



**ST STEPHEN'S**  
Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

**TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2020 – Term 4, Week 3**

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Week Three, Term Four!

It was great to see our students return to school last week. All of them seemed very keen to catch up with their friends and teachers.

As we slowly move out of restrictions please be reassured we are continuing to follow the required protocols whilst at school so I ask you all to be mindful if you need to attend school for any reason, including afternoon pick up. Make sure you are moving off the school grounds ASAP.

After **School Care program** is back up and running so please make sure you book your child in with YLV as soon as you know dates required.

Over the coming weeks we will be contacting parents to arrange **meetings regarding students' progress** and steps to take going forward. Please make sure you are able to attend the online meetings as it is important we continue to work together to assist all our students as they near the end of this most extraordinary year. If you wish to talk to your child's teacher please arrange meeting via SeeSaw or Skool App.

**Our prep students celebrated a delayed 100 days of school last Friday.** Let's hope the next 100 are spent in the classroom as much as possible.

You may have heard of changes that are taking place within **Catholic Education**. From January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 all Catholic Schools will come under **Governance** structure directed through Catholic Education Melbourne. Currently all primary schools are run by the Parish with the Parish Priest as the employer and overseer of major developments within each school. The principal will in most cases will be delegated to run the school on a day to day basis. What will happen after January 1<sup>st</sup> is that day to day running will be still with the principal however more significant directives and pathways will be determined by Catholic Education giving a more **streamlined approach** to Catholic Education with the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

At present schools are working to gather relevant information to pass onto Catholic Education so that the necessary Governance requirements are in place before the end of the year. For students and parents very little change will be noticed as we will **continue to work alongside our Parish Priests for the various celebrations and school masses throughout the year.**

Please remember we actually get a **public holiday this Friday** for our delayed Grand Final! May the best team win. (It's a toss of the coin for me!)

**School will also be closed on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>** (teacher report writing and planning day) and **Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>** (Melbourne Cup).

Also, congratulations to the **Melbourne Vixens** for their win in the National netball grand final on Sunday. I must admit not being the greatest fan of netball I was riveted to the television for the whole match. It was a great example of a tough, close match and a reflection on women's sport in general getting the appropriate recognition deserved! Hoping you have a great week (and long weekend!)

Richard Keele  
Principal

## *Prayer of the Week*

### 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 4 2020

#### OCTOBER 2020

Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October		Book Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October		AFL PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October		Daniel Morcombe Day

#### NOVEMBER 2020

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November		NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November		CUP DAY – NO 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.

## REMINDER:

**FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2020**  
**AFL Grand Final PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
**There will be NO school on this day.**

**MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 &**  
**MELBOURNE CUP**  
**TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2020.**  
**There will be NO school.**

### SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

**Children should now be in their full summer uniform including their hats.**

All children **MUST** be in their correct school uniform at all times (which can only be purchased here at the school).

Black school shoes **MUST** be worn with the school uniform and runners are to be worn only with the sport uniform. The class teacher will let you know which day their class will be doing sport.

Jewellery is not part of the uniform but children may wear watches, studs or small sleeper earrings and religious medals (underneath the uniform).

Children are also not to wear nail polish.

Children (boys and girls) with long hair must have it tied up securely every day.

### 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](http://www.stgabrielsreservoir.org) and follow the prompts.



### WORKBOOKS AND DEVICES

Could all children please return all your workbooks and devices to school so that we can honour the work that has been done and also prepare our devices for class use.

### CONTACT DETAILS -

The School needs to have up to date contact details of families' phone numbers, mobiles, addresses and emergency contact details when they change. It is important that the School records are kept up to date. If any of your details have changed, **please advise the office of the changes immediately.** [office@ssreservoir.east.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@ssreservoir.east.catholic.edu.au)

### CLASSES FOR 2021

We are in the process of preparing our class structures for 2021. To assist us, we need to know of any students (other than Grade 6's) who will be leaving St Stephen's at the end of 2020. If your child is **NOT** returning to St Stephen's in 2021 can you please inform Mr Keele in **writing as soon as possible.**

## **SCHOOL FEES**

All accounts should be paid in full by **21st September** (unless arrangements have been agreed to to make regular ongoing payments of an agreed amount over a longer period or Direct Debit).

## **SCHOOL FEES**

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.**

### **Account Details When making payments**

<b>BANK</b>	<b>BSB</b>	<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>
<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>083 – 347</b>	<b>143250728</b>

## **Walk for Daniel!**



Help students **remember Daniel** by wearing **red** on Friday 30th October and donating a gold coin towards the foundation. The whole school will be walking a total of 4km in honour of Daniel Morcombe, who never returned home from going Christmas shopping. Students will also learn the importance of how to keep safe in public and online.

More details will be sent home closer to the event.

## ZOOM WITH THE PRINCIPAL



The Parade Community takes great pride in our school and students and we appreciate that the best way for you to see what we are all about, is to visit us when we are in action. However, this is not at all possible at present due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, so we have in place the next best thing.

**We now extend an invitation to our prospective families to join us in a conversation and to ZOOM with the Principal!**

Using online conferencing and taking approximately 30 minutes, this event will be hosted by Parade College leadership personnel and specialists teachers. This ideal setting is a perfect opportunity for you to meet key staff members, explore Parade history, have curriculum and pathways explained and all your enrolment questions answered. Bookings are essential so please register.

### **ZOOM Dates and Times**

Thursday 15/10 10.00am  
Thursday 22/10 1.30pm  
Thursday 29/10 10.00am

Please Note: If restrictions are eased, we have tentatively nominated the following dates for our normal Family Tours, which can also be booked via our website – [www.parade.vic.edu.au](http://www.parade.vic.edu.au)

Preston Campus – 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November

Bundoora Campus – 12<sup>th</sup> November