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NEWSLETTER No.4-19th March 2019



Tuesday-8.30-9.30am-Uniform Shop Open
6.00pm-Fete Meeting
7.00pm-Grade 6 Confirmation Faith Night
Wednesday-Grade 3/4 Bike Ed Program
Thursday-Harmony Day
Friday-P&F-Icypoles on sale at lunchtime and after school

Monday 25th

8.45am-Short Assembly
P&F-Icypoles on sale at lunchtime

Tuesday 26th

8.30-9.30am-Uniform Shop Open
9.00-9.30am-Classroom Helper meeting

Wednesday 27th

Grade 3/4 Bike Ed Program

Friday 29th

2.30pm-Assembly hosted by 5/6C-
All welcome
P&F-Icypoles on sale at lunchtime
and after school

April

Monday 1st

8.45am-Short Assembly
P&F-Icypoles on sale at lunchtime

Tuesday 2nd

8.30-9.30am-Uniform Shop Open

Wednesday 27th

Grade 3/4 Bike Ed Program

Friday 5th

9.00am-Easter Bonnet Parade
Caritas Coin Line
1.30pm-End of Term One

Dear Families,

Last week was Catholic Education week, the theme for 2019 being *Growing Young in Christ*.

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their Catholic identity and the pivotal role they play within our local community.

Jessica Casey and I had the privilege of travelling to St Patrick's Cathedral last Friday with our Grade 6 School Captains and Social Justice Leaders for a very special Mass followed by a concert in Treasury Gardens. The children are to be congratulated on being such excellent ambassadors for our school. They presented themselves perfectly in both dress and manner and were one of many hundreds of children represented at the St Patrick's Day Mass.

The Mass celebrated with our new Archbishop, Peter Comensoli was a great culmination of Catholic Education Week. The Archbishop spoke to us all about saints being '*People Found by God*' and that we are all Saints in the way we live our lives and help others. We were also lucky enough to have our photo taken with the Archbishop after Mass as a memento of our day.



As part of Catholic Education Week, Catholic Education Melbourne organises a Visual Arts Exhibition each year at this time. The Exhibition showcases the wonderful artwork of primary and secondary students in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. It reflects their creativity in a broad range of impressive and inspiring works across disciplines including painting, photography, sculpture, fashion and film. The exhibition is a powerful tribute to the artists' young lives and gives a brief insight into their world.

Last year our visual art's teacher submitted several pieces of Art by some of the children from St Agnes'. A very big congratulations to Chloe Curtin (Grade 3) who received a special commendation as recognition of her talents, a great achievement! There is a photo and more from Chloe later in the newsletter.

We have had quite a number of new families touring the school over the last weeks, as enrolments are finalised for 2020. If you are a current family and have a child coming to school next year in Foundation (Prep) please make sure you have given your completed enrolment form to the office by the end of this week so we know how many places we have available in 2020.



Thank you to the families who have offered their fences for Real Estate boards advertising our school. You will start to see the boards appearing around the community this week. Also thank you to families who have approached their contacts at Real Estate Agents in the local area who donated boards to the school, we are very grateful. We will acknowledge them in the next newsletter.



We are in the process of creating a new website for St Agnes. Yesterday we had the designer and photographer in the school taking photos and video for the new site. A school's website is the first place prospective parents visit when looking for a school for their child. As part of the new web design we will be changing the way our newsletter looks. We will be using *inewsletter* which will be available on the new school website and will be another way of discovering what is happening in our school. We will let you know when everything is live!

If children are going to be absent from school on a family holiday for more than 2 days, parents are required to inform the school office in writing. This is a state law and part of the new Child Safety requirements for all schools in Victoria. These requests will be acknowledged by the school and kept on file. Many thanks for your understanding with this.



I look forward to seeing our Grade 6 families tonight for our Confirmation Reflection evening at 7pm. This is a very personal way for the children to start preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation and for you to form a deeper understanding of the importance of Confirmation in your child's and your own faith journey.

We are starting to plan for our major fundraiser of the year, the school fete. We have had a great response to our request for helpers, thank you so much. The first meeting is tonight at 6pm in the hall. Everyone is very welcome!

