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No 4

Date 19 March 2020

Message from the Principal

19-3-20

Dear parents and friends

It is with a great deal of pleasure I can announce that Father Arsenio Tuazon has been appointed as Parish Priest at our Parish and school. He is currently the Parish Priest at St Patrick's Lilydale. I met with him last Friday to show him around our school. He will take up his position sometime after April 1st. Considering it has been over six months, this is a very welcome appointment and I speak on behalf of all in our community when I wish him all the best.

Given the current situation in relation to CoVid 19, I am continuing to monitor a number of factors at our school. This includes student absentee rates, staff absentee rates and ensuring that 'normal' classes continue as much as possible. Our student absentee rate has been consistent around 15% (away) this week and the number of families choosing to stay away is rising. I am grateful to our Learning and Teaching leader Kayla who has put together a great resource for our students who are away. Numbers will continue to be monitored and measures implemented that may include combining classes to cover staff absences. Rest assured that as soon as I hear anything, all in our community will be informed.

Several measures have been introduced to ensure that we keep a consistent routine for our students. Classes are as per normal. Any events that were programmed have simply been postponed rather than cancelled. I have asked staff to minimize 'strangers' coming onto our site to ensure that our community continue to have access to appropriate teaching and learning. Parents helpers and the like will resume as soon as we possibly can. I am asking all parents to assist with a survey in relation to access to devices at home so **IF** school is suspended or shut for a period of time we can continue to deliver appropriate teaching and learning. If you have not already done so, please complete this short survey.

Lastly, I would be appreciative if you could take the time to complete the ECSI survey. Details have been sent out to complete this survey electronically. The results will be utilized to help us improve the way that we deliver religious education at our school.

Have a great week

Duncan



PARISH NEWS

Dear School Parents and Students. We are thrilled to announce that Father Arsenio Tuazon has been appointed as Parish Priest to the Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne's and St. Gerard's. Father will officially commence duties on Wednesday 1st April which is during the school holidays. Father comes to us from St. Patrick's at Lilydale and is looking forward to meeting everyone. There will be an official welcome after Easter.

Due to the Coronavirus situation, the Community Dance scheduled for this Friday 20th March has been postponed to a date later in the year. Details will be announced as soon as possible. There could also be interruptions to our Easter Services, Baptisms and other Church gatherings. We will of course keep you informed with any advice that we receive from the Archbishop's office. In an email from Monsignor Tony Ireland, the Sacrament of Confirmation is suspended till further notice (this weekend would have been the Confirmation Commitment weekend). Please pray for those who are suffering from the virus and those whose work and livelihood has been impacted.

Winter Shelter are in need of volunteers. An Information Night will be held on Wednesday 15th April from 6.30-8.30 pm at the North Ringwood Uniting Church, 14 Dickson Crescent, Ringwood North. We had 65 volunteers over the 14 week period last year and 48 were parishioners and school parents or teachers from both Parishes. The program will go from 1st June to 13th September. We supported 29 homeless men with a hot dinner and breakfast, a warm and secure bed for the night and friendly and caring company. A number of these men have since found permanent accommodation. Unfortunately many are still homeless and living rough. To register as a volunteer, fill out an application form on the website www.wintershelter.org.au Any questions may be directed to Silvio Volombello or to his email svolomb1@gmail.com Thank you.

Next week sees the end of Term 1. We hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing you all back in Term 2.

Holy Spirit is a child safe parish. At Holy Spirit we hold the care, safety and well being of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

*Ruth Frangeskakis
Parish Secretary
Holy Spirit Parish
120 Oban Road, Ringwood North 3134.*



Prayer of the Week

Harmony Day is on the 21st March in Australia. We celebrate Harmony Day to promote diversity and acceptance of other cultures. As a school we are celebrating this day on Friday the 21st of March where the students will be completing many activities during the day, with the theme of the day being 'everyone belongs'.

A Prayer for HARMONY DAY

O God You created all people in your image.

