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Message from the Principal

Dear parents, friends and Father Jose

Congratulations to our students who participated in the sacrament of first Reconciliation last week. It was a big occasion and judging by the response of the students they replied in kind. If you have any feedback on the event Marianne and I would love to hear it.

You will find attached a letter regarding the Men's shelter. It outlines very clearly what will occur and you are welcome to look at the risk assessments that have been considered. I appreciate all comments on the matter as they have helped us refine the issues and how we will deal with them. I have responded to every concern raised with me and believe that we have addressed any potential risk that could occur. A lot of the potential risks already exist on any given day at our school and as principal I just deal with them as they arise. I appreciate the trust placed in me and our school by parents and will continue to monitor the situation.

Our LSO (teacher aide) staff have the opportunity to participate in some on site training in the months ahead. It is great that so many of them will participate in the certificate four course being run. Our students ultimately are the winners and I appreciate the effort these staff are going to.

I'm sure that parents with students in years three and five are aware of the NAPLAN testing currently underway. Lauren and Kayla have gone to great lengths with both staff and students to make sure that this has caused minimal fuss and stress to all involved.

Enrolments are currently being taken for prep 2020. If you are aware of a family who would like to enrol at our school can you please remind them to do so as soon as possible. Interviews are underway and will run for another two weeks. Your recommendation is the most important way that we attract new families and students to our school.

Have a great week

Duncan







FOR ALL EVENTS AND DATES PLEASE GO TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR WHICH IS FOUND ON THE SCHOOLS WEBPAGE UNDER 'EVENTS CALENDAR'

Winter Shelter At Holy Spirit.

Hi Everyone, in light of recent concerns raised by a few people I'd like to take this opportunity to provide some more detail around the operation of the Winter Shelter Program. We have been listening and reacting, taking suggestions on board and modifying the operation to strengthen it.

The original Risk Analysis which was conducted to decide if we would join the program has been modified and added to and used to continually review the program. Pre-event and post-event checklists have been developed to ensure that all preparations are made and that clean-up is thorough. These are living documents and it is expected they will be further modified as required. These documents are available on request.

The program begins with homeless men over the age of twenty contacting Uniting Wesley in Ringwood. These men are interviewed by an experienced Crisis Worker using an extensive list of assessment prompts. The Crisis Worker then makes an assessment of the suitability of the men for the Winter Shelter Program. Only men with no history of violence, who can cope well with no stimulants for the time they are being hosted and who may be on medication but are stable will be accepted. In many cases the man will have been visiting the centre for some time already. Having spoken with Crisis Workers they tend to err on the side of conservatism. If accepted the guest will sign up to a strict code of conduct. Violations of the code will see the guest expelled.

We will be hosting on Friday evenings from June I to September 15 (except for a few pre-booked dates). Volunteers arrive at 5:30pm, commence with a prayer and orientation. Any particular information about the guests that is relevant to their safety and the safety of the volunteers will be shared. The Venue Coordinator manages the flow of task execution using a checklist. The cul de sac area i.e the turning circle beside the church hall, is cordoned off at all entrance points. Guests are only permitted in the hall and for smoking in the cul de sac. Any art or graphics identifying children or families will be removed and stored in the sacristy behind locked door. Cots and linen are taken from the WS trailer and food preparation begins. Tasks are assigned. Those involved in socialising will also be keeping an eye on the guests.

The guests are bussed onto the site at 6:00pm. The Venue Co-ordinator orients the guests, defining the area they may use, the Code of Conduct for Winter Shelter and our Code of Conduct for Child Safety, fire evacuation procedures, hall exit points and the menu for the evening meal. A pre dinner snack is served. Dinner is served at 7:00pm. Dinner is a three course meal, usually soup, a selection of 2 or 3 main meals and a dessert. A separate set of crockery and cutlery will be used for the guests. Sanitiser bottles are available at hall and kitchen entry points. After dinner the guests socialise, play board games or may prefer to retire to bed. Guests will use the men's toilet while volunteers will use the women's toilet (unisex) or the sacristy toilet.

