



St. Finbar's Primary School

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NEWSLETTER No 3

Thursday 16th February 2017

Dear Parents,

Catholic Identity Survey

This year our school will be participating in the Catholic Identity Survey. All schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne participate in this survey the year before they have their school review. Our school review is in 2018. The survey will be made available to all Families, Staff and the Year 5 & 6 students. More details will follow in later newsletters.

Meet the Teacher Interviews

This week, parents have met with class teachers to discuss their child/ren. The conversations have been very positive with parents being able to share their child's learning journey so far. This information is invaluable to the class teachers when planning their lessons to be able to get the best out of their lessons and activities and most importantly the children in their class.

School Hall

As mentioned earlier this year our school hall needs to have the wooden floor completely replaced. Works will begin on Monday 20th February and will last for approximately 5 weeks. During this time no one will be allowed to enter the hall for any reason.



Monday Assembly

Our Monday school assemblies will take place in the church due to the hall repair work. Assemblies will finish at 3:25pm to allow students to get back to the playground for the 3:30pm dismissal. Can I please ask all parents who attend assemblies in the church to exit quickly so we do not have any delays and to only collect their children from the playground after the class teacher has brought them back. As everyone can appreciate - safety of our children is first priority.

John Ashe Playground

I would like to say a very big thankyou to Miss McCurdy and our Sustainability leaders who are having a big impact on the John Ashe playground. There are plans underway to dismantle the dis-used frog pond and extend our chook pen. Thanks to all involved for your hard work. There is a working bee planned for next week. Please see further in this newsletter for more information.

Parents and Friends

Thank you to our dedicated Parents and Friends group who met last night. There are many exciting events planned for this term not only for students but for parents as well.

School Production

Please check in this newsletter edition for a request from Mrs. Bouras our Performing Arts Teacher requesting help for various jobs in regards to our whole school production of 'Annie.' Our school production will be held on Wednesday 30th August at the Kingston Town Hall. Please save the date.

Sibling Enrolments 2018

I would ask that parents who have a child commencing in Foundation in 2018 to please enrol their child by **Friday 24th February** so we can see how many places will be available to new families for 2018. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the website or from the following link <http://www.sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au/page/190/Enrolment> Sibling enrolment interviews will happen **THIS** term.

School Open Day for New Families / Enrolments

Our school open days for 2018 enrolments will be held on Friday 3rd March 9:15am – 11:00am and Wednesday 15th March 9:15am – 11:00am. 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. Special thanks to Tanya Tracey for her wonderful design of our Open Day flier featured in this newsletter.

Year 6 Leadership Roles and Classroom Leadership Roles

Congratulations to our Year 6 Student Leaders who were officially commissioned last week at our whole school start of year Mass. They also received their badges in assembly this week. Congratulations also to our class representatives who received their badges in Monday's assembly. We have 2 Student Representative Council (SRC), 2 Social Justice Representatives and 2 Sustainability Representatives per class. These roles will be re-elected in Semester 2 later this year.

I must say that I have been incredibly impressed with the motivation and eagerness of our Year 6 students in regards to leadership projects. I am looking forward to the positive effect these projects will have on our school community.



Inter School Swimming

Congratulations to our swimming team for their dedication to their training and preparation for the upcoming Dendy Swimming Carnival. Thanks to the staff who have volunteered their time to help the children prepare for this event, it is greatly appreciated.

God Bless,

Mr Pat Berlingeri
Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS:

February

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
 Catholic Education Week
 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:

EMAIL ATTACHMENT/ LINK

NIL

STAR OF THE WEEK

FG ~ Mia C, FI ~ Chiara Z
 Year 1A ~ Lucinda S, Year 1L ~ Lucas B
 Year 2D ~ Lucia P, Year 2M ~ Cleo P
 Year 3D ~ Vegas H, Year 3M ~ Elise M
 Year 4J ~ Sophia J, Year 4K ~ Dimity W
 Year 5A ~ Geordan H, Year 5H ~ Lily-Sophia D
 Year 6D ~ Cillian H, Year 6H ~ Lily A

TERM 1 UPCOMING ASSEMBLIES:

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
 Monday 27th March ~ Year FG

All parents are warmly welcomed to attend our weekly assemblies.

