Dear Parents,

Inter-Faith Retreat Days

Perhaps you were wondering what the staff got up to last Thursday and Friday on the student free days? We were lucky enough to spend two days studying two Abrahamic faiths, along with our own. The purpose was to find commonalities in order to better understand Judaism and Islam. As representatives of the Catholic faith, we are called to accept others and to be peacemakers. We visited St Patrick’s Cathedral firstly and were reminded of its grandeur and its place as a tribute to the faith of Victorians in the 1800’s.

We visited a mosque in Carlton, which was quite simple by comparison. Although Muslims believe in the same God as Christians, they like to keep their prayer space simple so that people can focus. The Imam felt he had to justify his faith and set the record straight about true Islam, which I found a bit sad. I was surprised to learn that there’s a chapter about Mary in the Quran.

We also visited a synagogue in the afternoon. The Rabbi would make a good stand-up comedian, he was very self-effacing and funny. Again, the synagogue was quite plain in terms of its decorations. The Rabbi explained that there’s 615 commandments to keep in the Jewish faith, but he said most Jews are fairly relaxed about some of them.

The three religions do have a lot in common. Christianity and Islam developed from Judaism. There’s a group in Melbourne with representatives from all three religions who meet regularly and who are developing connections. I realised that there are two main ideas that the religions have in common. The first is that we share one God and the other is that we all are responsible for the treatment of our fellow man.

We had a relaxing two days which was a good opportunity to get to know each other away from school.

Thanks all who were involved in organising these enlightening days.

Kate McCormick

Thank you to all our parents for your understanding and support of our continued learning as well.

Family Life Program

This program on Health and Human Relations will be held on Thursday 17th November. The first session, recommended for Years 3&4, including topics on family relationships, and male and female body similarities and differences. It runs from 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

The second session, from 7:45pm - 8:45pm, is recommended for Years 5&6, and covers such topics as the physical and emotional changes of puberty. Bookings for the sessions is via Trybooking: www.trybooking.com/NDKP

Before School Care

Thank you to all the families who completed the survey. Camp Australia has advised there was sufficient interest to trial before school care at STM next year. Further information will be available at a later date.

School Closure Days

Students are not required at school on Monday 31st October and Tuesday 1st November, due to the Melbourne Cup Day Holiday.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Mrs Pat McConvill
Principal

October:
Friday 28th - Whole school Mass, led by 5/6K
Monday 31st - Report Writing Day

November:
Tuesday 1st - Melbourne Cup Day
Thursday 3rd - Planks incursion, Prep-6
Thursday 3rd - Music Count Us In
Friday 4th - STM Fun Run
Walk to School Day: this Friday 28th October

We are encouraging students and their families to walk together to school.

There will be a meeting place at the Roundabout at the top of Quinn’s Parade.

A few staff members will lead off from this point; leaving at 8:30am sharp.

It is an expectation that you walk with your child or that you organise with another parent to do so. You cannot leave your child without someone being responsible for them.

The Mornington Council have donated $200 to support the day and the school is purchasing a healthy snack for those that participate. The Wellbeing Leaders will assist with the distribution on the day.

Walk to School encourages primary school children to walk to and from school every school day in October, to highlight the ways walking improves children’s health and wellbeing.

By getting involved in Walk to School, your school can help students learn healthy habits, and achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity recommended for children each day.

Walking to school can also help reduce traffic congestion, parking difficulties and the associated environmental impacts.

All students can enter VicHealth’s fun walking-themed competitions throughout October.

School Working Bee: Saturday 5th November

Please put this date in your diary.

This will be our final working bee for the year and a chance to farewell Andrew Taylor who, as the Working Bee Coordinator, has been a great stalwart over the years. Andrew has been involved in numerous working bee projects which include the building of the big retaining wall under the Adventure Playground, design and implementation of the Enviro Trail and finally the chief planner/builder of the Outdoor Classroom. I have a feeling there have been many, many more....

A big THANK YOU Andrew.

Healthy Families: Beyond Blue

Healthy Families is all about giving you the information, knowledge and confidence to support the young people in your life – whether you’re a parent, guardian, grandparent, a favourite uncle or an awesome auntie. We’re also here to help you take care of your own mental health and wellbeing, especially if you’re a new parent or about to become one. For more information visit their website: www.healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au

Parent Forum: Positive Mental Health for Children

Family School Partnership is hosting a Parent Forum on Positive Mental Health for Children. The event will be held at Padua College Tyabb on Thursday 27th October from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Mental health is an ongoing and ever increasing issue in today’s world. We may not be able to fix this but we certainly can work together toward addressing some of the issues that may arise.

Information and RSVP via TryBooking: https://www.trybooking.com/229300

If you have any questions please call Padua College Tyabb on 5978 2700.

Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP)

The conveyance allowance assists families with the cost of transporting their children to and from school when they meet the eligibility. The conveyance allowance is also available to eligible students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

How to Apply: Application forms are available from the school office or school website (refer the instructions at the top of the page). Please use ‘Bing Maps’ to estimate your distance from school: http://www.bing.com/maps

Applications Close:

Term 4: Friday 18th November

Please submit NEW applications to the school office by the due date/s. The applications of existing CAP recipients will be rolled over provided the eligibility criteria are still met.

