

NEWSLETTER MAY 2019



Upcoming events:

10 May: MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS!

13 May: Prep excursion

14 May: G2 excursion

14—16 May NAPLAN

17 May 9am: 3A class liturgy & 2.50pm

Assembly in hall

19 May 4.30pm: Parish Mass

20 May 7pm: Resilience Project parent night

21 May: Day in May

24 May 9am: 4L class liturgy—Reconciliation

27 May—SCHOOL CLOSED

29 May 7pm: G6

Confirmation meeting

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.

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life. Amen.



IMPORTANT DATES

Please put these dates in your family calendar:

- Monday 27 May—the school is closed for staff professional learning
- Monday 10 June—the school is closed for the public holiday
- Friday 21 June—Athletics Carnival
- Thursday 27 June—last day of classes. School finishes at 3.15pm
- Friday 28 June—no classes for students. Learning conversations with families

IMPORTANT MEETING—THE RESILIENCE PROJECT PARENT NIGHT

On Monday 20 May at 7pm we are hosting an important parent meeting which we strongly encourage all parents to attend. The guest speaker is Martin Heppell from The Resilience Project. Martin will be talking about what parents can do to support the mental health and wellbeing of their children. Last year Hugh van Cuylenburg spoke about this topic and the families who attended gave very positive feedback. Please note that the target audience is adults and the meeting goes for 90 minutes.

MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

This Friday we have 3 events organised to celebrate and acknowledge the women in our lives who love and nurture us:

1. Coffee & Cake at 8am in the Innovation Centre
2. School Mass in the Community Hall at 9am
3. Gift stall. All gifts are \$5

Please come and join us. We acknowledge all mums, grandmothers and caregivers for their love.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We would like to acknowledge our Religious Education leader, Karen Dodemaide, and the Social Justice team of leaders who prepared and lead the Stations of the Cross at the end of term 1. Thank you also to the families who participated in this solemn and reverent event.

UPDATED PRIVACY POLICY is available on the school website.



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FUN RUN/WALK

Thanks to all the families who joined in this annual event—especially those who participated in the egg and spoon relay!! Please send in the sponsorship money. We have one parent who has volunteered to count the donations and would love to hear from a couple more who could help.

DAY IN MAY FUNDRAISER

On Tuesday 21 May we are raising funds for CHALLENGE—an organisation which supports children with cancer. Children in our school community have been supported by Challenge. Please send a gold coin donation (or more). The children can dress up as a popstar or wear casual clothes with something yellow (scarf, ribbon, cap, t-shirt, socks—anything at all).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

MOTHERS' DAY MASS—On Friday, the 10th of May, we will be celebrating the Mother's Day Mass in the Community Centre Hall commencing at 9am. We warmly invite all mothers, grandmothers, aunts and women caregivers of the St. Lawrence School Community to join us for a special blessing on this day.

PARISH MASS—Our next Parish Mass at St. Lawrence School will be on Sunday 19 May in the Community Centre Hall commencing at 4.30pm. We invite all members of our school community and the wider parish to join us for Mass.



FIRST EUCHARIST—Our Grade 4 students are preparing to receive the sacrament of First Eucharist on 22 June. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

TRANSLANGUAGING AT ST LAWRENCE

What is 'translanguaging'?

Translanguaging is also known as 'code switching' and it happens when we swap between languages. This could be because we've forgotten the word we want to say in our other language, or because we simply don't know the word in the other language. At St Lawrence, we are all learning to translanguage between English and Indonesian. For example, you might hear an announcement that is mostly in English, but ends with 'terima kasih' (thank you). Your child may hear their teacher say to the class, 'Semua, silakan get your book and duduk' (Everyone, please get your book and sit down). Our students are also practising their translanguaging in Performing Arts and Visual Arts, where we only use the Indonesian word for something. For example, all the children say 'kertas' instead of 'paper,' 'terima kasih' instead of thank you, and 'Boleh saya...' when asking whether they may do something.

