Dear Parents,

Parent Information Evening
Last night we held our parent information evening. It began in the hall where all staff were introduced to the parent community, this included introducing the school leadership team and their portfolios as well as our specialist teachers. The second half of the evening was in the classrooms where the teachers spoke to the parents about expectations and procedures for this year. Year level newsletters, which were given out at these meetings, can be found on our school website under the heading News and Events. I would like to publicly acknowledge the work done by the St. Finbar’s staff not only from last night’s meeting but over the first two weeks of this term. It has been a truly excellent start to the year.

The school leadership team is:
Mr Pat Berlinger – Principal
Mr Nigel Rodrigues – Deputy Principal, Student Wellbeing Leader, Learning & Teaching Leader
Mrs June Kellar – Religious Education Leader
Miss Michelle Hill – eLearning Leader
Mrs Danni Molino – Literacy Leader
Mr Wayne Daniell – Numeracy Leader
Miss Amanda McCurdy – Sustainability Leader

Our Specialist Teachers are:
Mrs Jenny Allen – Physical Education
Mrs Lena Sirianni – Italian Teacher
Mrs Lisa Poulter – Visual Arts Teacher
Mrs Melanie Bouras – Performing Arts Teacher
All students in Foundation to Year 6 participate in all specials classes for 1 hour per subject per week. Sustainability will still be taught throughout the school and will be led by Miss McCurdy and the classroom teachers.

Sibling Enrolments 2018
Parents who have a sibling commencing in Foundation 2018 need to enrol their child by 24th February 2017. This allows us to be informed on how many places will be available to new families in 2018. Enrolment forms can obtained from the office or can be downloaded from the following link http://www.sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au/page/190/Enrolment. Sibling enrolment interviews will happen later this term.

School Open Day for New Families / Enrolments
Our school open days for 2018 enrolments will be held on Friday 3rd March 9:30am – 11:30am and Wednesday 15th March 9:30am – 11:30am. This is an excellent opportunity for interested families to see St. Finbar’s students and staff in action. School tours will be conducted by our Year 6 student leaders.
Start of Year Mass
Tomorrow is our start of year mass and I would encourage all families to attend. Mass will begin at 9:15am with all students in attendance. It is also the Commissioning Mass for the school staff and our Year 6 students.

School Concert
I am sure that you have all heard by now that our School Concert is going to be ‘Annie’ the musical. All of the main roles will be available for our Year 5 & 6 students to audition for over the coming weeks. The whole school will also be involved in the production where they will be performing whole class items. Thanks to Mrs. Bouras for her enthusiasm and dedication to this Biennial event on our school calendar.

Interschool Swimming Trials
It never ceases to amaze me the number of students at St. Finbar’s who are willing to try new events and programs presented to them throughout the year. This morning I had the pleasure in assisting with our school Swimming Trials for the upcoming Dendy Swimming Competition. We had many students stepping outside their comfort zone and trying their best in the Freestyle and Butterfly time trials. Tomorrow morning will be the Breaststroke and Backstroke trials. St. Finbar’s school spirit was well and truly evident in the number of families in attendance this morning! Thanks to the staff who have assisted today and tomorrow particularly after also being at the information last night.

School Board and P & F
Special thanks to our School Board who met earlier this week. It was a very productive meeting with many ideas planned for this year and future years. Our first P & F Meeting will be next week on Wednesday 15th February at 7pm in the Staff Workroom.

School Closure Day
Please mark down in your diaries that Tuesday 14th March is a school closure day. During this time the staff will be working with Pauline Zappulla and the focus will be on the Insight SRC survey data we collect every year. The survey data is collected from Staff, Parents and Students.

Meet the Teacher Meetings
Please remember that students are dismissed early at 1:50pm on Tuesday 14th February and Thursday 16th February to conduct our ‘Meet the Teacher’ meetings. This meeting is for parents to share important information about their children with the classroom teacher. If you have not already booked your session please do so by the end of this week. Bookings close Friday 10th February at 4pm.

