our best wishes to both girls and their family as they begin their new adventure!

Each Wednesday this term the whole school will be involved in dance lessons run by the Footsteps dance company. It should be a great opportunity for everyone to get involved in an aspect of the curriculum that is often overlooked. The term of dance will conclude with a concert so beware parents you may be called upon to show your moves as well!!

Please, if your child is not well do not send them to school. There were many children with coughs and colds coming to school today and even though their attendance is important, they and others around them will struggle to get through the day! Please also remember to notify the school of any absence ASAP or otherwise the office will need to contact you to ascertain the reason which becomes time consuming if we have to phone a number of contacts.

Finally, a P & F meeting is to be held this Thursday at 2.30 in the Community Room to discuss a few possible events to be held this term. Everyone is welcome to join us in order for various ideas to be considered and planned for the coming term.

Have a great week!

Richard Keele  
Principal



*O Lord, God of our Fathers, who bestowed on Saints Joachim and Anne his grace, that of them should be born the Mother of your incarnated Son, grant, through, the prayers of both, that we may attain the salvation you have promised to your peopl. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*

### **SCHOOL FEES**

**All families who are still owing for Instalment 1 & 2 of School Fees of \$340 are now due to be paid.**

**Term 1 fees should already be paid. If not, the outstanding fees for Term 1, 2 & 3 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, there are a number of families that have not yet paid the Student Levy fee, Camp fees and the First Instalment of school fees. Could this please be done as soon as possible. There is the option of making payments online thru internet banking, please make sure that you enter your account number (it is on the top right hand corner of your statement) or your child's name so that the payment is allocated the correct family.

## Account Details When making payments

BANK	BSB	ACCOUNT NUMBER
NATIONAL	083 – 347	143250728

### 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 MARKER**

### 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 at the commencement of the day. You can leave a message at the office, the School number is 9460 3566.

### LATE TO SCHOOL

**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 a.m.** Children need to come to the office and sign in if they arrive late to school.

### CONTACT DETAILS

The School needs to have up to date contact details of family phone numbers, mobiles, addresses and emergency contact details. If your details have changed, please advise the office of the changes immediately.

### 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 have gone out to families with children starting in 2019. Don't forget to grab an enrolment form to fill out to secure your position.

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2018/2019



Unpurchased Entertainment books for 2018/2019 should be returned to the School as soon as possible.



## PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

Parents and Friends will meet this Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30 p.m.

### MUSIC LESSONS AT ST STEPHENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

**\*\* MUSIC TUITION INCREASES CONFIDENCE, SELF ESTEEM AND HELPS TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SUBJECTS – MATHS, LITERACY, SCIENCE, READING ETC \*\***

ST STEPHENS Primary School in association with Metro Music School is now offering Music Lessons to students who are interested in learning an instrument at school every week. Lessons are held during school hours (30 mins/once per week) at suitable times. (Prep to Gr 6) Enquiries are welcome on 9460 4818

Lessons Offered      PIANO      KEYBOARD      GUITAR      SINGING

Discount Hiring and Purchase also available. Contact us for details or visit our online shop at [www.metromusic.net.au](http://www.metromusic.net.au)

ENROLMENT forms can be obtained from the school office or you can also enrol online at the above website address.



### Q&A WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Supported by a panel of students and parents.

This session will assist families considering enrolment at Santa Maria College.

**Tuesday 14 August**  
**6:00pm - 7:00pm**

Register on the  
College website

*Dare to do as much as you are able*

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