Welcome Back Students, Families, Staff and Friends!!

As we begin our first term I warmly welcome everyone in the community back to school and I personally look forward to working with you all this term. There were many smiling faces this morning (particularly from parents) at the beginning of the day. I congratulate the 2018 Prep students on how well they settled into school. This year was the first year that we had the prep students begin school a day earlier than the rest of the school and all feedback has been very positive in regards to making a positive transition to school.

Please see over page for Phys Ed Timetable and days your child is to wear sports uniform.

Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends.
Open my ears to hear my teacher.
Open my mind to learn new things.
Let my heart remember YOU are near when I’m afraid.
Help me to love others like you do.
I want to shine your light so bright in my school.

B’Courtney Delius
Amen.
NEXT STAGE BUILDING

Two of the Year 5 Home Groups have started the year in our Mary MacKillop Performing Arts Centre (MMPAC) while we await a new building. I congratulate Daniel and Davee for their efforts in setting up a great temporary learning space in this area. Both Father Richard and myself will be involved in this process and liaising with building companies in the next couple of weeks. The building will be completed ASAP.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

To all of the parents in our community, both those new to the school and the returning families, I encourage you to get involved in the school in any way you are able. Throughout the year you will be bombarded with communication about events and ways in which parents are able to assist. Later this year (end of term 3) we will have our biennial Night Fair and as with all initiatives, more hands make light work! If you are able to offer your time to help out I encourage you to do so. Without us all working together, we can not continue to achieve so much for our students.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION / SPORT TIMETABLE

Please see the table below for your child’s / children’s sport and phys ed timetable. On these days students are to wear their sports uniform. Please see Home Group teachers if unsure.

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I imagine that this will be the shortest newsletter of the year! I hope everyone has an enjoyable first week back. In the next few days please look out for liturgy and mass rosters and a lot of paper work that includes excursion notes, ICT information and personal details form for the office.

Major dates for term 1 are listed on the next page!
Term 1, 2018 Dates

**FEBRUARY**

February 8 - 2:45pm and 7:00pm
Year 5 Camp Information Sessions

February 9
Year 3 Immigration Museum

February 14 - 12:30pm
Years 3-6 Ash Wednesday Mass

February 16
Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival

February 21 & 22
Parent/Teacher Exchange Meeting

February 26 - 28
Year 5 Camp to Sovereign Hill

**MARCH**

March 12
Labour Day Long Weekend

March 15
SGP Reconciliation

March 16
SGP Athletics Day

March 29
Closure Day (Staff Professional Learning Day)
After School Hours Care

This service is run by Camp Australia and sometimes when parents ring them and book their child in unexpectedly, the time lag could mean that their name isn’t included on the list that comes to us. To be sure that the school knows your child is to attend, please give the office a courtesy call to let us know that you have booked them for that day.

THIS IS ONLY FOR THOSE CHILDREN WHO GO ON A CASUAL BASIS, NOT FOR THOSE WHO GO REGULARLY. Likewise, if for some reason you have contacted Camp Australia to cancel your child attending on a day, a courtesy call to the office helps us ensure your child waits for you at school.

Download the Skoolbag App!

This is one of the best ways to stay up to date with information about the school. Have you downloaded our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App yet? This is the very best way to stay up to date with school events, reminders and notifications.
Registering With Camp Australia

We hope you and your family had a fantastic school holidays! The new school year has arrived and with it plenty of adventures in OSHC.

Have you registered with Camp Australia yet? Even if you do not plan on using the OSHC program at your school there are many benefits for your family.

What Are The Benefits Of Registering?

Some of the benefits to registering with Camp Australia are:

- A stress-free back up plan for "just in case"
- Flexible access to our programs
- Will ensure we have all the information for your kids to ensure they have the best time possible

How Do I Register?

Registration is simple and hassle free! To register visit www.campaustralia.com.au.

How Do I Find Out More About The OSHC Service At My School?

To find out more about our program as well as view and fees, please visit www.campaustralia.com.au and search for your school on the homepage.

Otherwise, feel free to come visit the program and see what it is all about.

We look forward to seeing you and your family in soon.

The Camp Australia Team.
How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device.
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search.
3. Install the Skoolbag app.
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

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