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NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 6

May 22nd 2020

Mary Help of Christians Reflection

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts
our love of Mary Help of Christians.
Through her prayers and under her protection,
may the light of Christ shine over our land.
May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.
Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.
Bless especially the men and women
of the Australian Defence Force and their families.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.
Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.



Prep - Year 2, Welcome Back We've All Missed You!!

Dear Parents & Guardians,

On Tuesday 26th May Prep - Year 2 children return to school along with all other children in Years 3 - 6 who have been attending school for the past 6 weeks or whose parents have returned to work and there is no-one at home to supervise them. On the 9th June the remaining children in Year 3-6 will return to school also. Prior to the children returning the entire school site will be sanitised on Saturday 23rd May. The following procedures will be in place to align with guidelines developed by the Department of Education and Catholic Education Melbourne. These procedures are there to ensure the safety of all within the community so we ask for your co-operation in adhering to these.

*all parents/carers/adults dropping off and picking up children are asked to keep 1.5m apart from each other when dropping off and waiting to pick up children at the 4 external gates to the school

*children will be dropped at external entry gates where staff will be on duty to greet them, once all children are back at school there MAY be staggered start times to decrease the numbers of adults congregating at gates to drop off children

*drop off will continue to be available from drive through outside the school

*access will only be from 8:30 onwards and not before

*at the end of the day children will be brought out to the 4 gates where you can pick them up

***pick up in the afternoon will be from 3:00pm for A-K and from 3:15 for L-Z. Siblings with different surnames will go by the eldest sibling surname**

*a sketch of the 4 pedestrian gates is on Page 3, please advise your child of the number gate you will be meeting them for ease of pick up

*children will have access to hand sanitiser in each classroom and school space for use throughout the day

*at this stage the junior and senior play equipment will be closed until further notice

*drink taps will be closed and ALL children are asked to bring a labelled drink bottle from home

*parent access to the school site will be limited to essential visits only and in that case an appointment must be scheduled

*parents who require account information can email Lisa at accounts@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au

We may need to refine these procedures as more children return to school so we ask for your continued support and patience as we work to keep everyone safe during this time.

Have a great weekend, stay safe and God bless

Carmel Marantelli

PRINCIPAL

Returning to School

On Tuesday Daniel Andrews announced a staggered return to school this term, the details of this announcement are:

*Monday May 25th - staff return to school for a PUPIL FREE DAY

*Tuesday 26th May - Prep - Year 2 return to school along with children who have been at school for the past weeks doing Remote Learning at school and other children whose parents are now returning to work. If you believe you fit into this category and wish your Year 3-6 children to return to school prior to June 9th please send me an email at principal@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au with the details of your situation.

- Any children in Prep - Year 2 whose parents chose not to send them back to school will NOT have the opportunity for Remote Learning from the 25th May. This was only ever for the time children could not be at school so once they return teachers will be teaching face to face. Children still at home will now be classed as absent from school.

*Monday 8th June - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

*Tuesday 9th June - Year 3 - Year 6 return to school

- Any children in Year 3 - Year 6 whose parents chose not to send them back to school will NOT have the opportunity for Remote Learning from the Friday 5th June. This was only ever for the time children could not be at school so once they return teachers will be teaching face to face. Children still at home will now be classed as absent from school.

*Sanitiser is available in all classrooms and offices so every child/staff member entering a space throughout the day,/returning from the bathroom will need to use this.

*Children in Year 3-6 who are at school prior to 9th June will still be participating in Remote Learning on Seesaw/Google so will be completing the same activities as those children still at home. These children will be in their classroom **supervised** by their teacher.

*At this stage children are not able to bring their own sport/play equipment to school. We will have a supply of equipment they can use at break times and we have a process for cleaning this after use.

*Access to the school for parents and visitors will be limited to essential visits only and all visitors will need to complete safety measures prior to entering. At this stage there will be **NO school canteen** until further notice.

Phone Calls

During this time of Remote Learning staff have had many occasions where they have had to contact parents by phone while they have been working from home. In most cases this was with their number blocked and we appreciate parents answering these calls so that we could speak to you and support your child. Sometimes staff have forgotten to hide their number and so parents and carers have access to staff private mobile numbers. If this is the case I ask that you honour the privacy of that staff member and not use this number to contact them.

