

NEWSLETTER March 2018 No. 2



Upcoming events:

Thurs 29 Mar

9am—School Mass;
12.30pm Assembly;
1pm end of term

Mon 16 Apr—school starts for term 2

Wed 18 Apr—Grade 2 excursion

Fri 20 Apr 9am—3P class liturgy

Wed 25 Apr—ANZAC DAY public holiday

Thurs 26 Apr—G2 family learning walk

Fri 27 Apr 9am—1F class liturgy

Fri 27 Apr 11.30am FUN RUN/WALK

Gracious God, you sent us Jesus to show us how to live in peace and love. Through your holy Word may we come to know and understand how Jesus teaches us to live in harmony with each other. May our hearts be open to his message. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, who is love. Amen.



END OF TERM 1

School finishes for this term on Thursday at 1pm. Students are welcome to wear casual clothes on the last day of each term.

DATES FOR TERM 2

Please put these dates in your calendar:

- ◆ Mon 16 April—term 2 begins
- ◆ Wed 25 April—ANZAC day public holiday
- ◆ Fri 27 April—Fun Run/Walk 11.30 at Balmoral Park
- ◆ Mon 30 April 7pm—Grade 4 families Eucharist workshop
- ◆ Tues 1 May—School photos
- ◆ Fri 11 May—Mothers Day: 8am Cuppa, 9am Mass, 10am Gift Stall
- ◆ Tues 22 May 6.30pm—Soiree
- ◆ Mon 28 May 7pm—Grade 6 families Confirmation workshop
- ◆ Mon 11 June—Queens Birthday public holiday
- ◆ Sat 16 June—First Communion Masses 2 & 4.30pm
- ◆ Thurs 28 June 3.15pm—end of term 2
- ◆ Fri 29 June—Learning Conversations (NO CLASSES)

SEASON OF LENT

As we are in Holy Week we ask that students don't bring Easter eggs to school until after Easter. It is our church's tradition to participate in fasting, almsgiving and prayer until the end of Lent. Project Compassion boxes are located in each class so that students can make donations to Caritas. All families are welcome to our Holy Week school Mass on Thursday at 9am in the hall. The next parish Mass will be on the last Sunday of the school holidays, 15 April, at 4.30pm in the hall.

A CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

On Friday 16 March, the Grade 6 Social Justice team, accompanied by Ms. Dodemaide and Miss Ardern, represented St Lawrence at the St Patrick's Day Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The mass was presided over by Archbishop Denis Hart. Melina and Matias were the St. Lawrence banner bearers for the schools' procession into the Cathedral at the beginning of the Mass. The Mass was followed by a celebratory concert in the Fitzroy Gardens, where students could dance to live music and play team games. This event marked the end of Catholic Education Week across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Congratulations to our Social Justice Team - Melina, Matias, Alesha, Jolene, Angela, Tara, Cedric, Marcel, Paloma and Athieng for representing our school so well.



ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL PRAYER.

Loving God,

Help us to follow St Lawrence's example

By GIVING care to the poor,

By LOVING you with all our hearts,

And by LEARNING to be the best we can.

Amen.

ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

We enjoyed learning about and celebrating each other's cultures during Cultural Diversity Week. The School Advisory Board hosted a very successful family multicultural supper. Many thanks to the families who attended.



Families enjoying the multicultural supper

FUN RUN/WALK

We will be having our annual Fun Run/Walk on Friday 27 April at 11.30 at Balmoral Park. Families are welcome to join us. Sponsor forms will be sent home at the beginning of next term. We also need volunteers to help us count the money raised. If you can spare a couple of hours at the end of April please contact Maryanne in the school office.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING

We gathered as a whole school on Friday 16 March to stand up against bullying. Students displayed posters with anti-bullying messages. We encourage families to ask their children what they have learned about bullying—what it is, what to do if you hear/see it happening, what to do if it happens to you. The school's Ant-Bullying Policy is available on our website under Our School/Policies/Anti-Bullying Policy.



Students participating in National Day Of Action Against Bullying

ARTS CELEBRATIONS

The school leadership team have decided that the Visual Arts Show and Performing Arts Show will be celebrated on a rotation basis in alternate years. This year we will be hosting the Performing Arts Show. These performances will take place in August for Prep to Grade 3 and September for Grades 4-6. We have moved them to earlier in the year to avoid clashes with end of year commitments for families.

OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:

- BE SAFE**
- BE READY**
- BE RESPECTFUL**
- BE RESILIENT**

GRADE 5 STUDENTS ENROLMENT IN CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Families with students currently in grade 5 are reminded that enrolments for Year 7 in Catholic secondary schools are now open. Please make sure you have completed an enrolment form as soon as possible.

