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Dear Parents,

Time has certainly passed by quickly and it's hard to believe that we have arrived at the end of another term (Term Two concludes at 1 pm this Friday).

We have had an unusual term and I am extremely grateful to our Parents, Staff and Students. I recognise that at times Learning was frustrating, fun and at times confusing. The Covid 19 circumstances were thrust upon us quickly and we were all forced to adapt. I still feel guilty for cancelling our Passion Project Expos, Year 6 camp, excursions and incursions, Mother's Day Breakfast and Mother's Day Stall, Hot Food Days, and a variety of sporting events (including Interschool Sports).

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people:

- * The staff at St. Francis for their hard work and dedication to the children.
- * The school community for your support during Remote Learning.
- * And finally, thank you to all the beautiful children who bless our school with smiles and laughter every day (especially the last 5 weeks of the term).

WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP STUDENTS PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

- Remain at least 10 metres away from the classroom door (if you need to speak to the classroom teacher please phone or email).
- Leave the school grounds immediately; do not stop and chat especially after school.
- Please follow these two simple rules so we can continue allowing parents onto the school grounds for drop off and pick up.

We still need to be vigilant, especially now with the chance of there being an increase in Covid 19 cases due to everything opening again.

STAGGERED START IN THE MORNINGS

This week we will continue to stagger the start times for all students (Years Prep – 6) as follows:

8.30 am: Only for working parents. You may drop your child/ren off at the office and I will supervise them until 8.45 am. (Please note that these children need to be dropped off at the staff carpark drop off and no parents are to leave their car or enter the office until 8.45 am when the children will be sent off to class.)

8.45 am: Gates will open (all families with surnames beginning **A – L** to enter the gates)

9 am: All families with surnames beginning **M – Z** to enter the gates

This is for families who are choosing to walk their children into school. All gates will be open in the morning, including the gate near the Year 1 classrooms.

I am encouraging parents of students in our Senior school (Years 3 – 6) to either use the drop off points or to encourage students to walk in independently from the school gate.

If you are using one of our three drop off points in your car (Church, Teacher's Carpark, Oval) you may drop your child off any time from 8.45 am. Please do not allow your child to exit the car until 8.45 am.

Please note – no parent is to enter the classroom before or after school. If you need to communicate with your child's teacher please continue to do so via phone or email. The Parent Helper Program will not be operating until further notice.

When you do walk your child in through the gates, we ask you to adhere to the following:

- Maintain a respectable social distance from other parents / staff members
- Please walk your child straight to their classroom (do not allow children to play on playground equipment)
- When you arrive at your child's classroom you are to remain at least 10 metres away from the classroom entrance (this allows you to see your child enter the classroom so you can relax for the rest of the day!)
- We ask that you minimise your time on site. Please do not socialise in the school yard.

END OF SCHOOL DAY ARRANGEMENTS

End of school day arrangements will remain as normal (3.30 pm finish time for all students). Please follow the rules of social distancing, not entering classrooms or using playground equipment at the end of the day. Please leave the school grounds immediately after you have gathered your child/ren. All gates and pick up / drop off points will be open at the end of the day also.

AWARDS

Each week in the newsletter Principal's Awards, Keys for Life Awards and Pupil of the Week Awards are published. Rewards are given for great effort, exceptional performance, perseverance or displaying the true Christian ethos.

Gold Awards. These are given by teachers and signed by the teacher. Once the child receives 5 Gold Awards he/she is then entitled to a **blue badge**.

Blue School Badge. This is highly prized and worn by the child on his/her collar. If a child receives 5 blue badges he/she will then receive a **Gold Badge**. You will need to keep all the Gold Awards (25) to claim a Gold badge. When your child is ready to pick up a badge make sure you bring their Gold Awards to the office so they can be stamped.

