



Important Dates

SRC Casual Day
Friday 15 May

**School Board
Meeting via Zoom**
Monday 18 May

End of Term 2
Friday 3 July

14.05.20

Do you like our new Newsroom?

You may have noticed that things are looking a little different...

We're part of a pilot project for Catholic Education South Australia to test and showcase this new functionality for our electronic newsletters - we hope you'll love the addition of video content, photo galleries and all of our news stories for each edition featured on the one page.

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Recent News

Welcome back to Term 2



14.05.20

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

The mornings are certainly colder and the desire to get out of bed definitely requires greater effort! But still the happy faces of the children coming to school in the morning, is confirmation that the cold weather will not deter children from bouncing into school and making the most of their opportunities. Thank you for the effort that goes into getting the children to school on time in the mornings and ensuring they are packed and ready for a big day of learning ahead.

It is also great to be able to write a newsletter that doesn't entirely focus on COVID-19. This week we have seen over 98% of our children return to face to face learning. The teachers and staff are delighted to have all the children back on site with us, comfortable with their familiar routines and procedures. I am very grateful to everyone for persevering with our new pickup and drop off arrangements – we continue to be informed by the SA Health and Catholic Education SA in regards to the practices we are using. One benefit from the new drop and pick up arrangement may be less of the flu impact across the school this winter. We continue to have additional cleaning practices across the school and constant hygiene reminders to the children.

As the children settle back into routines and face to face learning, a number of children may be experiencing certain levels of anxiety due to uncertainty and times of change. Attached is a free online workshop presented by the Life Buoyancy Institute Foundation and Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities SA. The workshop is to be held on Thursday 14 May from 7:00 – 8:00pm and is aimed to *'help families and schools support children to feel well, deal with stress and be successful while the coronavirus continues affecting their schooling, social activities and daily family life'*. [Click on the following link to book](#)

Parent Teacher Interviews

First semester Parent/Teacher Interviews have been taking place over the last two weeks, providing information to parents about how students have been progressing with their school work and social interaction in the classroom and the school yard. This year the Parent Teacher Interviews have been conducted over the phone or by Zoom but none the less they are still an important opportunity to summarise and highlight the achievements so far and to point out areas for growth. I urge all parents to ensure they have made contact with classroom teachers to arrange a time to have a conversation; research tells us that feedback regarding student progress is one of the top ten most powerful influences on learning and achievement.

I hope that all our mums had a lovely day on Sunday with the ones you love and you enjoyed the beautiful gifts the children made for

you. The teachers do an amazing job coming up with new and different ideas each year. My mum still has and uses a serving tray I made out of used match sticks for her when I was in Year 5. We always have a good laugh when she brings it out.

To show you how much we value our mother's at Star of the Sea for all you do for us we have put together this video to express our love.

Enjoy the weekend ahead

Joe De Tullio

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Screen Time



With our recent focus on remote learning and using various devices to get us through our day, I encourage parents to be mindful how much too much screen time is for our children.

There have been countless videos capturing life in isolation and lockdown and one app that seems to be gaining quickly in popularity and momentum is Tik Tok. The app is recommended for children aged 12+ years. I urge all parents to make sure that the privacy settings on any device that has Tik Tok on it be set to a high level ensuring only those people who are invited can see the videos created. Also vitally important is that no personal details can be derived from the videos posted. Children should not appear in videos in their school uniform or have identifiable images in the background of videos. People appearing in videos on Tik Tok should know that the videos have been taken and have given their approval for the uploading of videos.

Social networking and gaming applications enable people to interact with one another online. [Here's a description of some common ones young people use.](#)

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Seaview Road Pick Up

All pick up points around our school are busy places and I once again urge motorists to exercise extreme care and caution around our school. In particular, north of the Seaview Rd pick up point is **CLEARWAY zone**, marked with a yellow line and means that no vehicles can stop or park along the length of the yellow line. We have been highlighting this area with bright orange cones over the past weeks.