*We thank you for the amazing variety of races and cultures in this world.
Enrich our lives by ever widening circles of friendship and show us your presence in those who are most different from us.*

Help us to love and care for each other just as you care and love each one of us.

You call us to live in peace and harmony with everyone in our country, yet we often find it difficult to accept those from different cultures who live in our communities.

We are called to recognize and respect the importance of Aboriginal Culture; yet, sometimes, we ignore the beliefs, laws and traditions of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters.

As we walk together, strong in faith on this Harmony Day, let us turn to God with our hopes and prayers.

Creator Spirit, you are God who brings peace. We ask you to bless all the sick, homeless and imprisoned; the weary, the lonely and the lost. We pray for compassion, kindness, healing and protection for all those who are suffering.

Creator Spirit, you are our God who accepts. Help us to open our arms, hearts and minds to all our brothers and sisters in Australia and appreciate the many cultures, languages and backgrounds of our people.

God our Father, give all of us hearts like your Son's, open to the experiences, hopes, troubles and goodness of everyone we meet. Help us to be compassionate towards all, sharing the load of each other and all those in need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



To see where our fundraising will go, go to—<https://raisely-images.imgix.net/project-compassion-2020>

SCHOOL NEWS



STARS OF THE WEEK



Study Leave Cancelled

You may have read on dojo earlier in the week that Melinda had a trip planned to Canada for the Leading Learning Innovation Immersion conference. Unfortunately, due to the current coronavirus situation and the travel restrictions imposed this trip has been postponed.

Catholic Identity Survey

Last week all families were emailed the ECSI (Enhancing Catholic School Identity) survey.

This survey will assist us in better understanding how our Catholic identity is expressed in work and practice at Holy Spirit Community School and we invite you all to participate.

Important Dates

Friday 20 March 2020

Fete Free Dress Day

Friday 27 March 2020

Last Day of Term One

Calendar of Events

Friday, March 20

Harmony Day

POSTPONED Young Leaders Day

9:00am POSTPONED Interschool Sport vs Heathmont East PS

9:00am fete Fundraiser: Free dress for a donation of a toy

Saturday, March 21

6:00pm POSTPONED Confirmation Commitment Mass

Sunday, March 22

9:00am POSTPONED Confirmation Commitment Mass

5:00pm POSTPONED Confirmation Commitment Mass

Monday, March 23

10:00am CANCELLED Parliament Incursion - 5/6 Level

Tuesday, March 24

10:00am CANCELLED 5/6 Parliament Incursion

Wednesday, March 25

10:00am CANCELLED 5/6 Parliament Incursion

Thursday, March 26

8:15am Prayer in the chapel for Roman De Angelis. All welcome.

10:00am CANCELLED 5/6 Parliament Incursion

2:00pm POSTPONED Prep Fire Ed Visit

Friday, March 27

End of term 1

9:00am POSTPONED Interschool Sport vs Antonio Park

1:00pm CANCELLED Subway lunch day (P&F fundraiser)

SUN HATS ARE COMPULSORY DURING ALL OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES. HATS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR \$12.



COVID-19

Many of our families have contacted the school with concerns about the current coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. We want to reassure you that we are working with the latest information as provided by Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM), Department of Education (DET), and Work Cover.

