



ST STEPHEN'S
Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

TUESDAY 19th MAY, 2020 – Term 2, Week 6

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support during these past few weeks of remote and flexible learning.

Following advice from the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government and the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) have advised that schools can begin a phased return to onsite schooling.

In the **first stage**, students in **Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2**, senior secondary students (Years 11 and 12 VCAL and VCE) and all students in specialist schools **will return to school from Tuesday 26 May.**

To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, Monday 25 May will be a student-free day.

In the **second stage** of our return to onsite schooling, **all other year levels will return to school from Tuesday 9 June.**

For those students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children, the existing model of onsite schooling will remain in place during the two-week period from Tuesday 26 May to Tuesday 9 June. The current process that we are using to enable parents and carers to indicate the days or part-days for which onsite schooling is required will continue for this two-week period.

All other students in those year levels will continue learning from home until Tuesday 9 June.

Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to onsite schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home.

This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan.

This same approach is being taken by all Catholic and government schools in Victoria.

To support the health and wellbeing of all students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent handwashing.

If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice to all schools that will be made available in coming days. These will apply until further notice. I will provide more details about our local school context as soon as possible, but it is important to note that changes will include:

- due to our small population adjusted arrangements for drop-off and pick-up, including staggered school start and finish times will hopefully **not** need to be implemented however we will have designated pick up areas on the playground from where you collect your children
- restrictions on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students
- the way we conduct parent–teacher meetings and interviews

We understand that some families may feel anxious about this move back to classroom teaching and learning. I can assure you that this decision has been taken on the basis of the best health advice available to our state.

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the CECV website, which will continue to be updated:

www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Coronavirus-information-for-parents.

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We look forward to welcoming students back to the classroom.

Yours sincerely

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.

Hail Holy Queen



Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Amen



IMPORTANT DATES

Please put these dates in your Calendar

TERM 2 2020

May

Monday 25 th May	NO SCHOOL	PUPIL FREE DAY
Tuesday 26 th May		Prep, Grade 1/2, return to School

JUNE

Monday 8 th June	NO SCHOOL	Queen's Birthday Weekend
Tuesday 9 th June		Grade 3/4 & 5/6 return to School

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.



SCHOOL FEES

A School Fees statement went out to each family last week. Term 1 fees should already have been paid in full. If not, outstanding fees from Term 1 and Term 2 fees are now due to be paid along with Curriculum Levies. Could this 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