

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2018



Upcoming events:

- Mon 6 Aug: G6 excursion
- Mon 6 Aug 7pm: G3 Reconciliation meeting
- Wed 8 Aug: G4 to CCCC
- Thurs 9 Aug: G5 to CCCC
- Fri 10 Aug: FEAST DAY. 9am School Mass. 6pm & 7.15pm DISCO
- Mon 13 Aug 7pm: G5&6 Family Learning Night
- Tues 14 Aug Prep & G5 excursions
- Wed 15 Aug 6.30pm P&1 performance
- Fri 17 Aug: Indonesian Independence Day
- Mon 20 Aug 9am: Book Week Parade
- Wed 22 Aug 7pm: G2&3 performance

The feast day of Saint Lawrence is 10 August.

*Loving God,
Help us to follow Saint 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.*

FEAST DAY—10 AUGUST

- We will be celebrating our feast day next week with the following events:
- 9am School Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Edwards. Fr Karmel Borg will also be attending. All families welcome
 - 10am Blessing of the statues of Saints Lawrence & Mary MacKillop
 - Students will participate in activities throughout the day facilitated by the student leaders
 - 6pm Disco for Prep—Grade 2 students & 7.15pm Disco for Grade 3-6 students

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

We have had a statue of Mary MacKillop installed in our prayer garden. Mary's feast day is 8 August. We encourage families to take the opportunity to use the prayer garden for prayer and reflection.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

- Please note that the school will be closed on Monday 3 September for a staff professional learning day. OSHClub will be operating on this day.

All students are requested to attend their performance on the following evenings:

- Prep & G1: Wednesday 15 August at 6.30pm
- G2&3: Wednesday 22 August at 7pm
- G4-6: Wednesday 19 September at 7pm

YEAR 7 2020 ENROLMENTS CLOSE SOON

Families of students in Grade 5 are reminded that enrolment in Catholic secondary schools for 2020 closes on 17 August. You must enrol your child at the particular school you choose for them. Even siblings must be enrolled or they will miss out on a position.

WE ARE AN APPLE DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

We have recently been recognised as an Apple Distinguished School. This is recognition for continuous innovation in learning, teaching and the school environment. Apple Distinguished Schools are centres of innovation, leadership and educational excellence that use Apple products to inspire creativity, collaboration and critical thinking. They showcase innovative uses of technology in learning, teaching and the school environment and have documented results of academic accomplishment.



ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL HOURS

Many thanks to all families for the improvement in children arriving on time for school in the morning. We expect all children to be at school between 8.30 and 8.45am so that they are ready for learning. We also ask that families pick up their children between 3.15 & 3.30pm.

NCCD

Our Inclusion and Diversity Team and the St. Lawrence Leadership Team are facilitating the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) process. The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) on school students with disability collects information about students with disability across Australia in a consistent, reliable and systematic way. The purpose of the NCCD is to build an evidence base that will provide teachers, schools and sectors with information on students with disability and the level of educational adjustment being provided. Also to provide an enhanced focus on the individual needs of each student by focusing on the level of educational support provided to them in the school context. From 2018, the Commonwealth funding for schools will be based on the NCCD. The information will not identify individual students. Further information is available at:

<https://www.education.gov.au/what-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

**INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Indonesian Independence Day falls on 17 August and celebrates the date upon which Indonesia became independent from the Dutch in 1945. On this day, it is customary to raise the Merah Putih (red and white flag of Indonesia) and to wear red and white clothing. We will mark Indonesian Independence Day this year by raising the Merah Putih on Monday 13 August at Community Prayer. Ibu Ningsih and Ibu Siti will sing the Indonesian National Anthem for us and we will have our school prayer read out in Indonesian by some of our students. On Friday 17 August we encourage all staff and students to wear a splash of red and white.