God Bless,

Mr Pat Berlingerri
Principal
TERM 1 UPCOMING EVENTS:

**February**
- Fri 10: Start of Year Mass 9.15am
- Tue 14: Students dismissed 1.50pm
  - Meet the Teacher Chats
- Wed 15: P&F Meeting – 7pm
- Thur 16: Students dismissed 1.50pm
  - Meet the Teacher Chats
- Fri 17: Term 1 Accounts due
- Fri 24: **Sibling Enrolments DUE TODAY**
- Mon 27: Dendy Swimming Carnival – relevant students
- Tue 28: Shrove Tuesday
  - Whole School Breakfast 7.30am

**March**
- Wed 1: Ash Wednesday Mass 9.15am
- Fri 3: Foundation 2018 Open Morning
  - 9.30am – 11.30am
- Tue 7: Year 6 Forest Lodge Farm Camp
  - Year 3 Reconciliation Reflection 7pm
- Fri 10: Year 6 return from camp
  - Division Swimming Carnival – relevant students
- Mon 13: Labour Day Public Holiday
- Tue 14: School Closure Day
- Wed 15: Foundation 2018 Open Day
  - 9.30am – 11.30am
  - Year 1 Prayer Night 6.30pm
  - P&F Meeting 7pm
- Fri 17: St Patrick’s Day Mass – relevant Year 6
  - Students
- Sun 19: Year 1 Family Class Mass – 5pm
- Fri 24: Whole School Athletics Carnival
- Sun 26: Year 5 Family Class Mass – 5pm
- Tue 28: Year 3 – Sacrament of Reconciliation – 6pm
- Thu 30: Soccer Lightning Premiership – relevant students
- Fri 31: School Liturgy 9.15am
  - Last day of term – students dismissed at 1.50pm

**April**
- Fri 14: Good Friday
- Sun 16: Easter Sunday
- Mon 17: Easter Monday Public Holiday
- Tue 18: Term 2 begins
  - Start of Term Mass – 9.15am
  - Swimming Program starts - Year 3 & 4 and 2D
- Wed 19: Year 2 Prayer Night 6.30pm
- Sat 22: Eucharist Commitment Mass – 6pm
- Sun 23: Eucharist Commitment Mass – 9am & 11am
  - Year 2 Family Class Mass – 5pm
- Mon 24: ANZAC Day Liturgy – 9.15am
  - Swimming Program continues
- Tue 25: ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Thu 27: Brighton Student Cluster – Year 5 & 6
- Fri 28: Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sports
  - Swimming Program ends
  - Term 2 Accounts due

**COMING HOME TODAY:**
Eldest child, Year 2 – 6
Catholic School Magazine
EMAIL ATTACHMENT/ LINK
NIL

***STAR OF THE WEEK***
FG ~ Kipling G, FI ~ Fletcher T
Year 1A ~ Enzo S, Year 1L ~ Ruby M
Year 2D ~ Tyson P, Year 2M ~ Zara C
Year 3D ~ Ava J, Year 3M ~ Max S
Year 4J ~ Nina R, Year 4K ~ Ava-Jane M
Year 5A ~ Roll M, Year 5H ~ Sam H
Year 6D ~ Darby H, Year 6H ~ Baden T

**TERM 1 UPCOMING ASSEMBLIES:**
- Monday 13th February ~ Year 5H
- Monday 20th February ~ Year 4J
- Monday 27th February ~ Year 3D
- Monday 6th March ~ Year 2D
- Monday 13th March ~ LABOUR DAY
- Monday 20th March ~ Year 1A (amended class)
- Monday 27th March ~ Year FG

All parents are warmly welcomed to attend our weekly assemblies.

Assembly every Monday at 2:50pm. Please arrive on time to avoid disappointment.