Reports

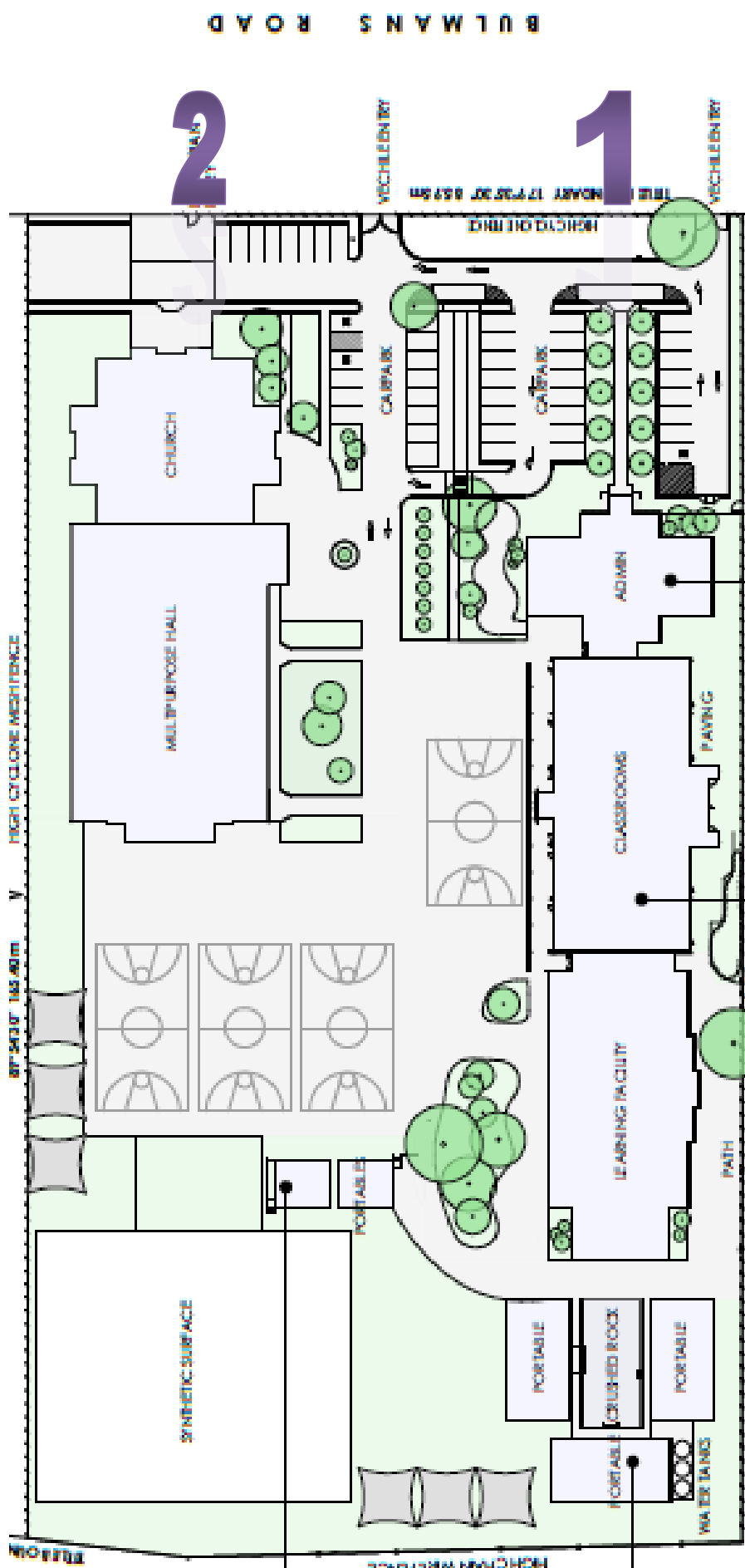
We hope to get Semester 1 school reports out to parents and carers by the end of this term. However with the staggered return to school we will only have all children back from the 9th June, which is only a few weeks prior to the end of term, so reports may need to be pushed out to the beginning of Term 3. These reports will not be as comprehensive as they have been in the past due to the transition to Remote Learning in Term 2. Our focus will be on giving you a report which comments on your child's achievements in Religious Education, English and Mathematics in Term 1, a summary of the content covered in these 3 areas throughout Term 2 and a comment on your child's mindset and engagement in Remote Learning throughout Term 2. A more detailed explanation of the report and the reasons for these changes will come out with the report.

Wellbeing News

Ms Lorraine MacDonald joined us this week and has already had conversations with staff to familiarise her with children and their families. In the coming weeks she will be making contact with some families to discuss how she can support you and your child in this transition back to school. During this time of restriction and isolation one of the most challenging things is how to cope with the isolation and not being able to see, play with, touch, hug loved ones and friends. For some of us this is easier to cope with than others; having said that even those who may be coping could have days that are more of a challenge than others. The following link and web address are to a presentation by Dr Michael Carr Gregg, a child and adolescent psychologist. I encourage you to watch the presentation if you are concerned about how your child is coping during his time or to call the school to talk to school staff so we can direct you to support services. [Special Report 1: \(https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-wellbeing-checklist-primary \)](https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-wellbeing-checklist-primary) **Wellbeing Checklist for Primary: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg**

Uniforms

My apologies to all parents and carers who tried earlier in the week to email the uniform email account to place their order. There was an issue with this account and it was only working internally and not externally; our technician has since fixed this issue. All uniform orders can now be emailed to Annette at the following email address and she will process your order and contact you to arrange pick up and payment. Sorry for the inconvenience this has caused many of you. uniform@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au



FRONT OF SCHOOL GATES

Gate 1 is under the electronic sign and directly in front of the new administration building

Gate 2 is directly in front of the church on the CRC side of the pedestrian crossing

SIDE OF SCHOOL GATES

Gate 3 is on the park side of the new administration building

Gate 4 is half way down the length of the school on the park side

For the love of Reading... National Simultaneous Storytime 2020

Snuggle in and listen to the Australian Award Winning text Chicken Divas by Lucinda Glifford.

