

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019



Upcoming events:

15 Mar 9am: 1F liturgy,
2.50pm Assembly in hall

17 Mar 4.30pm: Parish
Mass

18-20 Mar: G5 camp

**22 Mar: CULTURAL
DIVERSITY DAY.**

**2pm School activities,
6.30pm Family dinner**

29 Mar 9am: 1S liturgy

5 April 1pm—end of
term 1. Casual clothes

As we begin the season of Lent—

*O God of clarity and light,
You know our darkest moments.
Let your face shine always upon us.
May we live with honesty, always walking in the truth.
May our lives bring clarity and goodness to our world.
We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus your Son,
And in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

IMPORTANT DATES

Please note the following dates:

- Friday 5 April 1pm—last day of term. Students wear casual clothes
- Tuesday 23 April—school starts for term 2
- Thursday 25 April—ANZAC Day public holiday
- Friday 26 April 11.30am—FUN RUN at Balmoral Park

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK CELEBRATIONS AT ST LAWRENCE

Next week is CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK and we have two events to celebrate our community's cultural diversity. Both will take place on Friday 22 March:

- 2-3pm: each year level is participating in 3 activities about a different cultural group. Families have been sent flyers asking for assistance
- 6.30-8pm: The School Advisory Board is hosting a multicultural dinner in the hall. Families are encouraged to come along and bring a plate of food from your culture (please bring something that can be eaten without cutlery). You can also bring along a game from your culture to share with others. If you have traditional cultural clothing please wear it. (Please see the back page of this newsletter for more information)

INDONESIAN LANGUAGE

All students and staff at St Lawrence are learning the same sentences together at school. If you would like to learn these at home with your family, you can find the video on the school website:

www.slwderrimut.catholic.edu.au/learning-teaching/language-indonesian/

We are using Indonesian Language Video - Unit 1, which is in the Teaching and Learning part of the website.

Here are two sentences for you to try using at home:

Halo semua (Hello everyone)
Mari, duduk di sini (Come, sit here)

Tips for Learning a New Language

Many of us in the St Lawrence Primary School community already know how to speak more than one language. The students in grade 6 have been talking about what it's like to learn a new language and these are their tips:

- ◇ Never give up! Keep on practising.
- ◇ Try saying things even if you make mistakes.
- ◇ Try translating new words into your home language.
- ◇ Listen to people who can speak the language already.
- ◇ Notice if there are any words in the new language that sound and mean the same thing as in your home language.

**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.

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ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

In an effort to clarify expectations regarding the use of email and Seesaw we have developed these protocols:

- Staff will respond to an email from parents within 2 working days
- Staff won't be replying to emails outside of school hours
- Email addresses for all teachers are available on the school website under 'Location & Contacts'
- The Seesaw app is for recording student learning and notifying families of school events/matters. The message function will no longer be used to communicate between staff and families
- If families have an urgent matter to address they should see their child's teacher between 8.30 & 8.45am or 3.15 & 3.30pm or contact the school office on 8390 5326 to make an appointment

HELP NEEDED

- Families of grades 4/5/6 students have been sent home information regarding the ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY survey. We ask these families to support us to gather information about our Catholic identity by completing this survey
- Volunteers are needed to assist with the Mothers' Day gift stall on Friday 10 May. Please contact Leah in the school office if you are willing to organise the gifts and/or sell at the stall

**ALERT**

Some of you may be aware of news articles regarding the Momo challenge which encourages children to self-harm. There are reports that the Momo challenge is being embedded inside YouTube videos, which makes them very difficult to detect. If you see someone promoting any challenge with an inherent risk or harm, please flag it to Google immediately:
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802027?co=GENIE.Platform%3DAndroid&hl=en>

OSHClub

We encourage all families to enrol your children in OSHClub in case you need care after school in an emergency and can't pick up your child.

COMMUNITY NEWS**ASHES TO EASTER**

St Theresa's parish invites our community to an Easter Reflection with Peter Kearney on Saturday, April 6 at Mother of God Church, 67 Blanche St, Ardeer. The Concert-Reflection will start at 7pm after the 6pm Mass. The program includes traditional and contemporary Easter songs. The concert program is mainly for adults. Suggested donation \$10.

BECOME A FOSTER CARER

All sorts of people make great Foster Carers. They are tradesmen, nurses, sales reps, shop assistants, teachers etc. They are couples, singles, from different cultural backgrounds, with or without their own children. They are people who have the desire to give a child a safe and welcoming place to stay. Our next information session is on Tuesday 16 April @ 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the Yarraville area. Come along to find out more & have your questions answered. To book or to receive an information package please contact Deb Lord-Webster on 93967400 or deb.lordwebster@anglicarevic.org.au. It is easy to become an Anglicare Foster Carer, call us NOW to talk about how. You will make all the difference!

OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:

BE SAFE
BE READY
BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESILIENT

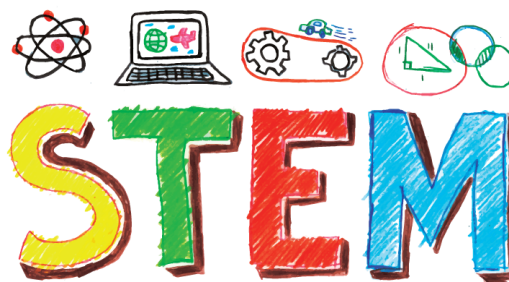
ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE

A Twilight Evening tour to explore the opportunities available to your daughter is being conducted on Thursday 28 March 5-7pm. Meet the principal and speak to staff and students. Register at www.aloysius.vic.edu.au/Talk&Tour

Hey girls, these school holidays get busy with a two day STEM program full of activities!

- Design and build a rocket
- Explore the chemistry of rocket fuel
- Build your own air balloon
- Use a 3-D printer
- Go on a virtual reality space adventure

Monday 8 & Tuesday 9 April, 9am—2pm. St Aloysius College, 31 Curran St, North Melbourne. \$90 for 2 days. Book online at www.trybooking.com.BBGYK



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GRADE 6 STUDENTS AND STAFF ENJOYING THEIR RECENT CAMP EXPERIENCE:



St Lawrence Primary School is committed to the safety, wellbeing & inclusion of all children