**SCHOOL ACCOUNTS:**
Term One Accounts are due and payable by Friday 17th February 2017

Prompt payment is expected if paying by the term with all accounts due within 14 days. Any queries please call the office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties at any time, please make an appointment with Mr Pat Berlinger as soon as possible. Thank you.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LEADERS FOR 2017

LEADERSHIP DUTY NAME
Blue House Captain Christopher T
Blue House Captain Eden Z-D
Green House Captain Athina S
Green House Captain Ben B
Yellow House Captain Ava G
Yellow House Captain Liam B
Red House Captain Ruby R
Red House Captain Maja W
Sustainability Captain Rose D
Sustainability Captain Charlotte V
Sustainability Captain Will F
Sustainability Captain Jemima R
Sustainability Captain Jenson C
Social Justice Captain Chelsea M
Social Justice Captain Amelia C
Social Justice Captain Darby H
Social Justice Captain Kieran R
Technology Captain Sam T
Technology Captain Sam
Technology Captain Polly W
Technology Captain Siena D
Technology Captain Nathan T
Technology Captain Peter H
Technology Captain Oliver N
Technology Captain Joshua S
SRC Captain Ally G
SRC Captain Lily
SRC Captain Lauren O
SRC Captain Brooklyn M
SRC Captain Mia McK
SRC Captain Jack L
Italian Captain Cillian H
Italian Captain Thomas M
Performing Arts Captain Bailey L
Performing Arts Captain Charlotte O
Performing Arts Captain Baden T
Performing Arts Captain Charlotte B
Performing Arts Captain Olivia F
Performing Arts Captain Lily M
Visual Arts Captain Lily A
Visual Arts Captain Mia K
Visual Arts Captain Sara B
Wellbeing Captain Mischa S
Wellbeing Captain Dominic S
Wellbeing Captain Sarah V
Wellbeing Captain Johanna P
Wellbeing Captain Kimberley Y

***SRC ~ Semester One***
Badges will be presented at assembly on Monday 13th February. All parents warmly welcomed

FG ~ Flynn M & Amelia K
FI ~ Gisele S & Zara M
Year 1A ~ Ava Z & Michael F,
Year 1L ~ Bella T & Ruby M
2D – Oliver W & Anthony R
2M – Zara C & Hunter Z
2D – Tom L & Pepper W
3M – Kate H & Ryan T
4J – Matthew D & Marco C
4K – Maisy W & Jessica F
5A – Ursula C & Stephanie D
5H – Gigi G & Sam N

Social Justice Representatives Semester One
Badges will be presented at assembly on Monday 13th February. All parents warmly welcomed

FG – Mia C & Jamie B
FI – Benjamin C & Fletcher T
1A - Indy R & Timmy D
1L - Olivia C & Xavier K
2D - Jesse T & Lucia P
2M - Isabella M & Zac S
3D - Emily T & Ethan B
3M - Chloe B & James R
4J - Imogen J-S & Jasmine F
4K - Ebony D & Ben C
5A - Geordan H & Chloe S
5H - Jazz N & Jemma B

Sustainability Representatives Semester One
Badges will be presented at assembly on Monday 13th February. All parents warmly welcomed

FG – Alexander J & Isla P
FI – Chelsea S & Hunter S
1A – Enzo S & Campbell Z-D
1L – Bryce D & Stella G
2D – Marlowe M & James L
2M – Jaysha T & Cleo P
3D – Lily D & Harry O
3M – Ava S & Jake M
4J – William J & Ruby R
4K – Dimity W & Scarlett M
5A – Luca Z & Luca E
5H – Chloe A & Oliver B
Year 6 Leaders

Marian House Captains
Goal: to run a lunchtime Table Tennis Tournament for the whole school to participate in.
Ava and Liam

Xavier House Captains
Liam B and Ruby
Goal: With the Finbar leaders, our goal for this term is to run a lunchtime basketball tournament for the year 4 students.

Nagle House Captains
Eden and Chris
Goal: to bring back house points as a reward for living out our School Values in the playground.

FINBAR HOUSE CAPTAINS
Ben and Athena
Goal: to run a basketball tournament with the Xavier House Captains.