YEAR 1 GATE – DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Historically we were forced to close the Year 1 gate in the mornings. This occurred because The Stables Shopping Centre (Body Corporate) forced us to close it due to their staff not able to find a car park in the morning. This was because our families were parking in allocated staff bays. I would like to keep the Year 1 gate in use, both mornings and afternoons however I am starting to get complaints from the traders again. I ask that parents not park in the alcove area which is located at the entrance of the New Beginnings Child Care Centre and allocated parking bays for Fullife Pharmacy staff. **I really need parent support to stay out of this area otherwise the Stables Shopping Centre Body Corporate might force us to close the gate completely.**



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Instrumental Music enrolments for Term 3 can be collected from the School Office or can be downloaded from our website. Only new students need apply as existing students already enrolled will automatically be re-enrolled for next term.

Children already on a waiting list will be processed and placed in the program for Term 3. Please inform Mrs Pina Fusillo at the school office if you wish to cancel your existing child's Instrumental Music lessons. Please Note: The Instrumental Music Program is not available for our Prep Students.

PREP 2021

We are half way through interviewing our Prep children coming from existing families. These interviews will conclude on Thursday 25th June. We look forward to continuing our Prep 2021 interviews at the beginning of Term 3 with our new families.

MID-YEAR REPORTS

On Tuesday 21st July, you will receive your child's Mid-Year Student Progress Reports via our Compass App.

We are very proud of the way all our students have adapted to Remote Learning and reached their personalised achievements. The July Report will be different to last years as we have modified them to reflect Remote Learning.

IMPORTANT:

Please note that due to current circumstances the Learning Assessment Journals will not be coming home this term. I look forward to the children presenting them to you at the end of Term 3.

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS

These will occur during Weeks 3 and 4 of next term. To minimise the number of people on site, interviews will be conducted over the phone. After considering a number of options we feel that this arrangement is the simplest and most practical way to communicate without having to worry about the complexities of technology. Teachers will email parents during Week 2 (week beginning 20th July) of next term to arrange a suitable time.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS & BEGINNING OF TERM 3

School will finish at 1 pm on Friday, 26th June for the term break. School will resume on Monday, 13th July at 8.45 am.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE – VACATION CARE

The Out of School Hours Care program will again be offering Vacation Care during the School Holidays. This is an extremely well run and planned program with lots of great activities for the children during the holidays. Information is available on the school website under “Out of School Hours Care Program”.

YEAR 5 CAMP – WE ARE STILL HANGING IN THERE

At this point in time, our Year 5 students may be going on camp. I am just waiting on confirmation from the Catholic Education Office Melbourne. We will inform you once a decision has been made (fingers crossed). If our Year 5 Camp does go ahead, the 2 camps will run from Monday, 3rd August – Wednesday, 5th August and Wednesday, 5th August – Friday, 7th August.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

We have a lot of uniform items (e.g. jumpers, track tops etc..) sent to the office for lost property which are not named. This makes it impossible for us to return to the children. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled.

TRAFFIC CONCERNS

I have observed some confusion at the intersection of Childs Road and Marshall Drive. After consulting with VicRoads I would like to make it clear that anyone wanting to do a U turn on Childs Road must give way to the traffic coming out of Marshall Drive. Even if those people turning out of Marshall Drive are turning left or turning right. Please be careful at this intersection as we have had a lot of near mishaps.

SICK CHILDREN COMING TO SCHOOL

With the current circumstances could I please ask that if your child is not well to keep them at home. It is not fair to expect a child who is unwell to participate in learning activities and I am also conscious of them spreading their illness throughout the class.

MESSAGES TO THE CLASSROOMS

Parents are reminded that the office staff are unable to pass messages on to children during the day (unless it is an urgent message). Please ensure that your children are clear regarding pick-ups at the end of the day. Interruptions to the classrooms need to be kept to a minimum so I ask for your cooperation in this matter.

SACRAMENTAL UPDATE FOR YEAR 3 & 6 PARENTS

I apologise but I don't have any new information and I am sorry to leave our Year 3 and Year 6 parents up in the air. Fr Anthony, in partnership with Bishop Terry Curtin is currently developing a revised sacramental schedule for the students at St Francis of Assisi for both First Eucharist and Confirmation. Our intention is to celebrate both of these sacraments during Term 4, 2020 as long as it is safe and permissible to do so. As soon as dates have been finalised by Fr Anthony and ratified by Bishop Terry Curtin we will notify families immediately. I want to thank you for your continued flexibility, patience and support in this matter.