Vehicles that stop on the yellow line obstruct southbound road users' view of the crossing and present a hazard for pedestrians crossing Seaview Rd.

Please help to keep our children safe by NOT parking in this Clearway Zone. Council Parking officers are active around our school at drop off and pick up times are issuing parking fines.

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**"Never be afraid of loving Mary too much.
You can never love her more than Jesus did."**

This quote was by St Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan Friar, who died in place of ten others during World War 11. He looked to Mary for comfort and strength. May is a special month in the church when we remember Mary, Mother of Jesus. It can be comforting praying traditional prayers of the church, often learnt in childhood; the Rosary, based on the Hail Mary, can be soothing, almost mantra like, in times of anxiety and stress. Join me in meditating on the Joyful Mysteries of Jesus' life by praying a decade of the Rosary. Song to Mary.

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From the Finance Manager

School Fee statements were sent home this week via your child/ren. If there are any questions relating to the statement, please contact Jane Leonard in the School Finance Office.

The following options are available for payment of your school fees -
Cash, Cheque, Visa, Mastercard, Direct Debit, BPAY and QKR

Regular direct debits from either bank savings/cheque accounts or credit card is an easy and preferred option. Please see the School Office if you wish to arrange this option.

Irregular payments can also be paid via the QKR option also.

Commencing last year, the School's Bpay Biller Code changed from 46698 to **297911**. There is a transition period where both BPay Biller Codes will work for a limited time. Therefore, if you are choosing to pay your school fees via this option please change the Biller Code to **297911** as soon as possible. Please note that your individual "Reference Number" has NOT changed.

Parents/Caregivers who have contributed \$250/\$300 or more to the Planned Giving Programme of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Henley Beach for the **2020 calendar year** may apply for a full rebate of the School Capital Levy.

Application forms are available from the School Office. You will need to take the form to the Parish Office for approval.

Fee Remissions

Families who have lost significant income due to COVID-19 will receive a total school fee remission, initially for a period of 3 months. We will work with families to implement and provide this financial assistance.

In addition, financial assistance is available for low income earners via the Government scheme School Card. This will continue to be available for those families who qualify.

Please see the following table to assess if you are eligible to apply for this scheme. If you think you are eligible, please phone me in the School Office to set up an interview to complete the paperwork.

No. of your Dependent Children	2018/19 Annual School Card Income Limit	2018/19 Average Weekly School Card Gross Income Limit
1	\$60,264	\$1,159
2	\$61,340	\$1,180
3	\$62,416	\$1,201
4	\$63,492	\$1,222
5	\$64,568	\$1,243

Any families who are experiencing any financial difficulty are encouraged to contact me and I will confidentially and sensitively work through this with you. Please call 8115 7400 or email janeleonard@star.catholic.edu.au

Jane Leonard
Finance Manager

Star of the Sea Business Directory



The Parents and Friends Committee have launched a very new initiative aimed at helping our families through this COVID-19 downturn in business. The Star of the Sea Business Directory is a way of supporting our school community by using our local family businesses. There are a number of business categories ranging from accounting and air conditioning to cafes, hairdressing, printing and retail, and many others.

If you are thinking about renovating at home or you need an electrician or simply doing a coffee run please think local and if possible use the school directory to locate a family business.

If you would like to register your business and be a part of the directory please contact Roslyn Stevens or give Vivian DePalma a call via the school office. Send us your details and we will add you to the list.

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John Radcliff



After 20 years of loyal service our resident guitar teacher, John Radcliff has decided to slow down and retire from guitar teaching. This was a sudden and spontaneous decision from John and whilst we will find it difficult to replace his talent, patience, generosity and care we will miss him sadly. One of the great joys of my school day has always been walking past the guitar room in the Mercy Convent Building and hearing John's students playing the guitar and asking them to play me a tune.

Many of our old scholars and Rock Band members have been taught guitar by John and I am sure they all have very fond memories of lessons and John's skill and finesse on acoustic, electric and bass guitars.