Students at school will be listening live on Wednesday, 27th of May and those at home, including younger siblings and families can listen on SeeSaw or on our FaceBook page.



Student Free Day - Monday, 25th May

2021 Enrolments

ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS ARE NOW DUE!

When lodging an application copies of your child's birth certificate, immunisation certificate and Baptism certificate must be attached along with any VISA or legal documents if these are applicable.

All siblings of current students as well as all new applicants are required to have an enrolment application lodged.

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PLEASE NOTE:

As of 19th March 2020 **ALL MASSES** (including Sunday services) have been **SUSPENDED** until further notice due to the COVID-19 direction issued by The Bishops of the Province of Victoria. We will continue to provide updates via the Parish website and Parish Facebook page as they become available.

w: <http://pol.org.au/melton/Home>

 Parish Facebook Page

 Parish Instagram Page



Term 2, 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
25 Week 7 Student Free Day	26 Welcome Back We've Missed You Prep - Year 2 return to school	27 *National Simultaneous Story Time	28	29	30	31
1 June Week 8	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Week 9 Queens Birthday	9 *Yr 3 - 6 return to school.	10	11	12	13	14
15 Week 10	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Week 11	23	24	25	26 Last Day of Term 2	27	28

OSHC AT HOME

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INTRODUCING OSHC AT HOME POWERED BY OSHCLUB!

We are so excited to be able to share our free, new OSHC at Home program with your school community. Whether you're an OSHClub regular or you've never attended our service, we know that spending more time at home now than ever before may mean you're looking for fun and innovative activities for your child. Well, we've got you covered.

If you're working (and schooling) from home or are after ideas for things to do on the weekend, our OSHC at Home program will give you the tools to keep your little one entertained in these challenging times.

WHAT IS OSHC AT HOME?

OSHC at Home powered by OSHClub is a weekly plan filled to the brim with a range of awesome, engaging activities especially for school-aged children. From STEM and cooking activity sheets, to seeing some familiar faces taking you through meditation or art and craft video activities in your own home - you'll have plenty to choose from. Many of these activities come from our wonderful educators, so when you can't come to us, we'll come to you and bring the OSHC fun home.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Signing up for OSHC at home is easy - and FREE! Simply click the link below to subscribe and your OSHC at Home planner will be delivered to your inbox each week. We've also attached a sample planner for you to check out and see if OSHC at Home is for you.

What are you waiting for? Join the OSHC at Home fun today.

SUBSCRIBE NOW

OSHC AT HOME

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WEEKLY PLANNER

- Activity Sheet
- Video Activity
- Reading Corner
- Challenge
- Live Stream
- STEM
- Art & Craft
- Mindfulness
- Physical Activity
- Cooking
- Hands On
- Hands Off
- ALL AGES
- AGES 5-7
- AGES 8-12

MONDAY

NAUGHTS & CROSSES MOOVOSITY

Challenge your family to a larger than life game of naughts and crosses, let the race begin.



MAKE YOUR OWN CLOUD DOUGH

Dip your hands in for some guaranteed sensory fun with some silky touch dough.



GLITTER TORNADOES IN A JAR

How does a tornado move? Join Dave and make your own glitter tornado in a jar.



TUESDAY

BALLOON CAR SUPREME INCURSIONS

Create a balloon car and watch the car move forward as you release the air from the balloon.



LOOSE PARTS PLAY

Gather up household objects for some loose parts play with Chantelle - bring your creativity and imagination!



ALL OF US DANCE CLASS BY CDI

Join Creative Dance Industries as we learn all the moves to the song "All of Us".



WEDNESDAY

PEG TIGGY MOOVOSITY

Collect the most pegs to win! Try this active game with your family for some movement fun.



KID'S KITCHEN: NICE CREAM

Mmmm who doesn't love "Nice Cream". Join Christine in the kitchen to make yum Banana Choc Nice Cream.



WILDLIFE SCIENTISTS LONE PINE KOALA SANCTUARY

Join Wildlife educator Kayla as we explore all the different body coverings that animals have.



THURSDAY

MOVEMENT MEDITATION

Christine will take you through a short meditation to ground yourself and allow stillness back into your body.



BOTTLE FLIP CHALLENGE MOOVOSITY

Can you complete the challenge? Flip the bottle and land it on your target.



LEAF ANIMALS

Let's head out into nature and collect some natural materials to create some realistic animals.



FRIDAY

AFRICAN DANCING

Join Fil and Ty as we Safari through Africa and learn some energetic new dance moves.



LAVA LAMP CREATION

Bring out your curiosity today as you make your own lava lamp. What do you think makes the bubbles?



ZULA PATROL STARR'S PLANETARIUM

Hop on board the time machine for an outer space adventure brought to you by Starr's Planetarium.