Don't forget to mark 20th May at 7pm in your diaries. We hope to see a representation from all families to come along to the CyberSafety session 'Inform & Empower' facilitated by Marty McGauran. Martin works in schools in the area of digital technology and presents to children, parents and educators around this very important topic.

Next week I will be attending the VACPSP (Victorian Association for Catholic Primary School Principal's) Conference from Monday afternoon. I attended the last conference in 2017 and it was one of the most valuable conferences I have ever attended. This year the theme is *'Impact the Future: Leading today's learners for tomorrow.'* We are working in a time of great social change where learners in our schools are the most global, visual and technological generation ever. Never before have the generational changes, social trends and demographic shifts combined to impact schools in such significant ways. One of our speakers will deliver a snapshot of Australia now and towards 2030. The challenge for us as educators is how we continue to engage, develop and lead the next generation. While I am away Matt will be the acting, Acting Principal.

Until next fortnight
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Italian News

Empty Egg Cartons Required

Could all families please bring in all your empty egg cartons for an Italian classroom activity.

Please leave them in the office.

Thank you
Marie Talarico– ItalianTeachers



HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH



www.harmony.gov.au

FAMILIES OF ST AGNES' DID YOU KNOW?

- *Nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was*
- *We identify with over 300 ancestries*
- *Apart from English, the most common languages spoken in*
- *Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi*
- *More than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.*

The students of St Agnes' are so fortunate to live in a country that celebrates diversity and multiculturalism. As a school we would love to showcase our diversity by celebrating **Harmony Day on Thursday 21st March.**

Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

On Thursday 21st we ask students to come dressed in a traditional costume from their family origin, or wear the colour **Orange.**

Harmony Day asks students to wear the colour Orange because it signifies social communication, freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Thank you,
Anthea Georgiou
Wellbeing Leader



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge



The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and St Agnes' Highett is excited to be participating. All St Agnes' students are taking part in the challenge

The Premiers' Reading Challenge and the current and past premiers proudly support this important literacy initiative and declare the fifteen years of this Challenge open.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6 September 2019.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

We encourage students and their siblings to listen to, read to someone or read to self as a way of meeting the challenge. We are hoping that all the students will have their username and password by the holidays.

We encourage all parents to borrow from the school and local library it will help your children.

Parents and students can borrow up to eight books per week each from the school library. Please come and see me to enrol in the library borrowing system.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Thank you.

Julie Gonzales-Library Teacher

victorian
premiers'
reading
challenge



REACH NEW
HEIGHTS



The Hon Daniel Andrews MP

Premier of Victoria

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted to announce the opening of the 2019 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge.

As you know, reading gives children the fundamental skills they need for life. Even more, it helps to awaken their imagination and connect our kids with the world around them.

This year, the Challenge boasts more than 9,000 titles catering for all ages and interests, with everyone who completes the Challenge receiving a Certificate of Achievement. For children not yet at school, the Challenge invites parents and carers to experience 40 books with their child. For students from Prep to Year 2, the Challenge is to read or experience 30 books and for students in Years 3 to 10, the Challenge is to read 15 books. If you would like to find more information about the Challenge, head to the official website: education.vic.gov.au/prc.

I also encourage you to visit the Challenge Facebook page www.facebook.com.au/VicPRC where you can share stories, stay informed, and recommend books.

I wish you all the best in your reading journey.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier of Victoria





All About The Art Exhibition

On Sunday 17th March, I went to the city to go to an Art Exhibition at the Catholic Education Office because I won an art prize for doing a drawing of an ANZAC soldier.

It was very fun because there was afternoon tea, juices, and you had time to walk around to see all the artwork the students from other catholic school had done.

I won a prize for “Highly Commended”. There was lots of amazing art in the exhibition. My mum’s favourite one was the one titled “Child of God”. It was an extraordinary piece of art from my opinion, it had excellent texture.

From Chloe Curtin Grade 3



The Day I Met the Prime Minister By Annabelle Poon Grade 5

On Thursday 14th March last week, Australia's Prime Minister, Scott Morrison came to my local netball courts in Hampton.

He was there because he was putting 4.7 million dollars for new indoor netball courts in Sandringham.

I was lucky enough to get a photo with him but I also got to be in a "No bullying" video with him because last Friday was the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. This is a joint government initiative for schools and community groups to take action against bullying.