PARENTS PLEASE TAKE CARE

Parents are asked to take particular care when reversing their vehicles after parking along the back fence of the school (Stables Car Park) in the morning. There have been several near misses. Please take care.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGE ENROLMENT (STUDENTS STARTING YEAR 7 IN 2022)

If your child is currently in Year 5 (2020), now is the time to enrol for a place at a CATHOLIC secondary college for the 2022 academic year. Below are some important dates to be aware of:

Key enrolment dates for our current Year 5 students in 2020 starting Year 7 in 2022

Critical Dates

- * Term 1 – 28 January 2020: Applications for Year 5 students commencing Year 7 in 2022 open.
- * **Term 3 – 21 August 2020: Applications close.**
- * Term 4 – 15 October 2020: Offers posted to prospective Year 7, 2022 applicants.
- * Term 4 – 6 November 2020: Final date for families to accept offer made by school.

Should you wish to enrol your child in a government secondary school, this will be facilitated through the transition coordinator in 2021 when your child is in Year 6. For transition enquiries please email (Brooke Brennan, Transition Coordinator) at bbrennan@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au and she will assist you.

God bless,

Mark Basile

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Principal

BADGES

Special Congratulations go to:

Hanna S (4M), Nicholas S (2B), Anabella C (2V), Jerin J (2I) and Noah C (6J)

who have attained a Gold Badge.

Congratulations also to the following children who have recently been awarded Blue Badges:

James P (Prep C), Jonathan T (1A), Hannah S (4M), Eziah B (Prep U), Ellie W (Prep U), Simon B (Prep U), Isaak K (4N), Joseph A (4D), Charlie P (Prep S), Piper C (1A), Riccardo M (Prep U), Sheyansi F (Prep U), Zachary Y (4M), Zoe M (4S), Amie R (2G), Ann R (5F), Zach C (1A), Rachelle I (1S), Katherine C (4K), Jacinta D (1A), Chiara M (5P), Jacob S (2G), Giorgia S (Prep C), Allie K (5N), Harris T (Prep N), John S (1A), Luke K (1A), Milana S (Prep N), Oliver V (1S), Ethan D (5F), Carina M (1H), Storm P (Prep T), Eve H (2B), Mikhaela H (5N), Eva C (1S), Annabelle Z (Prep W), Elie K (3S), Anagha S (5N), Sienna M (5N), Jack B (Prep T), Milla G (Prep C), Harvey G (Prep T), Chelsea C (4K), Charlotte C (2B), Laura A (4A), Evelyn M (4A), Danijela Z (3P), Tiarah F (4N), Adam T (1K), Sia A (Prep C), Nathan F (5F), Christian V (1A), Mila Z (4A), Anaya A (5N) and Lucas S (2I).



News from around the Grades

Grade 5 Debating

Debating was a learning experience undertaken by a select number of Grade 5 students, which commenced in Term One. The debating teams met each Friday afternoon learning about debating techniques, enhancing persuasive language and putting together an in-house debate. As students moved into remote learning, debating had to take a back seat and our in-house debate which was planned late in Term Two was cancelled. Last week for our final debating session, the students had a go at an impromptu session. They were placed into teams of 2 - 3 and given a topic. Each team was able to prepare an introduction, 2 explanations and a conclusion relating to their chosen topic within 10 mins. After this, each student had a chance to present their public speaking skills to their fellow debaters. Congratulations to all our debaters for showing confidence, resilience and perseverance, especially during these uncertain times.

Presenting our Grade 5 Debaters for 2020

5C	Sienna P	Xander R	Anton D	5H	Alessandro F	Bridgit K	Matthew B
5F	Zoe G	Alexander T	Ethan D	5N	Oliver A	Mikhaela H	Isaac S
5T	Angelina S	Olivia B	Laura B	5P	Chiara M	Domenic M	Zoe D



Veronica Spiteri
(Debating Coach)