Grade 5G praying together in the Prayer Garden



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GRADE 5 CAMP

On Monday 19 March the Grade 5 students boarded a bus to Lady Northcote Camp in Bacchus Marsh. Over the next three days they enjoyed thrilling activities including archery, the flying fox, the giant swing, geo-cache, rafting, initiatives, a Team Toon challenge as well as a night walk. It was amazing to see the bravery and resilience of each student as they stepped outside their comfort zones and tested their teamwork skills. The students enjoyed delicious meals throughout the day and took turns to complete kitchen duties. We would like to thank the students for their fantastic behaviour on camp and for their willingness to have a go at everything. We would also like to thank all of the staff who ensured a fun, smooth and successful camping experience.

**NDIS NEWS**

onPsych is now registered with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The NDIS enables Australians with a permanent and significant disability the freedom to choose the life they want to live. The scheme assists people with a disability to access supports right for them, as well as assisting in building their skills to actively participate in their community. OnPsych is now registered with NDIS. This means we can provide psychological assistance for any family who has NDIS funding on the school grounds. Our staff do not charge above the allocated rate per hour, so once again we are a free service for families. Please contact Angela Utomo 0450 658 441 (Mondays/Thursdays) for more information, or call 1300659350.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS**

In PE lessons students have had the opportunity to participate in the Football Star Academy FSA Soccer clinic. Bradley, from the academy is a professional soccer coach. He was able to teach the students a few new tricks and improve their foot work. We have so many passionate soccer players here at St. Lawrence and it was fantastic to see so many of our enthusiastic young athletes enjoying the program. If you are interested in engaging with this program outside of school please fill in the expression of interest form that went home with your child or go to www.sportsstaracademy.com.au

PERSONAL SAFETY TALKS

Families are invited to attend the Personal Safety sessions with your children run by Lorraine Morrison (Student Wellbeing leader) in the hall on Friday 20 April.
 9am- Grade 5 & 6
 10am- Grade Prep
 11.30am- Grade 1 & 2
 12.30pm- Grade 3 & 4

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

HAVE YOU HAD ANY 'DIS' MOMENTS?

WHAT WENT WELL TODAY?

**REMINDERS**

Please note that the school office hours are 8am to 4.30pm. Please limit phone calls to the school to these hours. If you have a Health Care Card please make sure that the admin staff have these details as you may be entitled to a discount on your school fees.

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GRADE 1 HEALTHY LUNCH PICNIC

During term one, the grade 1 students have explored the link between health and happiness during Inquiry lessons. We investigated many wonderings created by the students about the differences between healthy and unhealthy foods and our action for this unit was to have a healthy picnic. The picnic took place on 22 March and the students helped to design some of the healthy food for the picnic, such as peeling the carrots and squeezing the oranges. The picnic was great fun, with many families bringing their own healthy lunches and picnic rugs to join us. We thank the grade 1 families for all of their support and for joining us in the students' learning.

**A RECOUNT FROM GRADE 4 STUDENTS OF THEIR INCURSION**

"Yes!" We all shout as we enter the Community Centre on Monday morning, 19 March. Supreme Incursions had set up a range of amazing team building activities for the Grade 3-4 students to complete.

What to do first? It was beyond us, that's how excited we were. A walking conveyor belt you operate with your hands and feet, an obstacle course with a twist (one person was blindfolded), a giant dominoes game and a parachute ball activity. Extraordinary activities and cooperation was key to successfully completing each of the activities.

The Supreme Incursion staff saved the hardest activity until the end. We all worked in groups to build a tower using blocks and linking sticks. After 5 minutes of frantic building, the group with the tallest tower won first prize. In our groups, we needed to show perseverance and at the end we all shook hands as the incursion activities had really tested our resilience. (Written by Archer and Ari - 4R)

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

OPEN DAY AT CAROLINE CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE. The college is opening its doors to the community for its annual Open Day on May 20 from 11am to 3pm. Staff and students will be in attendance for a full day of activities and to welcome new prospective parents and students. Families of Grade 4 students are particularly encouraged to attend.

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE ST ALBANS. Enrolments for Year 7 2020 are now open. Call to book a personal tour or request an enrolment pack on 9366 2544 or echalmers@crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au. Enrolments close 31 August 2018.

JOSEPH'S CORNER. Joseph's Corner are once again hosting a Mother's Day High Tea fundraiser on Sunday 6 May 2018 at Mount Saint Joseph's Girls College from 2pm until 5pm. We rely on our fundraising activities to raise funds so that we can pay Counsellors to assist families and friends of people who suffer from drug and/or alcohol addictions. We also provide assistance to newly settled refugee families and families in crisis. We are also asking for any volunteers who would be willing to help out in making scones, cakes and small sandwiches for the event. Phone - Anne on 93152680 or Tania on 0439165660.