The first shift of 5 volunteers finishes at 10pm after having cleaned up after the meal. The guests will often help with this. During the second shift, 2 volunteers of the 3 or 4 on shift will be awake at all times overnight. Guest are not permitted to leave the hall between 11:00pm and 7:00am.

The third shift of 3 volunteers commences at 7:00am. They will prepare and serve breakfast. At 8:00am the guests are bussed to Ringwood Station. The breakfast crew then cleans the kitchen and toilets and performs a thorough sweep of the hall, toilets and cul de sac areas. Cots are returned to the trailer and the trailer delivered to North Ringwood Uniting. This shift finishes at about 9:30am.

Volunteers must undertake the training scheduled for May 15 and have a Working With Children check before commencing. To volunteer and for more information please go to wintershelter.org.au.

If you need further information please feel free to email me on svolomb1@gmail.com.

Silvio for Parish Leadership Team.

School Board News

A Master Plan committee has been formed with school, parent, and parish representatives. This will ensure that future improvements are working to an overall master plan across the whole site. The school is currently working to develop an educational brief that will help guide the planning of teaching and learning spaces, and play spaces. Customised learning spaces (including furniture) and technology rich environments are two key considerations. Duncan took board members on a school tour to offer comments about the current school space, which will be fed back to the committee. There will be further consultation with the school community, including students.

Duncan sought feedback from the board regarding the commencement of the Maroondah Winter Shelter program. It was decided that the risk assessment, developed by the Parish Leadership Team and program co-ordinator Silvio Volombello would be requested and viewed by myself, and Duncan, and input sought into the information relayed to the community. This has occurred, and I would like to thank Silvio for working with us, to better inform our community of the program, and address all concerns raised. Both the school and Parish have taken great care in thoroughly ensuring the safety of all involved, and have the appropriate documentation to support this. Feedback from a parent/board member who attended the first volunteer training session for the program last night, along with roughly 20 others from our Parish/school community was very positive. She felt the information presented on policies and procedures, and roles of volunteers was detailed, and that there was plenty of time to ask questions. Here is a link to a short video clip on the Maroondah Winter Shelter program website, that shows some of the men and volunteers in action. https://youtu.be/Vb-\dyw0MJZ8

VOLUNTEER INFO

A BIG BIG thank you to all those parents who have completed the online Child Safety questionnaire. If you have not heard back from me then your answers to the questions are correct and you have been entered into the spread sheet as a qualified school volunteer. All teachers have access to this spread sheet and can see who is now a registered volunteer and able to be used throughout the school and for excursions. For anyone wanting to be a registered volunteer please follow these links for the questionnaire and information sheet to read. I will let you know if I don't have your WWCC on file at the school and will ask you to send me a copy.

Follow this link to the power point Read for answers

Follow this link to find the questions <u>2019 Volunteer question-</u> naire



The Holy Spirit Code of Conduct and CECV commitment statement to Child Safety is now prominently displayed at the Visitor Sign In IPad. There is a clause in the sign in process that advises you are acknowledging and accepting these documents upon signing in to the school. PLEASE REMEMBER TO <u>SIGN OUT</u> before leaving.

PARISH NEWS

We are looking forward to hosting a "Biggest morning Tea" on Friday 24th May in the parish house. "Thank you" to Sharon Wolff for organising the event. It is a great cause and we encourage everyone to come along.

The Alpha programme for week 4 Is about faith: designed to help us to understand more about ourselves and the journey we are on following Jesus.

There are many distractions in life but Alpha helps us to be able to nurture our faith and make it a priority in life. Pray that all feel at peace within the groups and open to discussion and are ready to allow Jesus to become an important part of their lives.

The Parish AGM is scheduled for Thursday 6 June, 7:30pm in the Mary Bresnan Room. Reports from the various groups and committees in the parish will be presented. These reports will also be available on the Parish website.

Everyone is warmly invited to come along and hear what is happening in our vibrant and wonderful parish.

Jenny



A prayer for Mums on Mother's day Heavenly Father, We lift up all mothers today and thank them for their guidance and love. We ask You to bless them with Your own special love, today and always. Amen







IMPORTANT DATES: PLEASE CHECK THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ALL IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS: Go to the "home page" of the school website:

out via Caremonkey soon!