This term, our Indonesian focus words will be:

Week 1: silakan (please)

Week 2: terima kasih (thank you)

Week 3: saya (I)

Watch out for our short language videos on See Saw each week!

CONGRATULATIONS TO IBU NINGSIH!

On Sunday 5 May, Ibu Ningsih received an award acknowledging her 30-year contribution to sharing Indonesian dance within Melbourne and Victoria. The award was presented by Professor Margaret Kartomi and the Music Archive of Monash University (MAMU).

**OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:**

BE SAFE
BE READY
BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESILIENT

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS—Athletics Carnival – Friday 21 June

Throughout Term 2, the focus of our learning in Physical Education will be Athletics. Students across all grades will learn and participate in a fun, skill-based athletics program including running, long jump, high jump, discus, shot put and relay events. Lessons will focus on the skills of each different athletics event as well as continue to promote the benefits of being physically active. At the conclusion of our Athletics unit, students will participate in our first school Athletics Carnival. This will be a full day event held on Friday 21 June. Further details will be shared with families over the coming weeks and building on the success of our recent Fun Run/Walk, families will be invited to watch and support their son or daughter on the day. We wish your child the best throughout this term as they learn and develop new skills in Physical Education. We also look forward to you joining us as part of our Athletics Carnival later this term.

**HELP NEEDED**

If you are able to assist with pruning the fruit trees or covering books for the library, please contact Maria or Jodie in the Discovery Centre—grandparents welcome too!

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

The School Advisory Board met on 30 April. They discussed the following:

- Athletics Carnival – planning is underway for this event which will be held in June.
- Parish Mass – Parish Mass is held at the school every third Sunday of the month. The School Advisory Board are planning to host a small coffee and biscuits gathering after the June Mass and are currently gauging interest.
- Additional school crossing on Windsor Boulevard – There has been some investigation into the possibility of adding an additional school crossing on Windsor Boulevard. Given the number of nearby driveways this is not a viable option. Parents are reminded to please be mindful when crossing in that area and to please use the pedestrian crossing at Windsor Boulevard whenever possible.
- Multicultural Dinner – The event was a great success which showcased everyone's pride in their culture. Participation by parents in the afternoon activities was also greatly appreciated by staff and students. Due to the success of this year's event the board have agreed to run this event again next year.
- Jingle Mingle (Christmas Carols) – This event will be held on the oval towards the end of the year. Details and planning will continue in Term 3.

FEEDBACK AND IDEAS – The School Advisory board welcome any feedback and ideas. Please email: schoolboard@slwderrimut.catholic.edu.au

GRADE 3 EXCURSION

The year 3 students enjoyed a fun filled day of learning at Scienceworks. Students participated in the Program *Earth, Moon and Sun*, to immerse them into their new Inquiry unit for term two. As well as the program, students had a great time exploring the other interactive exhibits that Scienceworks has to offer, such as The Pumping Station, Sportworks and Think Ahead. The students were so engaged in many activities throughout the day and the autumn sun allowed us to have a leisurely lunch outside and students loved playing on the playground to conclude the day. We would like to acknowledge the parent helpers who kindly volunteered their time to assist with the excursion.

ICON—NEW ADMINISTRATION SOFTWARE

We will be transitioning to a new software program for administration and finances at the end of May. From 30 May to 11 June we won't be able to process any transactions. We ask for your patience during this transition period.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

MARIAN COLLEGE

Enrolments for 2021 (current grade 5 students) are now being accepted. Book your Open Morning tour of the school by calling 9363 1711 or visit www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au for more information.

CAROLINE CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Open Day is on Sunday 19 May 11am to 2pm. Explore our three campuses and learn about our programs and facilities at 65 & 204 Churchill Ave, Braybrook. To book a college tour or request more information please contact the College Registrar on 9296 5311 or registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au

