



ST STEPHEN'S
Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

TUESDAY 5th MAY, 2020 – Term 2, Week 4

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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,

Welcome to week 4 of this very different term! I'm writing this as I supervise the students who are needing to attend school and I can empathise with all of you as we try to work around the technology, the different requirements of each grade as well as the different requirements of each individual student.

I know it hasn't all been plain sailing but I do believe we are all coming to the realisation that the current learning environment is here for a little longer and we are all developing new skills to accommodate the situation. Waiting to hear of the lessening of restrictions next week will hopefully give us a timeline to work towards as I know we all want the return of face to face teaching and the opportunity for the students to catch up with friends without the need for technology!

What should have been the year 5/6 camp this week has turned into a Star Wars theme night on Monday (May the fourth) and other activities for Tuesday evening for those students in year 5/6 who are able to participate. Thank you to Mrs Rametta and Mrs Cramond for the extra preparation gone into organising these nights. It would of course have been much nicer enjoying the sun in Queenscliff!

We have had many enquiries and a number of enrolments for 2021 which is very promising! Please make sure you remind family, friends and neighbours who may still be looking placements for next year to ring the school and arrange a tour. It is our aim for at least fifteen prep students to begin next year!

Finally, I would like to wish all the mums and grandmothers a very happy Mother's Day this Sunday. Again, it will be different but hopefully you will all get spoilt and enjoy the day in isolation!

Have a great couple of weeks!!

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

MAY

Sunday 10 th May		Mother's Day
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JUNE

Monday 8 th June	NO SCHOOL	Queen's Birthday Weekend
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A Mother's Day Prayer



Dear Lord,

Please watch over and support
all mothers on earth and in heaven.

And help them to know how much
they are loved and appreciated
on Mother's Day and every day.

Happy Mother's Day to All the Mums and Nanna's

Fr Hoctor Message for Mothers Day

Greetings to all the mothers of children at St Stephen of Hungary Parish Primary School. Though our contact is limited at present you are in my prayers each day. I want you to know that I will remember you all at the 10 a.m. Mass this Sunday, Mothers' Day, and through the school I forward this prayer of blessing:

Loving God,
As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
So you watch over your Church.
Bless all our mothers,
May they be strengthened as they live out their special calling.
Let the example of their love and faith shine forth.
Grant that their children may always honour them
with a profound respect
And always be grateful for their love, care, patience and presence.
May Mary, the Mother of us all, pray for them,
Especially today, and in this month of May,
And in this challenging time when families are separated
and contact is limited.

Fr Hoctor.

(During this time of lockdown the 10 a.m. Mass each Sunday is livestreamed.
Go to www.stgabrielsreservoir.org and follow the prompts.)

ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

We have had many enquiries for enrolments for next year. 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 enrol online to secure your position or email us.

MASS STREAMLINED

The Partnered Parishes of St. Gabriel, Reservoir and St Stephen of Hungary, East Reservoir has Sunday 10 a.m. Mass at St Gabriel's streamed. Go to: www.stgabrielsreservoir.org and follow the prompts.



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@ssreservoir.east.catholic.edu.au

SCHOOL FEES

All Curriculum Levies, Student School Levies and Swimming Levy, needed to be paid by now. Could this please be done as soon as possible? **Outstanding fees of 2019 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



**PARADE COLLEGE PRESTON CAMPUS
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Nestled between Plenty Rd, Bell St. and High St., our well-resourced and attractive campus provides all that the College has to offer and is a great opportunity for boys to make the transition from Primary School to Secondary at a smaller setting.

If you missed our Open Day or would like to see our campus in full operation, tours will hopefully resume on the following dates and may be booked via the website below.

Thursday 16 July, Friday 31 July, Thursday 13 August.
Thursday 10 September, **Friday 23 October**, Thursday 5 November.

Applications for Year 7 2022 close on Friday 21 August 2020



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