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House Cross Country results: Congratulations to all 3-6 students for putting in such an incredible effort at Cross Country on Monday, we have some talented runners! A HUGE thank you to parents/staff/leaders/captains for stepping up to help me out while I was one arm down, couldn't have made it happen without everyone's assistance! The final results were: 1st - Cuthbert (yellow) 2nd - Freeman (red) 3rd - Perkins (blue) 4th - Bradman (green) Congratulations to all who made top 10 you will continue to district on Tuesday 28th May. eforms with further info for that will be sent



The Hawthorn Football Club visiting Holy Spirit

Reading Matters parent workshop Wednesday 29th May at 7pm in our School Library More details to follow Hope to see you there!





For inclusions in the newsletter please email ERR-IN: ebegley@hsringwoodnth.catholic.edu.au Submission should be in no later than midday on the Wednesday prior to the newsletter being published.



Our **Extend Squad Winter holiday program** has officially launched! Bookings for all families are now live on our booking platform LookedAfter and holiday timetables can be accessed on Extend's website <u>here</u>.

To help promote our program to your families and wider school community I have provided a suite of marketing materials to include on your website, in newsletters, school apps and on social media.

Please find attached the following materials

- Winter holiday program poster
- Winter holiday program banner

Winter holiday program newsletter graphic

Our Extend Squad holiday videos are available to share across a variety of platforms <u>Extend Squad - Fantabulous School Holiday Experience!</u> <u>Extend Squad Holiday Program - Our Educator's Feedback</u> <u>Extend Squad Holiday Program...Why our kids love it!</u>

Thank you for your assistance and support with the promotion of our Extend Squad Winter holiday program.



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Dear parents, guardians and carers

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD quidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- · category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational
 outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the <u>NCCD Portal (https://www.nccd.edu.au</u>). If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards Principal

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WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?

All students are entitled to a quality learning experience at school.

Schools are required to make reasonable adjustments, where needed, to assist students with disability to access and participate in education free from discrimination and on the same basis as other students.

These responsibilities are outlined in the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards). The Standards require educators, students, parents and others (e.g. allied health professionals) to work together to ensure students with disability can participate in education.

WHAT IS A REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT?

A reasonable adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability access and participate in education on the same basis as other students. Adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (e.g. ramps into school buildings), in the classroom (such as adapting teaching methods) and at an individual student level (e.g. extra tuition for a student with learning difficulties).

Reasonable adjustments reflect the assessed individual needs of the student, and are provided in consultation with the student and/or their parents and carers. For the Disability Standards for Education 2005, an adjustment is reasonable in relation to a student with disability if it balances the interests of all parties affected. Schools are required to make reasonable adjustments for students with disability under the Standards.

WHEN DOES THE COLLECTION TAKE PLACE?

The national data collection is conducted in August each year.

IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION COMPULSORY?

Yes. All education ministers agreed to full implementation of the national data collection from 2015. This means that all schools must now collect and submit information annually on the number of students receiving adjustments due to disability in their care, and the level of adjustment they receive.

Information about the arrangements that may apply to your school in relation to this data collection is available from your child's school principal and the relevant education authority.

HOW IS MY CHILD'S PRIVACY PROTECTED?

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is essential and is an explicit focus of the national data collection. Data is collected within each school, and personal details, such as student names or other identifying information, are not provided to local or federal education authorities.

Further information about privacy is available in the Public information notice.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact your child's school if you have further questions about the NCCD. You can also visit the NCCD Portal.

An e-learning resource about the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005 is freely available for the use of individuals, families and communities.

The document must be attributed as Parent, guardian and carer fact sheet.

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When undertaking the national data collection. every school in Australia uses the same method to collect information. Therefore, a government school in suburban Sydney collects and submits data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory. The information collected by schools will be available to all governments to inform policy and program improvement for students with disability.

HOW WILL THIS DATA BE USED?