On behalf of all the students and families who have been taught by John we offer our deep appreciation for having known him and for having him as part of our school community. For some reason I don't think our Music Concerts and guitar ensembles will be the same without John.

Vale John Radcliff, enjoy your well-earned retirement. Thank you!

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Thank you!

Thank you for the contributions for our food hampers. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Our casual day tomorrow will raise much needed funds for purchasing essential baby goods to support the young families in our area.

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Sports Update

Welcome back to a very quiet Term 2 with regard to Sport. At this point in time we are still unsure of what sporting programs will take place this term. Refunds will be made as we become informed of what is happening. Should there be refunds for your child's sport, I will inform families by email how this will occur. Please do not contact the office for refunds at this time, as the policy is still the same, once registered there are no refunds. However, in this unprecedented situation, all refunds will occur once we receive official notification from the particular sporting organisations.

SPORT DATES FOR Term 1, 2020

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival – Reschedule date TBA

Metro SAPSASA Swimming Carnival –Reschedule date TBA

Star of the Sea School Sports Day – Reschedule TBA

Term 2, 2020

SACPSSA Netball Carnival - TBC

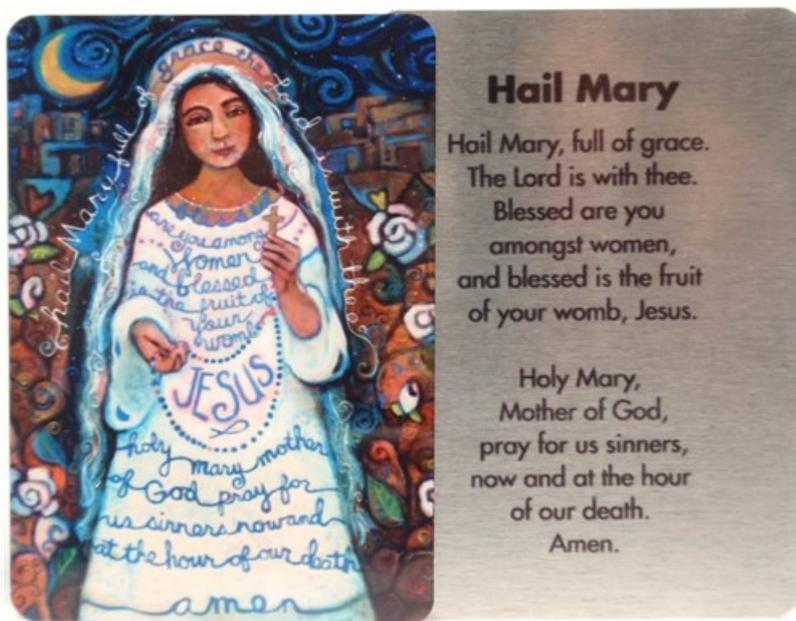
These are the dates that have been set so far so mark them in your diaries!

Please note Athletics carnivals will be held in Terms 3 & 4.

Kristen Victory

Sports Coordinator / Teacher

Prayer



St Vincent de Paul Society



Can you please bring a pantry or household item to donate to Vinnies?
All boxes are in the classrooms. Thank you for your generosity.

Casual Clothes Day

The SRC students have organised a casual clothes day for Friday 15 May. The Casual Day has been brought forward in support of the St Vincent de Paul who is in need of donations to purchase baby food for families who are doing it tough in the current economic climate.

We encourage families to make their donation via Qkr! so as to minimise the handling of coins. However, if you don't have the Qkr! App installed we will still gratefully accept coin donations.

We thank you for your support in anticipation.

School Uniform

A reminder that as of next week, all students from Year 1 - Year 6 should be in their winter school uniform.

The mornings are now quite cool and the two week change over period has ended. Please refer to the school uniform policy. Parkers, rain jackets and other outer clothing should be in school colours.

The Devon Uniform Shop is open on Tuesday mornings and the Preloved Uniform Shop is open on Wednesday mornings.