Visual Arts
Mia K, Sara, Lily A
Goal: to run a Picasso Art Competition for the junior and senior students at our school.

ITALIAN CAPTAINS
Thomas, Cillon
Goal: To hold an Italian quiz for the junior and senior students.
Sustainability Captains
Goal: to educate our students about littering and pollution by making posters for around the school using recycled paper.

Wellbeing Captains 2017
Goal: to plan ‘R U OK’ Day and promote safety and happiness in our school environment.

Performing Arts Captains
Goal: to run a lunchtime dance club for the year 2 students and organise a performance at Assembly.

S.R.C Captains
GOAL: To host an S.R.C meeting every fortnight.

Social Justice Captains
Goal: to raise money for Project Compassion and increase awareness in our school about the work that Cantars does to assist the homeless, sick and poor.

Technology Captains
Goal: To run a weekly lunchtime Tech Club for the younger students in year 1-3.
Tomorrow, Friday, we celebrate our first school mass for 2017! It has been my privilege to work with ten Year 6 leaders to plan and organise this mass. We discussed a possible ‘theme’; divided up the jobs and off they went ….. choosing music, readings and graphics and writing prayers. This is not unusual … they have done this in previous years … but what has truly astounded me is the depth of understanding they brought to this task. Last week’s gospel called us to let our light shine … and this is certainly true of these students … but as I was reading this week’s gospel, I find myself thinking that Olly, Sam, Lily A, Kieran, Darby, Mischa, Chelsea, Athina, Millie and Polly show true wisdom in their interpretation of how we choose to live our lives – in genuine harmony with each other and our world.

When I read this reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS, I had a huge ‘AHA’ moment about our Year 6 leaders and the values that embodies St Finbar’s:

"The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings.

We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every aspect of that life."

Dianne Bergant CSS, Liturgy Help

I HOPE YOU TO SEE YOU AT MASS TOMORROW …. Let me know what you think …

**Dates to remember …**
Friday, 10th February @ 9.15am – Beginning of Year Mass in church
Tuesday, 28th February – Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday Breakfast
Wednesday, 1st March @ 9.15am – Ash Wednesday Mass in church

**CONDOLENCES:**
Our thoughts and prayers are offered to Sean, Anthea (staff member), Phoebe, Sophie, Declan and Charlie C (former students) on the recent death of Anthea’s mother, “Margi”.

*May she rest in Peace.*
SPORT UNIFORM DAYS: Students are required to be in their FULL sports uniform on the following days for their P.E Lesson & Sport/PMP Lesson:

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SUSTAINABILITY NEWS ~ Miss Amanda McCurdy

Welcome to 2017! We are very excited to announce we have new Sustainability representatives this year. Please see the list on page 3 on the newsletter.

We are looking forward to the amazing projects planned for this year. If you have a green thumb or are a handyman or woman willing to lend a hand throughout the year, can you please send an email to Amanda McCurdy ~ amccurdy@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au and we will be in contact. Your help is anyway is always appreciated.

We look forward to a year full of many opportunities for our students to participate, accept challenges, develop further skills, try new physical challenges and games and enjoy trying out different and familiar team and individual sports. Students will be provided with opportunities to participate in organised sport carnivals, learn from special sporting guests & club team visits, be given specialised coaching via participating in various sports clinics held in PE lessons and become team members of our Year 3-6 interschool sports events and carnivals. These include Lightning Premiership tournaments for soccer, netball and football, Interschool Winter Sport games, Learn to Swim lessons, Beach Program and not to forget; the Hoop Time basketball tournament!
Sport Information updates & permission: Each week, any forthcoming sporting event information will be noted in this Sport section in the newsletter. Urgent reminders will also be delivered to families via emails, text messages and/or emails. Please allow your child to read the Sports section with you to ensure they are reminded of all that’s coming up and required of them. Care Monkey permission emails will be sent out prior to each event also, with all relevant information. Please keep these emails to refer back just prior to the event.