In addition to informing funding, the data will inform work at a school and system/sectoral level. It will help to ensure that better support for students who are receiving adjustments because of disability becomes routine in the day-to-day practice of schools through:

- strengthening understanding of schools' legislative obligations and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 in relation to students who are receiving adjustments because of disability
- focusing attention on the individual adjustments required to support students with disability to participate in learning on the same basis as other students, and enabling schools to better reflect on the needs of these students and to support them more effectively
- facilitating a more collaborative and coordinated approach to supporting students who are receiving adjustments because of disability, including through encouraging improvements in documentation at the school level
- strengthening communication between schools, parents/carers and the broader community about the needs of students who are receiving adjustments because of disability.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

The definition of disability for the national data collection is based on the broad definition under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

For the purposes of the national data collection, students with learning difficulties (such as dyslexia or auditory processing disorder) or chronic health conditions (like epilepsy or diabetes) that require monitoring and the provision of adjustments by the school may be included.

WHO COLLECTS INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

Teachers and school staff identify the number of students receiving an adjustment due to disability in their school, the broad type of disability and the level of adjustment provided, based on:

- consultation with parents and carers in the course of determining and providing adjustments
- the school team's observations and professional judgements
- any medical or other professional diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for ensuring the information identified about each student is accurate.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION FOR MY CHILD?

The aim of the national data collection is to collect quality information about Australian school students receiving adjustments due to disability.

This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and governments to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as other students.

The national data collection provides an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for students with disability and all students.

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HELP NEEDED FOR 2019 FETE

The Fete Committee is in need of three Stall Owners for <u>2019</u>:

- I. Lob-A-Choc
- 2. Hot Chips & Dim Sims

3. Hot Dogs

If you are able to help our Fete by running one of the above stalls for 2019, please call Sharon Garcia (Riquelme) on 0402 884 455 or email <u>shasha_garcia@hotmail.com</u>

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL FETE MEETINGS

Please come along to the Fete Meetings and put forward any ideas you may have or help you can offer. Meeting dates:

TUESDAYS AT 7.30 pm on

7/5/19, 4/6/19, 9/7/19, 13/8/19, 10/9/19, 17/9/19, 24/9/19, 1/10/19, 8/10/19

Dear parents

The Parish has indicated that they intend to proceed with hosting the Men's Shelter that has been recently advertised. Silvio Volombello is coordinating this venture and will shortly be corresponding with all in our community to explain exactly what is involved. I met with him and the parish's leadership team, last week to ensure that this worthwhile program can proceed whilst considering the needs of ALL involved. I will ensure that this communication from Silvio is passed on as soon as possible. Regards Duncan



Dear Principal

The 2019 Federal Election will be held on Saturday 18 May 2019.

As you will be aware, the major political parties have made a number of announcements with regard to education in the lead-up to the election.

At a national level, Catholic education has been communicating directly with major political parties on their education policy positions, particularly in relation to fair and certain funding. The National Catholic Education Commission asked for responses to the following questions from the three major parties:

1. As the Commonwealth is the predominant funder of non-government schools, how will your party ensure Catholic schools remain affordable for most Australian families?

2. What support will your party provide to help Catholic and other non-government schools upgrade learning facilities and keep pace with enrolment growth, given the rising costs of land, construction and classroom technology?

3. What is your party's position on the right of religious schools to retain faith-based exemptions from antidiscrimination legislation in relation to staffing, enrolment and policy matters?

4. Catholic schools are providing an increasing number of pre-school services for families that choose Catholic education. What will your party do to support this important stage of early childhood education?

The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd has prepared <u>this handy guide</u> to the parties' responses for you to share with your school communities. I would urge you to make sure that parents and staff are aware of the education policy positions taken by the major parties at this election.

Full copies of the parties' responses can be found at <u>http://www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/2019-Election</u>.

In the next week, it is still not unreasonable to expect that education will continue to feature as an important election issue. Catholic education will be in contact with you if there are any other significant updates to the parties' education policy positions between now and Election Day.