I felt proud being in the video and I think our school is doing a great job to prevent bullying. ..." Bullying - NO WAY!"

PS Check out the video on Scott Morrison's FB page!

<https://www.facebook.com/scottmorrison4cook/videos/633337547109308/UzpfSTEN->



Grade 3/4 Bike Ed



Donating Books

As Our Programs of DAILY Five and CAFE Reading require a “saturation” of books in the classroom we hope that you will consider donating some “gems” to the school. Appropriate children’s picture books, novels etc in good condition will be appreciated. There is a tub in the office foyer to place your donations in.



NEW SESSION Classroom Helpers Information

An important part of the Literacy Program is the regular inclusion of Classroom Helpers working with the students. If you have been, or wish to be a Helper in the class there will be an Information session on:

Tuesday 26th March in Room 4 at 9.00am.

A notice will be sent home via CareMonkey, to enable you to rsvp to the meeting, Helpers will begin to assist in the classrooms once this meeting has taken place.

Thanking you in advance!

Julie Grace

Literacy Leader

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Bentleigh East 3165

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Open Mornings
9.15am - 10.30am

Tuesday 30 April
Monday 20 May

Friday 7 June
Wednesday 26 June

Bookings essential. Call 9575 8119 or email registrar@sjcbe.catholic.edu.au to make a booking.

P&F Event Dates:

Term 1

Easter Bonnet Parade - A reminder that the Easter Bonnet Parade is this Friday, last day of term 1. The children will parade their hats just after the morning bell. Parents and caregivers are welcome to stay and watch the parade.



Easter Raffle

A reminder to return sold Easter raffle ticket stubs and cash to the P&F box at the office by this Wednesday 3rd April. Please ensure the purchaser's name is on the stub. The raffle will be drawn after the Easter Bonnet Parade.

Term 2

April

Anzac Day - To commemorate ANZAC Day (Thursday 25th April), ANZAC Biscuits will be sold in the morning and funds raised will be donated to our local Highett RSL. The biscuits are traditionally baked by family & friends of St Agnes. This year we will require 2-3 bakers per class. To help with the uniformity of the biscuits we ask that you please use either our recipe or the same ingredients, this will also allow us to inform parents whose children have allergies. Thank you to the people so far that have volunteered to bake. We still have a few classes that are looking for bakers so if you are able to help bake a batch please let your class rep know ASAP. Your rep will then provide you with a copy of the recipe. Cookies will need to be delivered before school on the morning of Friday 26th April for selling in the morning.

May

Some dates for your diary in term 2.

Mother's Day stall – Wednesday 1st May

Mother's Day Breakfast – Friday 10th May

More details to come in the newsletter next term!

Have a Safe & Happy Easter,

P&F team,

Fleur, Christie & Stacey

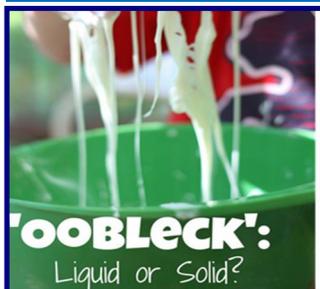
Monday 18th	Tuesday 19th	Wednesday 20th	Thursday 21st	Friday 22nd
Baking banana cake	Making clay and toothpick structures	God's Eye by Valentina	Harmony Day bracelets	Exploring water beads
Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th	Friday 29th
Growing crystals	Baking bread and muffins	Building towers with straws	Chess by Aidan	Drawing by Victoria

The Extend Superstars are:

Dee Dee Corcoran...for using her creativity to create fun activities in our morning service.

Reilly Vien...for his patience and kindness when he ran the boomerang making activity.

What's Been Happening?



This week we've been exploring a range of science, baking, sport and art activities. A highlight was exploring the properties of oobleck and seeing how a cornstarch and water mix can be both a solid and a liquid!

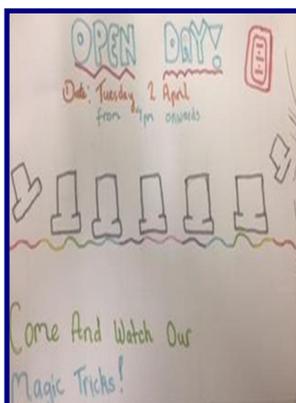
Another highlight was the delicious chocolate truffles we made.