For further information visit: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/finance/Pages/conveyancefaq.aspx#link70

MUSIC: COUNT US IN

Two weeks to go!

STM has been involved in the Australia wide school initiative to promote singing and music in our schools for many years.

On Thursday 3rd November at 12:30pm, participating schools all over the country will sing the same song at the same time. Last year over 500 000 children took part.

You can access this year’s song, Let it Play, on youtube. Preps and Year 1/2’s have been learning the song during music lessons. Year 3/4’s and 5/6’s have access to the song via choir time, classrooms and the internet.
STM FUN RUN:
Friday 4th November
On Friday 4th November the students will be walking/running/jogging through an obstacle course with their class to help raise money for our school.
Fun Run Pledge forms and envelope are coming home with each child this week.
Please consider supporting your children during their schools fitness fun running event!
All forms due back no later than Monday 7th November.
The class that raises the most amount of money will receive a prize.
Everyone that donates also goes into a raffle to win a prize!

AVER & LINE FAMILY PHOTO DAY:
Sunday 6th November
Please report to the multi-purpose room 10 minutes before your allocated time.
Aver and Line create beautiful and natural photography of school families in our leafy school grounds. There are great packages available and are an excellent Christmas gift idea.
For a $15 donation to STM you get:
• a 20 minute photo session,
• a 20 minute viewing / selection session,
• an 8” x 12” print, a cute glass bottle frame with a print of your choice,
• complimentary retouching and a choice of packages on offer.
To book go to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter the code 5uu9q and pay your $15 sitting fee to the school office by Friday 28th October.
We require a minimum of 20 bookings and it is open to family and friends.
For more information please contact Helen MacFarlaine 0428 298 915

END OF YEAR PARENTS FUNCTION:
Friday 2nd December
"Barefoot Bowls" at Mt Eliza Bowls Club
$10.00 per head, bowls and BBQ included

School Watch:
Roster Coordinator and Volunteers
The School Watch program has been successfully operating for 10 years!
However, we are in need of school families who are able to walk around the school once or twice a month just to check that doors and windows are locked.
If you live near the school and are able to give up one or two evenings a month,. The Roster is drawn up on a monthly basis.
Any families who are not able to continue with School Watch in 2017 are also asked to contact ????

Thank you for your support - the School Watch program assists in keeping a watch over our school without the high costs of security guards.

Sincerely
Leonie Zammit / Parents Association President
leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au

STM DATES FOR THE DIARY:
Fri 4th Nov - STM Fun Run
Sun 6th Nov - Aver & Line Family Photos
Fri 2nd Dec - Parents End of Year Function
Barefoot Bowls
Tue 6th Dec - PA Meeting
7:30pm in the staffroom

Mass of Remembrance:
Our annual Parish Mass of Remembrance will be on Friday 11th November at 7:30pm. At this Mass we remember by name those we know who have died throughout the year, and a special invitation has been sent to their families. It is also an opportunity for all of us to remember those we love who have died, and so we invite everyone to come along to Mass followed by Supper. If you would like to, please bring along a plate of food to share.

Our Next Parish Meeting:
The next of our quarterly Parish Meetings is on Wednesday 2nd November (postponed from 12th October) at 7:30pm in the Church. At this meeting we will continue with the next stage of putting our Parish Pastoral Plan together. Please consider coming to this meeting, as it’s important that as many people as possible attend these meetings and contribute to the ongoing life of our Parish.
### MORNINGTON RACECOURSE MARKET

#### CAR PARK DUTY

**Please advise Daniel Ferlin on 0410 184 494 with your confirmed attendance via text (incl your name) ASAP.**

Please find the car parking rosters for the coming markets here. Together, this small contribution of our time is raising approximately $14,000 annually for the continual improvement of our school and the programs provided to our children.

*All families will be rostered on an approximate 16 month cycle.*

If you are unavailable for your rostered month, please organise another family to take your place at least a week in advance of the market, and advise Daniel of the change asap.

**All Markets:**
- Arrive at 7:45am (all weather event); exception for Twilight market 1:45pm
- You will be told by the Market Leader when you can leave. This is typically around 12:30pm (6:30pm Twilight) but can alter depending on how busy the market is.
- Enter via the main gates of Racecourse on **Racecourse Road, Mornington.**
- Park in the designated area (Market Staff will be at the gate to assist you)
- Sign in with the Team Leader (for record keeping and Work Cover). **Team Leaders must collect a black folder from the school office the Friday prior to attending the market, and return it the following Monday.**
- Receive your safety vest.
- Market Staff will take you to your location in the car park where you will direct cars accordingly and finish at approximately noon. (On slower days Market Staff will advise if you can leave earlier).

Daniel Ferlin  
0410 184 494  
daniel_ferlin@hotmail.com  
** Please Confirm Attendance ASAP  
^^ Re-rostered due to prior non-attendance**

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