In the meantime, if you have any queries or are seeking additional information, please contact Mr Michael Pountney, Acting Assistant Director, Enterprise Services, at Catholic Education Melbourne

via email mpountney@cem.edu.au or on 03 9267 0228 or 0409 860 884.

Regards

Jim Miles Acting Executive Director





Please check with your classroom teacher if you would like further details and the entry form and conditions.



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The Park Orchards North Ringwood Parish Junior Football Club

Sharks History The Park Orchards North Ringwood Parish Junior Football Club was formed in 1991, as a result of a merger between Park Orchards and North Ringwood Parish Junior Football Clubs.

The first president of the newly formed club was Mr. M. Cahill, who was also the last president of the NRPJFC. Prior to the merger, Park Orchards had established a 23 year history, led initially by its first president, Mr. J.O'Brien in 1969. In those 23 years, Park Orchards accumulated 8 premierships, and called Domeney Reserve home. North Ringwood Parish JFC was established in 1984 and its first president, Fr K. Mogg presided over the club for 7 of its 8 year history. In those 8 years, the club won one premiership in 1988. The NRPJFC utilized Colman Park as its home venue.

Between the two original clubs and the merged entity, more than 300 players have played 100 or more games, and more than 30 players having also reached the very significant milestone of 150 games. The Sharks have won 27 premierships since forming in 1991, including a League rec-

The Sharks have won 27 premierships since forming in 1991, including a League record 5 premierships in 2004, and continue to be one of the larger clubs in the competition, fielding 21 teams, including 5 girls teams and registering over 400 players in 2019. There are, in total, 48 Life Members – people who have donated vast amounts of time and effort into providing a wonderful football and family environment for the children of the Park Orchards and North Ringwood areas.

The Sharks have relinquished tenancy at Colman Park and for many seasons solely used Domeney Reserve and the wonderful facilities there as its home venue. As we approached the new century, the Club identified that considerable benefits could be gained by having its own Auskick program, as these skilled-based clinics had proved to be successful player development links at source paidbhoring slubs.

to be successful player development links at several neighboring clubs. In 2001, our Sharks AFL Auskick program was launched and based at Stintons Reserve. In its 18 years of operation, Park Orchards Auskick has become an award winning Auskick in the Eastern Region. The growth in Teams and player numbers as a result of the successful Auskick program required the use of a second home ground, and in 2004 matches commenced being played at Stintons Reserve. In 2005, the Club took another significant step in securing its future with the installation of floodlighting

at Stintons, providing the Sharks with 2 fully equipped training and playing venues. The Sharks have a proud history and a promising future. Be a part of it, and enjoy the experience. Go Sharks!!



responsibility to create nurturing school environments where children and young people are respected, their voices are heard and where they are safe and feel safe.

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH NETBALL CLUB

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Holy Spirit Parish Netball Club is seeking expressions of interest from parents of Year 1/2 girls and boys interested in participating in a NETTA program (specifically designed for girls and boys who have not played netball before) with a view to fielding additional Net Set Go / Under 9 teams in the forthcoming Spring season starting July 2019.

The NETTA program will be run at Holy Spirit for 4 weeks during Term 2, starting Friday 10th May -31 May between 3:45pm – 4:30pm

For further details or to register your interest please contact Cath Stone on 0425 850 059 or email <u>Catherine@rheomtravel.com.au</u>.



Our Lady of Sion Dates

Talk and Tour mornings: Friday 3 May, Monday 3 June, Monday 24 June, all beginning at 9.30 am.

Information Evening for prospective families:

Wednesday 22 May 2019, 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm.



Preserving Masterclass

Come and learn how to make jams, chutneys and pickles, and take home a jar of Holy Spirit's finest! As well as learning, you'll be contributing to a popular Holy Spirit Fete stall.

Experienced "Jammers" also welcome!

8:30am to midday. <u>Holy Spirit Community Centre Church kitchen.</u> 16 March, 27 April, 18 May, 22 June, 20 July, 14 September, 17 August, 5 October

Choose to come to for every session or pop in for a once off. Bring a friend and enjoy a chat and a uppa while the pot simmers! For more information, contact Yvette: <u>ycollins@iprimus.com.au</u>