AWARDS

Prep C	Angelo A	for contributing his thoughts and ideas during Shared Reading. Great work Angelo!
Prep F	Nycan Q	for being a helpful and responsible member of the class.
Prep N	Harris T	for always making positive choices both in the classroom and out on the playground.
Prep S	Isaac V	for his sounding out of unknown words and fantastic efforts in writing!
Prep T	Amy A	for being a superstar writer. Keep up the awesome work!
Prep U	Sheyansi F	for developing confidence in the classroom to share her ideas during class discussions. Well done, Sheyansi!
Prep W	Elaine S	for trying her best to add details to her writing. Well done, Elaine!
Year 1A	Alyssa S	for being a kind friend to everyone. Well done, Alyssa!
Year 1B	Elly M	for showing persistence and working really hard, especially in writing!
Year 1F	Bethel M	for having a good attitude to learning. Well done!
Year 1H	Faith R	for taking on new challenges to improve her learning. Well done, Faith!
Year 1K	Izaiah T	for following instructions during class time and using his manners. Well done, Izaiah!
Year 1S	Chiara D	for being an enthusiastic learner.
Year 2B	Caeli C	for the amazing presentation of her published writing.
Year 2G	Amie R	for being a fantastic worker and completing all her activities. Well done!
Year 2H	Ivy U	for amazing responses to discussion questions.
Year 2I	Jaclyn L	for being a friendly and helpful member of class. Thank you!
Year 2P	Lincoln B	for using the Bump It up Wall to create a detailed information poster about Sharks. Well done!
Year 2V	Arya A	for always displaying a positive attitude towards her learning. Well done!
Year 3A	Julian M	for being a hard worker and respectful member of Year 3A!
Year 3D	Edwin A	for always being ready for learning and showing attentive listening skills. Well done Edwin!
Year 3N	Sienna S	for using powerful persuasive devices in her persuasive text. Keep it up, Sienna!
Year 3P	Liam R	for returning to school with more interest and enthusiasm for his learning. Keep up the good work Liam!
Year 3R	Arianna M	for a great effort with her persuasive writing. Well done!
Year 3S	Zac H	for being an excellent helper.
Year 4A	Simon P	for always trying his best and sharing his answers in all areas of learning.
Year 4D	Brandon B	for tremendous growth in his confidence with his learning. Well done!
Year 4K	Massimo P	for working hard and staying focused on tasks.
Year 4M	Hannah S	for settling back into Year Four and remaining focused all day in class.
Year 4N	Senul F	for working hard and enthusiastically in literacy.
Year 4S	Johnny G	for settling well back into school routine and listening to instructions. Well done and keep it up!
Year 5C	Joshua A	for working extremely hard on his Persuasive Writing piece. Fantastic!
Year 5F	Nathaniel W	for excellent use of Home Learning Time.
Year 5H	Keira D	for always approaching her learning with a smile and a positive attitude. Well done!
Year 5N	Anya S	for always presenting her work neatly.
Year 5P	Sienna M	for her conscientious efforts in both Maths and Writing. You are amazing, Sienna!
Year 5T	Patrick B	for creating a creative page for our Welcome Book.
Year 6C	Oruoma E	for her contribution to class discussions and effort in home learning tasks.
Year 6F	Monique P	for displaying persistence and resilience when completing tasks during home learning. Well done, Monique!
Year 6H	Laura A	for approaching her learning with a positive mindset and using classroom time effectively. Well done, Laura!
Year 6J	Siena E	for using her initiative and taking notes during whole class teaching time. Well done!
Year 6M	Eva A	for contributing her thoughts during our whole class Maths discussions.
Year 6W	Ethan E	for the organisation and persistence he has shown in completing all remote learning tasks.

Pupil of the Week

Prep	Ruha S	(PS)
Year 1	Dylan A	(1A)
Year 2	Thomas D	(2H)
Year 3	Jacob D	(3D)
Year 4	Noah B	(4K)
Year 5	Aidan B	(5P)
Year 6	Antoine G	(6M)

Keys To Life Award

Prep	Cristian C (PS)	for Persistence
Year 1	Zach C (1A)	for Getting Along
Year 2	Marcus M (2H)	for Persistence
Year 3	Gabriel D (3D)	for Organisation
Year 4	Mark A (4A)	for Persistence
Year 5	Romeo F (5P)	for Getting Along & Resilience
Year 6	Evan T (6M)	for Persistence