Parent Support – St. Finbar’s has always had an amazing parenting community when it comes to having support for our sports carnivals, swimming programs and events. We’d love to see as many new faces as possible this year to help ensure our sports days continue to run as fun and successful events. Parents will be informed early of upcoming dates and required times for Parent Help at events. Please look out for ‘Parent Helpers required’ requests also on our Care Monkey Permission emails also. For any sporting event/carnival queries, please contact our Sports Coordinator; Mrs. Tania Thompson via email: tthompson@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au

District Swimming Team 2017 (Year 3-6)

This week it’s been an early rise for around 50 of our Year 3-6 students who are trying out for our District Swim team. Trials have been held today (Thursday) with a final day tomorrow for the breaststroke & backstroke swimmers. Many thanks goes to all parents who have risen early to take their child to and from the trials at GESAC. We appreciate your support!

From these trials a Swim Team will be selected to represent our school at the Dendy District Swim Carnival on Monday 27th Feb at the GESAC outdoor pool. Once our final trial morning is complete, times will be compared and a team will be formed and announced this coming Monday with the fastest 2 swimmers in each stroke from each age group to make the team. Note: 2 optional training sessions at GESAC will be offered to these students that make the team (the first being next Wednesday 15/2, then Monday 20/2, both from 7.15 - 8.15am.). Notes will go home on Monday afternoon.

Term 1 Sport events & dates to note:
*Friday 17th Feb: Dendy Tennis Trials: *for extremely talented Year 5/6 A Grade tennis players, please contact Tania asap.
*Monday 27th Feb: Dendy District Swimming Carnival: GESAC pool (relevant Year 3-6 students)
*Friday 10th March: Beachside Division Swimming Carnival, Oakleigh Rec Pool (note: Yr. 6 on camp)
*Friday 24th March: Year F-6 (whole school) Inter-House Athletics Carnival, Sandringham Athletics Track, Glamis Ave, Hampton.
*Thursday 30th March: Lightning Premiership Soccer: (relevant Year 5&6 students only).

School Sport Victoria (SSV) State Team Trials information:
SSV Basketball, Netball, AFL & Soccer: Information regarding the selection process for SSV State Team trials is now available on the new SSV website: http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au Please also refer to the website for SSV trials for Golf and Cricket. These trials are NOT a COME & TRY activity; SSV only invite students if they are ‘extremely talented’ within their sport (played rep level, won League B&F (not just club level), play at the highest level for that 12&U age group. St. Finbar’s requests a letter or email written by the coach outlining the child’s outstanding skill level and achievements. We encourage only students of a Year 5 or Year 6 level consider these trials. Before nominating your child online, all parents MUST have permission obtained via our School Sports Coordinator; Tania Thompson. Leadership, PE staff and teachers will consult to make an informed decision regarding their application.
Dear Families of St Finbar’s,

Last week set the tone for what promises to be a great year, a year of learning, community building and I am sure many more celebrations. During our Celebration Week students, parents and teachers participated in activities to help build a sense of belonging and connectedness to the school and each other. We have set many goals in the area of Student Wellbeing and this year have introduced Social Justice Leaders in each classroom. Our year 6 leaders have already shown that they have the desire and ability to really help St Finbar’s achieve these goals. I will share the many initiatives planned as they develop and look forward to working with all members of our community to continue to build the great reputation of our school.

OUR NEW SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST IS NOW AVAILABLE:

I take great pleasure in introducing our new school psychologist Ms Stacey Dellas. Stacey is a highly qualified Psychologist with many years’ experience working with children and their families. Having worked with Stacey previously I am confident that she will be a great addition to our Wellbeing Team and provide the expert care that our students may need from time to time. Stacey is available for children who are presenting with social, emotional or behavioural difficulties. This service is completely covered by Medicare. To access this service please speak to your child’s teacher or you can email or speak to Mr Nigel Rodrigues ~ Deputy Principal who will provide you with details on how to refer your child.
IMPORTANT UPDATE:
CLASSROOM FRIENDSHIP LISTS: The friendship lists will now be accessed from the NEW parent portal. Parents can choose what information they want to share. See instructions on the next page. NO printed copies will be provided to families from now on. Thank you.