Assembly every Monday at 2:50pm.

**Assembly in the Church
until further notice.**

Please arrive on time to avoid disappointment.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS:

Term One Accounts are due and payable by tomorrow, 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.

CLASSROOM FRIENDSHIP LISTS ~ UPDATED ADVICE:

As we are still in the process of working with the Parent Portal it has been decided to still generate the paper copy of the friendship list for this year. We encourage parents to still log onto the parent portal and update their details as this is the way we will be headed into 2018.

To assist with getting the classroom friendship list out as soon as possible, these will be generated from the office. If you **DO NOT** want your **Name, Address, mobile number and email address** on this friendship list, please notify the office via email; yporter@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au by **Tuesday 21st February 2017**. If **no contact** is made to the office it will be assumed you are happy for these details to go out to your classmates and will be distributed with the newsletter on Thursday 23rd February 2017. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS ~ June Kellar

Thanks so much to all the parents who attended our Opening School Mass last Friday and spoke to me after mass ... your comments were much appreciated

In this week's gospel, Matthew continues to teach his audience how Jesus wanted them to live as self-giving, loving people, who embraced and welcomed ALL into their lives.

The line from this gospel I struggle most with is 'Love your enemies ... pray for those who persecute you!' What a challenge!

As we take the time to sit with this piece of scripture, let us challenge ourselves to go out of our way to reach out and offer friendship to those we don't usually associate with ... We don't have to be perfect in everything, but we have to love others the way Jesus did – without fear, prejudice or reserve ...



After a fantastic meeting with our new Social Justice Leaders ... the following proposal was made for raising awareness of Project Compassion this term The leaders take ownership of researching the Caritas website and find a specific goal/target for our school. They will introduce it at next Monday's Assembly. Congratulations team!!

Finally, a HUGE thanks to the fantastic Year 1's who made the letters of our SACRED SPACE! It looks spectacular ... don't you think?? *Why not take a walk down the corridor and check it out?*



Dates to remember ...

Tuesday, 28th February – Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday Breakfast

Wednesday, 1st March @ 9.15am – Ash Wednesday Mass in church

Tuesday, 7th March @ 7pm – Year 3 Reconciliation Parent/Child Night

Wednesday, 15th March @ 6.30pm – Year 1 Prayer Night

Sunday, 19th March @ 5pm – Year 1 Class Mass

OPEN DAY AT ST FINBAR'S



ST FINBAR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL IS CURRENTLY SEEKING ENROLMENTS FOR FOUNDATION (PREP) 2018

Open Mornings

Friday 3rd March 9:15am – 11:00am Wednesday 15th March 9:15am – 11:00am

THE OPEN MORNINGS WILL CONSIST OF:

Welcome and introduction from the School Principal

Presentation from School Deputy Principal

Question time

Guided tours by Year 6 Students.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL:

4 Specialist classes —

Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Italian and Physical Education

2 classes of each year level — Foundation to Year 6

3 dedicated playgrounds

Social and Emotional Learning program across the whole school (Kids Matter School)

Well maintained facilities

Sacramental program

Strong focus on contemporary learning methods

1:1 device program Year 4–Year 6 (Chromebooks)

iPads and Laptop Computers — Foundation to Year 3

Intervention program — Student Services

Reading Recovery

Numeracy Intervention

Lunchtime clubs program —

Chess, Drama, Choir, Coding and Construction

School Library



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Enrolment forms can be located on our school website under 'enrolment' www.sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au

CURRICULUM NEWS

SPORT NEWS ~ Mrs Tania Thompson



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 31 SWIM TEAM MEMBERS!



A huge well done to our 50 or so Year 3-6 students that put up their hand and trialled for our 2017 swim team. Both trial days last week saw some very brave efforts with many of our younger students swimming in a trial race for their first time. We'd like to say a big thank you to their parents for getting their child to and from the GESAC pool – we are sure your child appreciates your 'early rise' efforts to get them there. Heat times were used to determine our top two swimmers for each District event; along with our top four times for our 4x50 relay teams.

