



ST STEPHEN'S
Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL, 2020 – Term 2, Week 2

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Community Playgroup 2020

Every Wed. 9.00 –
10.30

Office Hours

Mon to Thurs
8.30 am to 3.30pm

Uniform Times

Dear Parents,

A belated welcome back to a very different Term 2!!

I'm not sure whether the timing of my leave was the most appropriate in light of the significant changes that have taken place over the past two months however I was so fortunate to be able to spend that time with my grandchildren, daughter and son in law while they bring a new child into an ever-changing world! I pray that the implications of this virus are sorted out in time for her to only hear what took place and not be still part of ongoing health issues and restrictions!

Fingers crossed leaders will take note of the current situation and the world can return to a better place where people are more tolerant of each other. The change of pace could also give us more breathing space and allow us to spend more time with family and friends and appreciate the simpler things!

I can only thank you for taking on the challenge of assisting with your child/s online learning. The staff at St Stephen's have been fantastic getting the online learning platform up and running. They were preparing before the holidays, many days of the holidays were refining and now into week two the vast majority of students are adapting to the new way of learning.

This is a great learning curve for everyone and from the comments made by teachers students are not only completing their required subject work but are more importantly collaborating with each other and their teachers. A number of the older students are showing initiative in developing apps to support other students and they are prioritising their workload in order to cover all bases! Don't be critical of what your child is producing, rather acknowledge their persistence and creativity!

Speaking to a number of other principals to get a picture of their learning environments we are going '**above and beyond**' especially when you see Mrs Madden involving her own children in the daily physical education lesson, Mrs McKenna taking art classes, Monday morning assemblies, meditation sessions, Italian being spoken or the classroom teachers touching base with individual students on a regular basis to make sure they are on 'track'. We all know it is not the ideal situation but we are doing the best we can in trying circumstances and I would like to thank Rosetta for her leadership and the rest of the staff for placing St Stephen's in such a position to enrich every child's learning capabilities.

Before you know it we will all be back at school doing what we do best!

There is only limited staff at school each day however if you need to contact the office please call and we will pass on messages where necessary. Mrs Forde is working off site so queries regarding fees and payments will be redirected to her.

I hope you all stay safe and healthy and keep in contact through the various apps available.

Regards,

Richard Keele
Principal

Prayer to St Joseph

- under whose patronage the Archbishop
has placed the Archdiocese in this time of crisis -



St Joseph, You were receptive to God working in your life. Help us by your prayers at this time of trial. You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need. You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love. You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day. You spent your life in service: may we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days. You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father,
Thy will be done.
Amen.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please put these dates in your Calendar

TERM 2 2020

APRIL

Friday 24 th April	11.30 a.m.	ANZAC Liturgy Online
Saturday 25 th April		ANZAC DAY

MAY

Sunday 10 th May		Mother's Day
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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.

ANZAC – Online

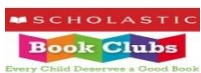
On Friday 24th April, at 11.30 am there will be a liturgy online, please all join in.

MASS STREAMLINED

The Partnered Parishes of St. Gabriel, Reservoir and St Stephen of Hungary, East Reservoir have streamlined Sunday 10 a.m. Mass at St Gabriel's. It will be live streamed. Go to: www.stgabrielreservoir.org and follow the prompts.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



The orders for book club that were ordered last term have arrived at school, please be **patient** as we will organise to get the books to you in the next 2 weeks.

ZOOM EXERCISES

At 11 a.m. each day Mrs Madden is hosting daily exercise, please all join in the fun of online exercise. If you have any problems please email Mrs Madden and she will help you through it. bmadden@ssreservoirseast.catholic.edu.au

ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

We have already had enquiries for enrolments for next year. If you know of any families who would like to visit the School in the near future post COVID-19 and enrol for next year please spread the word. If you have a child that will be starting next year, don't forget to enrolment online to secure your position or email us.

CSEF (Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund) ELIGIBILITY

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 Term 1, 29th January, 2020 or first day of Term 2, 14th April, 2020. For more information you can go to the website: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. If you have not filled out a form already or have any questions please email Mrs Forde. gforde@ssreservoirseast.catholic.edu.au

SCHOOL FEES

All Curriculum Levies, Student School Levies and Swimming Levy, needed to be paid by 26th February. First Instalment of school fees by the end of Term. Could this please be done as soon as possible? **Outstanding fees of 2019 will need to be finalised.** Thank you to all those families who have already paid. There is the option of making payments online through 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 to the correct family. We have **Direct Debit now set up**, if there is anyone interested please contact Mrs Forde for the relevant documentation.

If there are any families that are having financial difficulties at the present moment please do not hesitate to contact Mr Richard Keele or Mrs Forde to discuss to make other arrangements.

SCHOOL FEES

**Term 1 fees and Levies needed to be paid by end of Term 1.
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 it needs to be done by the end of
this week.***

Account Details When making payments

BANK	BSB	ACCOUNT NUMBER
NATIONAL	083 – 347	143250728