To Access Class Directory/Family Groups
Log onto Parent Portal and click on: MyChildren

Click on:
Class Directory

1/ Join Class Directory
2/ Check your name to be displayed
3/ Select the details you wish to share (See below)
4/ Choose the class you want to share your details with. (Multiple classes will be visible if there is more than one child in the family)
5/ Please select the Publish button when details are completed.

Phone numbers and email addresses will be displayed on your account.
You can select which details you would like to share:
- Suburb or Full Address
- Share your Family contact name
- Home/Mobile/Email/Business

Only the Information YOU select will be shared with your child’s classmates
Transitions and routines

Transitions are times when children move between and adapt to different spaces or places and with different people, experiences, expectations and routines. The term encompasses regular transitions across a day and those that occur at significant times in children’s lives such as starting full-time school (EYLF, p. 16) and starting in an education and care service such as the Outside School Hours Care.

The OSHC service is focused on assisting children to become confident learners which supports and eases children's transitions from school into the OSHC setting.

Responsive, positive relationships between children and the staff at OSHC are crucial in building children’s self-esteem and resilience which further assist them to make effective transitions, and encourage children's overall growth and development. Staff help children feel secure, which frees them to explore and play but also staff harness opportunities for children to learn.

One such area is the opportunity to safely guide Foundation children to and from their classrooms whilst drive through is in operation. Staff find it helpful to role model and talk with children, emphasising to watch where they are going, remain on the top two steps and to walk as close to the wall/hall as possible. These strategies help children further develop life skills in the area of road safety.

Children’s social competence is at the core of their readiness for school and effective school transitions. The OSHC staff encourage the development of strong relationships with others. This is essential to children developing self-confidence and resilience to enable them to cope and thrive in the school environment. As such staff are responsive to the development of core social skills. Taking turns, sharing, being able to make friends and a degree of independence are some of the skills that children are supported to develop through intentional teaching moments and planned experiences.

Foundation children and newcomers are of particular focus as they are unfamiliar with the service. They are however made to feel welcome by receiving a hug from “Mervin the Sloth; introduced to the group during discussion time and “buddied up’ to ensure effective guidance during transitions such as snack and play.

Early Finish- Meet the Teacher chats

The OSHC will be open from 1.45 pm-6pm for “Meet the Teacher chats” on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th February 2017. Bookings are essential. Please email Melissa or call the service directly on 95920994. No extra charge will apply and snack will be served at the regular time of 3.45pm.
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:
The Uniform Shop will be open on the following mornings:

Tuesdays 21st February, 7th & 21st March – 9am – 9.30am.

Reminder – order forms are available from the office or they can be downloaded via the school website. [2017 ORDER FORM]
Orders can be left at the office or emailed directly to uniforms@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au
Orders will be filled and returned to the eldest child’s classroom.

FOUNDATION COFFEE MORNING:
Please join us Tuesday 14th February for a “get to know you” coffee – come along straight after school drop-off at Marmalade Café, 763 Hawthorn Road. Hope to see you there.
Foundation Class Reps

TUCK SHOP NEWS:
In 2017 The Healthy Hut will open every
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Menu link: [2017 Healthy Hut Menu]
Catering link: [2017 Catering Menu]

PARISH NEWS

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Children’s Mass
Throughout this year St Finbar’s will celebrate a ‘Children’s Mass’ approximately once a month at the 5pm Mass. We will be singing songs the children will know and have simpler versions of the readings, we also hope to organise a Children’s Choir. The intention is to provide a Mass the children of the parish can participate in and feel ownership of. Please help us by coming along and getting involved.

All are invited to join us on Sunday 19th February at 5pm for our first Children’s Mass for 2017.