Our Swim team has now been finalised and we have 31 swimmers representing our team this year. It's been so thrilling to see almost all of our team also take up the two GESAC training opportunities with our coach; Tegan. We hope they gain some valuable tips to further prepare them for the District carnival on Monday 27th February at GESAC.

A special mention to our extremely supportive staff – Miss Johnston, Miss Liels, Mrs Molino and Miss Kelly who have kindly given up their time to rise early before their teaching day to support the students at these trainings.

Care Monkey permission and all related information will go out to all Swim team families next Tuesday. Please look out for the email in your inbox to accept permission promptly.

Wishing Eden Z-D - 6D all the very best at the Beachside Tennis 'Dendy tryouts' tomorrow. Eden will travel to St. Patrick's Murrumbena to participate in a FAST4 Tennis format round-robin tournament against other 12/U Dendy District students. Good luck Eden!





Friday 24th March:

**Whole School House Athletics Carnival.
Sandringham Athletics Track- Glamis Ave, Hampton.**



***Parents** - In order to successfully run this carnival day we require the help from many of our wonderful parents. Please look at your diaries now & block out a half or full day if at all possible. Further information out in the next few weeks. **THANK YOU!**

OTHER SPORT NEWS:

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, Cricket, Rugby, Diving and many other sports. 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. Online applications close 10th March, so please contact Tania before the end of February if your child applies to these requirements.

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.

TERM ONE SPORT EVENTS AND DATES TO DIARY:

- ***Monday 27th Feb:** Dendy District Swimming Carnival: GESAC pool (relevant Year 3-6 students)
- ***Friday 10th March:** Division Swimming Carnival, Oakleigh Rec Pool (note: Year. 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).

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS ~ Miss Amanda McCurdy

WORKING BEE!

To make room for our new and improved Chicken coop, we are having a Working Bee in the John Ash playground, on Wednesday 22nd of February from 3:30-5:00pm. There will be a lots of heavy lifting and gardening. If you are free and able to lend a hand, can you please contact Amanda McCurdy. Your assistance would ENORMOUSLY appreciated!

amccurdy@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au.



NUDE FOOD:

Nude Food is a fantastic way to do our little bit for the environment and educate our children the impact that their actions have on the environment and their health. It's the little things that make a big difference and by cutting out disposable rubbish in our lunchboxes, we can reduce our waste considerably.

This semester we will be encouraging students to bring a 'Nude' lunch every Wednesday starting on the 22nd of February.

Every student who brings a 'Nude' lunch, or pledges to take their rubbish home, will receive a raffle ticket. Prizes will be drawn at the last assembly for the term.



PERFORMING ARTS NEWS ~ Mrs Melanie Bouras

Production – Parent Helpers

Calling all talented and generous parents who are able to help out with one of the following;

- **Costume** – This includes making, sourcing, mending, storing and organising student costumes for the musical.
- **Props** – This includes making, sourcing, borrowing, hiring, storing, organising and returning props for the musical.
- **Hair and Make-up** – This includes two dress rehearsals and the production/s.
- **Choreography** – This includes some rehearsals and dress rehearsals.



If you are able and willing to help with any of the above please e-mail Mrs Melanie Bouras at mbouras@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au Thank you.

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS ~ Nigel Rodrigues

Dear Families of St Finbar's,

Each year our school develops an Annual Action Plan in five key areas, these are:

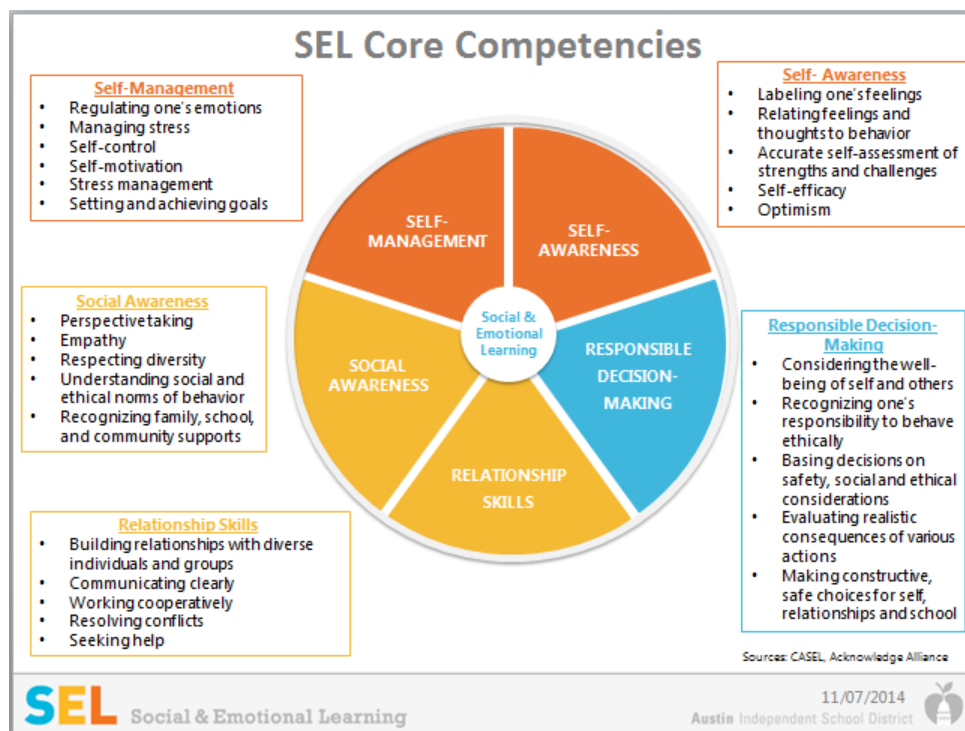
- Leadership and Management
- Education in Faith
- Learning & Teaching
- Student Wellbeing
- Community

In each of these areas there are clear objectives in regard to the wellbeing of our whole community. Specifically in the Student Wellbeing area we outline goals for each term which will help to build and enhance each child's sense of belonging to the school and connectedness to their learning. We began the year with a big focus on our school values throughout Celebration Week and of course teachers will continue to promote these as the foundation for how we can treat ourselves and each other. I encourage you, as parents, to talk to your children about our school values and how they could be used at home.

As well as this focus on our school values we will continue to help each child develop their social emotional learning skills so that they are able to build positive relationships with their peers and manage their own behaviour, building their mental health, self-esteem and resilience.

"Research clearly shows that children who are mentally healthy are better able to meet life's challenges. They are also better learners and have stronger relationships.

Good mental health in childhood lays the foundations for the future, and it is never too early for families to start supporting the mental health of children." (Kismatter Framework)



SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST IS NOW AVAILABLE: 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.
nrodrigues@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au



SOLID START
psychology

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS

Casual Bookings/Cancellations/Adjustments please call **95920994** directly.

email: melissa.asmar1@gmail.com



EMAIL NOT TO BE USED TO CHANGE DAILY ATTENDANCES

EMAIL TO BE USED for changing permanent bookings, making advanced bookings/cancellations (ie holiday program, school closure days), account queries, addressing special needs, incidents that need clarification, and the like. Emails are **not checked** prior to a session as administrative duties are addressed **off site** and away from the service as our priority lies with the active supervision of children, their development and wellbeing.



Sustainability and Community Engagement

While the weather is still sunny, OSHC will focus on the natural learning environment, sustainability and community engagement. We are promoting the connection between children and nature by providing hands on experiences in the John Ashe. The schools sustainability coordinator Miss McCurdy and the OSHC will conduct a series of "working bees" in preparation for a new and improved chicken coop. It's then intended that eggs generated by the chickens will be used in OSHC cooking activities.

The first working bee has been organised for next Wednesday 22/2/2017 between 4-5.30pm (weather permitting)

All children attending that afternoon are expected to participate. Children will be given a "light snack" at 3.40 then work alongside Educators in the John Ashe between 4-5.15, followed by a sausage sizzle and icy pole. (Children who have basketball training will be walked across to the court by George at 5pm)



Homework



Completing homework for many children at home is becoming increasingly difficult with one or both parents working. In addition many parents and children are involved in extra-curricular and after school activities further decreasing the time available to complete homework tasks. Due to these difficulties, the role of helping children with their homework has been incorporated into the OSHC. Educators remind children about their homework responsibilities and ask them to make it a priority, time manage and take responsibility for their part in the educational process. The environment is organised to help children. Educators are available as are computers and materials. Should you want your child/ren to complete homework during OSHC hours then please speak to Melissa



Strategies that children have devised to help them with homework.