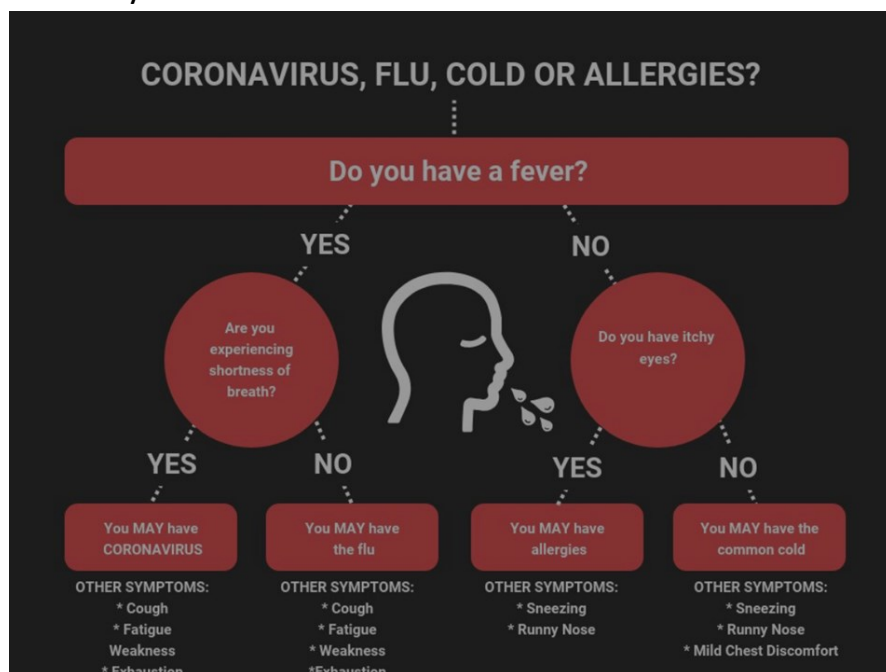
All necessary steps are being implemented. The consistent message is to continue to practice appropriate hygiene measures and protocols. The practice of 'social distancing' is also recommended however may not be practical in all instances (i.e. when students are at play).

As previously advised, we will not hold whole school assembly for the next two weeks. STAR students will be acknowledged in the classroom instead. All offsite activities have been postponed until further notice, including interschool sport, cross country events, excursions and the like. Reconciliation and Confirmation have also be deferred.

If you are concerned that your child is unwell, please take the normal steps you would to have them stay home. If you are concerned about longer term impacts, as several families have already done, you may choose to keep your child/children at home.

You would have received an email detailing what you can do, in the event that you choose to keep your child at home to help their learning. A google site has been created to provide various learning opportunities for students suitable to their grade level. The links and instructions were also detailed in the email.

We are in the process of setting up some guidelines to be put in place should we be required to close the school. If/when any new information comes to hand from either Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) or The Department of Education (DET) we will advise you immediately.



Volunteering At Holy Spirit

If you are thinking of taking on the very important role of volunteering within our school, we ask that you read the following information carefully. We place a high value on our volunteers who are integral to the Holy Spirit experience for our students and provide an important link to the community.

The school takes child safety very seriously and in order to volunteer at our school, the following steps need to be adhered to:

- Ensure you have provided the office with a copy of your current Working with Children Check (Please note no adult is able to volunteer at our school without a current WWCC).
- Read the Child Safety Briefing for Volunteers 2020 and complete the Child Safety Questionnaire.
- Read all the relevant policies, including the CECV Commitment to Child Safety, HS Code of Conduct and HS Child-Safety Policy available on the school website: hsringwoodnth.catholic.edu.au (Current Parents – HS Community Files – Files and Policies – Policies for Volunteers).

Please note that even if you have completed the above in previous years, you are required to do so again for the 2020 school year.



Peaceful Parents

4 WEEK PARENT WORKSHOP

The Peaceful Parents 4 week workshop is a Mindfulness & Positive Psychology based parenting program to increase resilience in primary aged children.

'Peaceful Parents' is a strength based parenting workshop that is engaging, practical and supportive for parents. It helps parents build on their parenting strengths to build resilient and calm kids.

Parents learn

- Resilience building exercises & strategies
- Mindfulness strategies to keep stress levels low
- Mindful listening & responding
- Positive psychology strategies to boost wellbeing
- Techniques to help their child lessen worrying
- Effective coping strategies
- How to help children manage their feelings
- How to help their child problem solve difficulties
- How to create healthy thinking habits

Workshop runs over 4 sessions on the dates and times listed below.