Altar Serving in 2017
Please contact the parish office if your child is interested in serving at the Altar in 2017. Commitment is once a month at your preferred Mass time. Children often begin Altar Serving when they are preparing for the Sacraments from year 3 onwards and are teamed up with an experienced server and learn on the job. This can be a great way to provide children with a sense of responsibility and self-confidence.
COMMUNITY NEWS

STAR OF THE SEA COLLEGE
Martin Street, PO Box 7001, Gardenvale LPO, BRIGHTON 3186
T: 9595 9595 / F: 9596 6821  www.starmelb.catholic.edu.au

2017 College Tour
Saturday 18 February
9.30am

- An address from the Principal, Mary O’Connor will commence at 9.30am sharp.
- Please allow time for parking as we have a large number of families attending.
- For further information please contact the Registrar, Josephine Aquilina on 9595 9595.

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About our College
De La Salle College is an independent Catholic College for boys in Years 4 – 12. Located on two adjacent campuses in Malvern, our College provides a respectful and encouraging environment where strong family values are reinforced. De La Salle does not have designated priority parish catchment zones and can draw widely from all parts of Melbourne, with all parish primary schools given priority in the enrolment process.

*All applications are processed in accordance to our Enrolment Policy. Further details available on our website.

College tours
Our tours are a great way for families to see our school in action. During the group tours you will hear from the principal and have the opportunity to explore the school, ask questions about the curriculum and the enrolment process, and speak to current students. The 2017 tour dates are listed below:

- **Friday 10 February**
  - 200pm
- **Wednesday 15 February**
  - 5:15pm
- **Friday 24 March**
  - 2:00pm
- **Wednesday 31 May**
  - 5:15pm
- **Wednesday 21 June**
  - 2:00pm

Tours are led by Year 9 and 10 student ambassadors and run for approximately 90 minutes. Bookings on tours are essential. Please reserve your place online via the College website: www.delahalle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/college-tours

Further information
If you would like to receive a College Prospectus and Application Pack, or have any questions about our enrolment process, please contact Miss Rachel Cicale on 03 9596 2186 or by email: cicale@de拉萨le.vic.edu.au

LEARNLIVELEAD
Open Morning  
Tuesday 21 February  
Start 9:15am

2018 enrolments
limited places
apply now

2019 enrolments
closing date
25 August 2017

Register online at www.olsh.vic.edu.au
St Finbar’s Catholic Parish

Parish Priest
Father Ian Ranson
Parish Secretary
Bridget Cooper (Tues & Thurs)
Address
86 Centre Rd, Brighton East
Phone
9592 2122
Website
www.cam.org.au/brighton east
Email
BrightonEast@cam.org.au
St Vincent de Paul Hotline
1300 305 330
School Principal
Mr Patrick Berlingeri
9592 4479

Mass Times
Saturday
6pm Vigil
Sunday
9am & 11am and 5pm
Weekdays
Mon at 8.15am, Tues to Sat at 9.15am
Reconciliation
After 9.15am Mass on Saturday
Baptisms
Most Sundays following 11am Mass
Please contact the Parish Office
For Weddings or Sacramental Enquiries
(First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation),
Please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Roster 19 Feb 2017
7th Sun Ordinary / Year A
6.00pm
9.00am
11.00am
5.00pm
Lectors
Clare Sabatino
Peter Cooper
Michelle Sidenidis
Children’s Mass
Special Ministers
Volunteers
Pauline Bourke
Jenny Reiche / Rita Maguire
Volunteers
Altar Servers
Chloe
Jemima
Children’s Liturgy
Data Projector
Duncan
Coopers
Leo
Volunteer
Counters
T Conheady & T Kelly
Readings
First Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18
Psalm: PS 102 “The Lord is kind and merciful.”
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23
Gospel Matthew 5: 38-48

Entrance Antiphon:
Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold: lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Communion Antiphon:
They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Community News
Recycle your old spectacles to help others see.
Kiwanis have placed a box in our foyer to collect USED SPECTACLES. Your pre-loved glasses will be delivered to an aid agency where they will be sorted, graded, packaged and sent to developing countries. Eye care professionals will then distribute them to children and adults with visual impairment. Children and adult glasses, in good condition, of all shapes and sizes are needed.