Open Afternoon

We have been working hard on our magic tricks and can't wait to show off our skills.

On Tuesday 2nd April we will be showcasing our skills from 4pm onwards





Open Day Saturday 30th March 10-12

Vacancies still available in
3/4 and 4/5 year old groups
2019
Extended care sessions available

Livingston Kindergarten
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VIC 3190
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Web: livingstonkindergarten.com.au
Email: livingston.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au
Website: www.livingstonkindergarten.com.au



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OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 31 MARCH, 9AM - 11AM

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ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

LEMONAID

RAFFLE tickets \$2 each



1ST PRIZE: JACK + JULES package

JACK + JULES lifestyle bags are manufactured to a high level of quality ensuring they can be both functional and used over time and for various purposes.

Package consists of an All-Rounder Day Bag, Social Dish Carrier, Yoga Mat Bag and a three pack Market Bag Set

Value: approx. \$198

Kindly donated by JACK + JULES



2ND PRIZE: Ego Pharmaceutical Hamper

Hamper comprises of all your great Ego, Australian made and owned everyday products, including QV & Sun Sense face & body products*

Value: \$150

Kindly donated by Ego Pharmaceutical



*Products in prize may differ from those shown in picture



3RD PRIZE: Luna Park Family Pass

Enables the lucky winner to enjoy a day of rides and entertainment

Valid for One adult and three children (12 years and under) or Two adults and two children (12 years and under)

Value: \$149.95

Kindly donated by Luna Park, St Kilda

ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

LEMONAID

SILENT AUCTION

SwimRight, Sandringham

Voucher for one term of Children's swimming lessons (Term 2, 2019)

Value: \$220

Little Daydreamers- Baby and Toddler Sleep Solutions

Consultation
1 hour phone consultation, personalised sleep assessment and 2 weeks of follow up support to help resolve any sleep issues your little one is having

Value: \$199

Teeparty

Voucher towards children's teepee sleep over packages

Value: \$150

St Kilda Football Club

4 Rickets (child or adult) to an AFL 2019 St Kilda home match

Value: \$100

Passion ART Party

Voucher towards travelling art & disco party

Value: \$100

Heather B Millinery

Hand made silk flower headband

Value: \$90

GoodHealth 4U, Beaumaris

2 x Voucher for 30 minute remedial massage

Value: \$70 each

Buxton Sandringham

5 x MONOPOLY game boards- Sandringham Edition

Value: \$50 each

NY Paul Louis Magnum

Donated by Helen Monaghan

Value: \$50

I Am Me Affirmation

2 x packets of 44 Affirmation cards for kids

Value: \$34.95 each

Sandringham Football Club

Complimentary Family ticket for Sandringham Football Club home game of your choice (5 family tickets available)

Value: \$20 per family ticket

Physio@Sandringham

Voucher for Initial Plates assessment and 1:1 Plates session

Value \$210

Peach Pear Plum Photography

30 minute photo shoot with 5 digital images of your choice

Value: \$195

Le Labo Discovery Kit- Fragrance (donated by United Places Botanic Gardens)

Labo fine fragrances - Discovery Set, consisting of 17 x 1.5ml of Le Labo classic collection

Value: \$130

Melbourne Racing Club

4 x Members' Reserve Guest passes to the Easter Cup Race Day

Value: \$100

Village Cinema Family Movie Bundle*

Donated by Anna Box, Founder of Screen & Soul
5 tickets - 2 Adults + 3 Children's tickets

Value: \$95.50 *2 Family Bundles available

Hightt Youth Club

Voucher for one full day school holiday program

Value: \$70

Adam The Flower Man

Fresh flower bouquet

Value: \$50

Carman's Kitchen Food Hamper

Comprised of cereal, bars, crackers, bliss balls and more! Includes a selection of Vegan and Gluten free options

Value: \$50

Pomegranate Hair

Voucher for haircare retail purchase

Value: \$40

Barbeques Galore

Stainless Steel 18pc portable BBQ Tool Set

Value: \$27

Richmond Football Club

Signed by Richmond player

Value: to be confirmed