LANGUAGES PROGRAM NEWS

We have been busy in the past few weeks hosting two separate groups of visitors to see our Indonesian and Arts program in action. At the end of term two, we hosted 12 teachers and principals from various Catholic schools as part of Catholic Education Melbourne's Leading Languages Professional Learning Program. At the beginning of term three, we hosted seven languages and classroom teachers from Bendigo, who are learning how to use Indonesian to teach another subject area such as music, sport or visual arts. On both occasions, Julie Corsaletti spoke with the visitors about the importance of school leadership support for the languages program. Elissa Gault, Sarah Mildner, Steve Pettenon and Ibu Ningsih taught lessons for the visitors to observe.

INDONESIAN PHRASES TO PRACTISE AT HOME

Cuci tanganmu (Wash your hands)

Silikan ambil (Please get...)

Silikan ambil bahan-bahamu (Please get your materials)

**AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT CENSUS (AEDC)**

Our school, along with thousands of other schools across the country is involved in the fourth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). The AEDC measures five key areas of development in children during their first year of full-time school to build a national picture of health and wellbeing. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and target support for children and families. Teachers are trained to answer questions about each child. No class time is missed for children during the completion of the census, and families don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. Please note that individual children and schools are not identified in the final results. Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Families don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their child in the census. Please remember to speak to Laura Sarros (Prep S) if you do not want your child to be included in the census or email: lsarros@slwderrimut.catholic.edu.au

OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:

BE SAFE
BE READY
BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESILIENT

ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE**

Please come along to help us celebrate our St. Lawrence Feast Day Mass in the Community Centre Hall on Friday 10 August at 9am. Bishop Mark Edwards will be present at our Mass and he will be blessing our Saint Lawrence Statue in the piazza and the statue of Mary MacKillop in the Prayer Garden.

PARISH MASS

Our next Parish Mass at St. Lawrence School will be on Sunday 19 August at 4.30pm. All parishioners and school community members are warmly invited to attend.

CONFIRMATION

Our Grade 6 students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 26 August at St. Peter Chanel Church. Please keep these children in your prayers.

RECONCILIATION

Our Grade 3 students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. This will take place at St. Peter Chanel Church on the 10, 11 and 12 September. Please also keep these children in your prayers.

**WATER WELLS FOR AFRICA**

In term 3 last year the grade 5&6 students took part in a Challenge Based Learning (CBL) unit on chemical science. After investigating solids, liquids and gases, the students moved into an investigation about water, an element that is found in all three states of matter. They were posed the following challenge question:

How can we better understand and utilise planet Earth's most important resource, water?

After learning about the lengths people in our world have to go to in order to access clean drinking water, two of our students, Alyssa and Brendan, were determined to make a difference. They contacted an organisation called Water Wells For Africa and found out that with enough money they would be able to raise the funds to install a water well so a community could have clean water close at hand. They proceeded to go about raising the money and worked with the school to send it to the organisation. This week we received confirmation that the money Brendan and Alyssa were able to raise achieved their goal and a water well was installed in a community in Malawi, Africa. We are extremely proud of their efforts and impressed in their ability to make a difference in our world.

**GRADE 5 & 6 FAMILY LEARNING NIGHT—CYBERSAFETY**

Families of students in grades 5 & 6 will be receiving a flyer regarding this important meeting. We have booked guest speakers from the "Cybersafety Project" to talk to families about building a positive and healthy family environment where digital use is encouraged but managed effectively. They will discuss ways you can ensure your children stay safe online. The meeting is on **MONDAY 13 AUGUST AT 7-8.30pm** in the Community Centre hall.

We encourage all families of grade 5 & 6 students to attend.

**OVAL UPDATE**

The construction of the oval is well underway and we hope to have it finished by the end of August. The children are excitedly waiting to get out there for a run and kick!