SANCTUARY: AN EXHIBITION OF SACRED ART

Saturday 11 February to Thursday 2 March, 10am–5pm (except Sundays)
Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne
Sponsored by the Barnabas Fund, this three-week exhibition and sale of sacred art by Melbourne artist Dr Ursula Betka will raise funds to bring at least three Syrian-Christian refugee families to Australia. All proceeds will go to ‘Operation Safe Havens’.
Details: 9926 9300

A Great Family Day Out in Yea
Enjoy a great day out in the magnificent country atmosphere of Yea. St Pat’s Race Club Yea is holding its annual Picnic Race Day at the picturesque Yea Racecourse on Sunday 19 February 2017.
There will be great entertainment for both adults and children. Proceeds from the day support Sacred Heart Parish and School in Yea. Bookings for dinner in the Clubhouse and other catering options can be made on the website country.racing.com/yea-st-pats

You can drive to Yea along the Melba Hwy from Lilydale, or through Whittlessea from Plenty Rd, or along the Hume Fwy and turn off at Tallarook. For more information, see the poster on our noticeboard, or phone Richard on 0418 842 926.

Sunday 12th February
Children’s Mass next Sunday
Throughout this year St Finbar’s will celebrate a ‘Children’s Mass’ approximately once a month at the 5pm Mass. We will be singing songs the children will know and have simpler versions of the readings, we also hope to organise a Children’s Choir. The intention is to provide a Mass the children of the parish can participate in and feel ownership of. Please help us by coming along and getting involved.

All are invited to join us on Sunday 19th February at 5pm for our first Children’s Mass for 2017.

Lent Discussion Groups 2017
The Lenten Program for 2017 follows a booklet titled “Hope”. If you would like to be involved in the program this year, either as host, attendee or just to use the booklet for individual reflection, please sign up on the list in the foyer.
Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 1 March 2017.

Recent Death
Erne Breznik and Dr Jerry

Anniversaries
Maureen Fitzsimmons, Giuseppe Fazio, Emilia D’Alis, Danilo Carlos, Mim and Val Cullinan and Rob Pierce

Please pray for the sick:
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Brinal Tranter, Cate Lombard, Chau Hoang, Richard Wakeham, Tim Mulvany, Ana May Cullinan, Kerrin White, Sheridan Veith,
Musical fit in the Faithful
Anniversaries

Please contact the parish office if your child is interested in serving at the
Altar in 2017. Commitment is once a month at your preferred Mass time. Children often begin Altar Serving when they are preparing for the Sacraments from year 3 onwards and are teamed up with an experienced server and learn on the job.

Prayers for the sick
Please contact the parish office if you know of anyone who needs our prayers. Please also be in contact if you know anyone on the list of the sick who no longer needs our prayers.

St Vincent de Paul

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Church Flowers and Linen
Rita Maguire
9592 4159
Church Decoration
Senior’s Group Sue Sharry 9592 7229 and Joan Hamilton 9592 2498
Music Joy Conheady 9596 2643
Lent/Advent Prayer Groups
Parish Office 9593 2122
Sacramental Enquiries (Reconciliation,
Eucharist, Confirmation) Parish Office 9593 2122
Parish Pastoral Group Parish Office 9593 2122
St Vincent de Paul

ASSISTANCE HOTLINE: Freecall 800 305 300
(Two to Four 10am – 3pm)

Tennis Club
www.stfrancisnetworkclubbrighton east.com.au
Netball Club
www.stfrancisnetworkclub.com.au
Basketball Club
www.scalpers.com.au
Next Parish Pastoral Group meeting:
tbc
Children’s Mass dates:
19th Feb at 5pm Mass