"Snack, Play, Homework"; Work by yourself in a quiet spot; Work with a buddy; Work with a group; choose your time on the computer: Use resources from the OSHC homework trolley; Ask a friend for help: Ask an Educators for help.

Accounts due

Accounts are now out and due in full within seven days. Should you have any queries then please email melissa.asmar1@gmail.com The accounts cover weeks 1&2 of Term 1. Monday 30/1/2017 was one day of holiday program and is now "joined" this account.

Accounts are now **emailed directly** to a dedicated family email. If an email is not available then accounts are distributed via the office which are handed to children by their class room teacher. If you do not receive your account please contact Melissa. Cash is NOT to be left at the office but handed directly to staff where a receipt will be issued. Cheques are also accepted or the most preferred way is via a direct transfer to the St Finbar's OSHC bank account (St Finbars Outside School Hours Care BSB: 083 347A/c: 55055 9263. Please include your surname and child's name in the Ref area).

To avoid large accounts it's important that payments are made every 2 weeks (when invoices are received) and also frequent payments keep our OSHC program running efficiently. Thank you in advance.

Unfortunately for some families, care will be denied as no effort has been made to contact the service and organise a payment plan for outstanding 2016 fees. Children will be sent to the office and parents called for collection.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

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.



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](#)

AUSTRALIAN WASTESAVERS:

In the junior corridor at school are two big wheelie bins that are dedicated to 'Australia's Wastesavers'. We are part of a community fund raising and recycling program called "Bag it and Bring it". Every year thousands of tons of clothes, shoes and household textiles are thrown away across Australia every year. Many of these items can be re-used and recycled in some of the world's poorest developing nations; people who would otherwise not be able to afford good quality second hand clothing.



Whilst recycling, reusing and donating, the school also receives \$0.40 per kilogram we deposit, so start the cleaning out the wardrobes now. For more information on the program, visit www.australiaswastesavers.com.au

PARISH NEWS

18 – 19 February	Altar Servers/Helpers	Readers
6pm		C Sabatino
Counters	T Conheady & T Kelly	
9.00am		Coopers
11am	Chloe	M Sideridis
5pm	Jemma	Children's Mass

Children's Mass

Come and join us on **Sunday 19th February at 5pm** for our first Children's Mass for 2017.

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.

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.



OPEN DAY

Sunday 5th March 2017
12:00pm – 3:00pm

Applications for 2018 close soon
Applications for 2019 close August this year

Enquiries: 9529 6611
E: admin@cbcstkilda.com
f: CBC St Kilda
W: www.cbcstkilda.com.au



WE WANT NEW BLOOD

VAMPIRES

VAMPIRETTES REGISTRATION BBQ

HURLINGHAM PARK PAVILLION, NEPEAN HIGHWAY, EAST BRIGHTON
5-7PM SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19TH. FREE BBQ PROVIDED.

BRING YOUR RUNNERS AND COME ALONG AND MEET SOME OF THE SENIOR GIRLS AND HAVE A KICK OF THE FOOTY. COACHES THERE TO ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS.

ANY QUERIES - JODY DICKENSON, GIRLS FOOTBALL MANAGER 0421311664

REGISTER NOW AT GOVAMPIRES.COM

ALL QUERIES TO REGISTRAR@GOVAMPIRES.COM



St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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 Parish Secretary Bridget Cooper (Tues & Thurs)
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 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 26 Feb 8 th Sun Ordinary / Year A	6.00pm	9.00am	11.00am	5.00pm
Lectors	Julie McInerney / Anna Conti	Ian Jones / Lorraine O'Reilly	Margaret Howse	Durbidge family
Special Ministers	Joy Conheady	Pauline Bourke	Jenny Reiche / Rita Maguire	VOLUNTEERS
Altar Servers		Reese & Aidan		Rose & Lily
Children's Liturgy		-		
Data Projector	Tony Conheady	Dials	Leo	Volunteer
Counters	M Entwisle, B & M Hermon			
Readings	<i>First Reading:</i> Isaiah 49: 14-15 <i>Psalm:</i> PS 61 "Rest in God alone, my soul." <i>Second Reading:</i> 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 6: 24-34			