**THE RESILIENCE PROJECT**

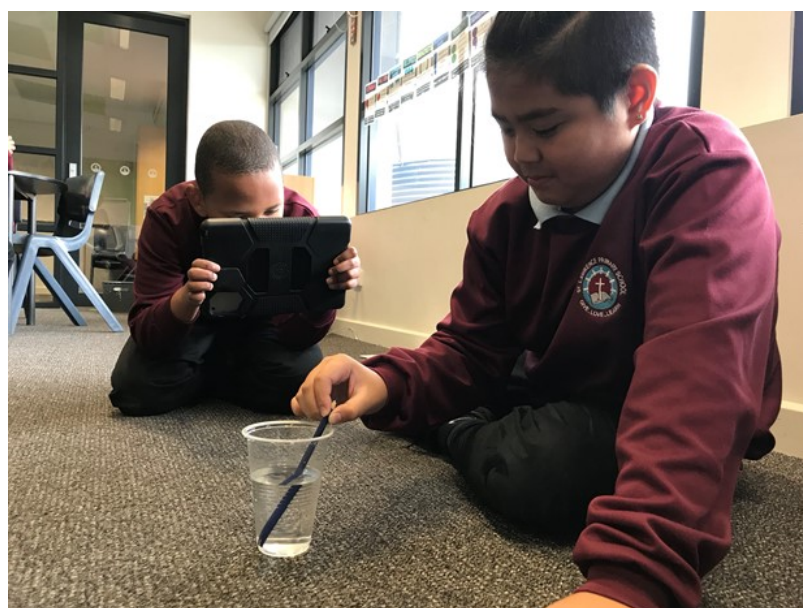
**GRATITUDE
EMPATHY
MINDFULNESS**

ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

INQUIRY & CHALLENGE-BASED LEARNING

This term sees our students exploring science, technology and innovation, specifically focusing on the physical sciences. Over the first two weeks all grade levels have been immersed in various hands-on activities linked to concepts such as light, sound, circuits, electricity, simple machines and how objects move (forces). Below you will find a short snapshot of the focus for each year level:

- PREP The way objects move depends on a variety of factors, including their size and shape.
- GRADE 1 Light and sound are produced by a range of sources and can be sensed.
- GRADE 2 A push or a pull affects how an object moves or changes shape (an investigation into simple machines).
- GRADES 3&4 Different forces affect the movement of objects (friction, gravity). Forces can be exerted by one object on another through direct contact or from a distance.
- GRADES 5&6 When light strikes an object it can be absorbed, reflected, refracted or dispersed. Energy can be transformed from one form to another to generate electricity. Circuits allow power to flow and can be described as open and closed circuits.



ST PETER CHANEL PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2018

We encourage all school families to continue to be actively involved – read the materials, listen to the speakers and follow the Program on the parish website (<http://pol.org.au/deerpark/Home.aspx>) and our parish Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/stpeterchaneldeerpark/>).

To date we have reflected on the role of faith in our lives and the importance of coming together to celebrate the Eucharist each weekend. We have also considered the notion of our parish as a community of faith and how we can make our own contribution to parish life by being involved in our Groups & Ministries.

This week we look to the future – imagining what sort of parish we want to be. Ours is one filled with optimism – but one that needs the support and contribution of every individual if we are to achieve our dreams.

This week we ask you to commit to SPC Parish by:

Signing up for a Parish Group or Ministry

Making your meaningful pledge of financial support to the Stewardship Program

We welcome Very Reverend John Salvano, Dean of St Patrick’s Cathedral and Fr Michael Morgan who will be with us for all Masses over this weekend encouraging us with our commitments. We also welcome Frank Schobben from the Parish Development team of the Archdiocese of Melbourne who will coordinate the pledge card distribution/ completion/ collection process with assistance from members of the Leadership Team.



COLES VOUCHERS

Thank you to all the families who helped us collect 43,390 vouchers. We will be receiving Sherrin training footballs, foam beam sets, basketball kits, bounce kits and skillstep hurdles. This equipment will be used for our Physical Education program and for outdoor play.