Sunday 12th February

At times it seems we have rewritten the 'Golden Rule' to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive. Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King. We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today's reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching. © Dianne Bergant CSS

<u>Recent Death</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Colin Clark	Theagan Kunaratnan, Justin McCarthy, Tom Thynne, Mim and Val Cullinan and William Crawford
<u>Please pray for the sick:</u> Brinal D'Silva, Liam Evans, Mary Barberi, Kath Dyer, Denise Fitzsimmons, Louise Davis, Kathleen Chiosso, Judy Burke, Cody Fisher, Joan D'Cruz, Kerrin White, Sheridan Veith, Adrienne O'Meara, Elizabeth Breen, Michael Moroney, Lisa Tonna, Maurie Beaumont, Geraldine Farrell, Tracey Harris, Michaela Burge, Carmel Currie, Wendy Glennister, Sandra Charles, Jane Boyd, Patricia Cawte, Annalisa Ziino, Margot Rawson, Olive Mabag, Odessa Prosser, Logan Tonini, Jill McKern, Jennifer Spencer, Nick Byrne, Luke Marriott, Max Finch, Rosa Maria Santos, Tom Howard, Catherine Stahn, Sue Heffernan, Krystyna Charbucinska, Jon Devitt, Will Murray, Peter Cleary, Margaret Sinclair, Joan Tranter, Cate Lombard, Chau Hoang, Richard Wakeham, Tim Mulvany, Ana May Buenaventur, Boy Ramirez, Peter Purtell, Jasper Jacotine and Anne Duggan. <i>Some of their names will be read out each week in the Prayers of the Faithful.</i>	

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Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Communion Antiphon

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

Community News

Thank you

Kiwanis would like to thank parishioners who have very generously donated their used spectacles to help others see, especially over the last few weeks when multiple boxes of glasses have been donated.

Pre-loved glasses are delivered to an aid agency where they are 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.

BAYSIDE LIFE FILM SCREENING: HIDDEN FIGURES

Sunday 19 February, 4pm
 Palace Dendy Brighton, 26 Church Street, Brighton

Bayside LifeVote Group invites parishioners to a movie fundraiser to raise funds for Australian Family Association campaigns in Victoria to oppose euthanasia and the Safe Schools education program. Hidden Figures (rated PG), is the true story of a team of African-American women who provide NASA with important mathematical data needed to launch the program's first successful space missions.

Cost: \$28 (includes coffee/tea and cake after the movie)
 Details and bookings: Maria on 0438 088 681 or marialusby4@gmail.com or www.trybooking.com/OIYF/

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY: FR FRANK MOLONEY ON ECOLOGY

Wednesday 22 February, 12-1pm
 St Francis Pastoral Centre, corner Lonsdale and Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne
 For the next Social Justice in the City event, Fr Frank Moloney SDB will reflect on Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato si'*. All welcome. Complimentary refreshments follow.
 Details: Joan on 9895 5875

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Friday 24 February, 7pm, Caroline Chisholm Library, Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

Anyone interested in reading and discussing Christian books and poetry is welcome to join the monthly meetings of The Catholic Book Club. This month The four loves by CS Lewis will be discussed. Details: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or www.melbournecatholicbookclub.volasilite.com

Parish Contacts

Please feel free to contact any of these people if you would like to become more involved in Parish Life.

Rosters for Lectors, Collectors and Special Ministers at Mass Paul Dungan 9592 2463

Counting Roster

New Volunteers please call Parish Office

Children's Liturgy Parish Office 9593 2122

Altar Serving Parish Office 9593 2122

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 1800 305 330
 (Mon to Fri 10am - 3pm)

Tennis Club

www.stfinbarstennisclubbrightoneast.com

Netball Club

www.stfinbarsnetballclub.com.au

Basketball Club www.scalpers.com.au

Next Parish Pastoral Group meeting:
 tbc

Children's Mass dates (5pm Mass):
 19th Feb and 5th March