A commitment to attend all 4 sessions is required as these are not separate workshops.

Maximum of 12 parents
All parents & carers welcome

Please note that this is a 4 week educational course for parents and not a counselling course or a course on behaviour management for children.

Please email Melinda Buscema to express your interest on
muscema@hsringwoodnth.catholic.edu.au
 Each week runs for 2 hours

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AND COLLECTED ON WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL RINGWOOD NORTH BAKERS DELIGHT

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FETE FREE DRESS DAY

FRIDAY the 20th of MARCH

NEW TOY DONATION

We will be holding our first Free Dress Day for 2020
on Friday the 20th of March.

We are asking each child donate a NEW TOY
 in exchange for wearing "Free Dress".

These toys will sold as part of the TOY Stall on Fete Day
 (Feel free to combine money together with friends and donate a more valuable toy) .

Please leave price tag on toys if possible

Many thanks for your continued support of the Fete
from The Holy Spirit Fete Committee



Volunteers Needed

Winter Shelter will be held each night from
June 1st 2020 to September 13th 2020

To register as a volunteer fill out an application form
on the website

www.wintershelter.org.au

INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday 15th April | 6.30pm-8.00pm

Nth Ringwood Uniting Church 14 Dickson Cres, Nth Ringwood

TRAINING

Wednesday 29th April - 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Heathmont Baptist Church 78 Cuthbert Street, Heathmont
OR

Saturday 2nd May - 10am-12.30pm

Nth Ringwood Uniting Church 14 Dickson Cres, Nth Ringwood

Welcome to Little Spirits Playgroup



Join us on Wednesday mornings (during school terms) from 9am ~ 10.30am in the room at the front of the Parish House (near the Chapel).

Please feel free to pop in and say hi!

Kids aged 0-5 most welcome
Coast is only \$20 per term per family

For more information, please contact Candy on 0439 494 208 or email littlespiritsplaygroup@gmail.com

Exclusive Cinema Pop Up offer at Yarra Valley Motor Group



Yarra Valley Motor Group are proud supporters of our Holy Spirit Community.

Ask Robin Donohoe about our exclusive offers for Holy Spirit families on the latest range of New and Used Toyota, Nissan, Renault, Suzuki and MG vehicles.

We will also pledge a \$200 donation for every car sold through the school.

Call me now on 0411 683 396!



YARRA VALLEY
MOTOR GROUP



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



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for further details**

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COMEDY GALA

**MARCH 21
6PM - 10PM**


VENUE:
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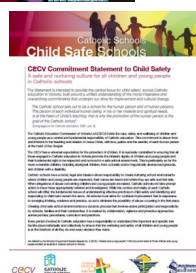
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Catholic schools have a strong moral, legal and mission-driven responsibility to create nurturing school environments where children and young people are respected, their voices are heard and where they are safe and feel safe.

CECV Child Safety Commitment Statement 2016



IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

Park Orchards North Ringwood

Stintons Reserve, Stintons Road

Saturdays 9am-10.30am. First session Saturday 18th April

play.afl/auskick

Maroondah Magic Basketball Club

We are the largest basketball club in the Kilsyth & Mountain Districts Basketball Association. Our free skill development clinic for Prep to Grade 3 will run over the following two Fridays at Dorset Primary School Gym 20th and 27th March 2020
Girls: 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Boys: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

We will teach dribbling, passing, shooting, running & teamwork with the goal that interested boys & girls can join our club and play basketball in a team.

As a club, we are proud of our volunteer coaches and their expertise in player development.

FREE Magic starter pack (including drink bottle, basketball and Magic socks) for new under U7 miniball players that register for the Winter 2020 season. **FREE** pair of Magic socks for all other new players.

If you're unable to attend the clinic but would like to play, or find out more, please contact Peter Cunningham, Coordinator, Magic Basketball on 0400 577 476.

[Maroondah Magic Basketball Club Skill Development Clinics Attendee Form](#)

your child's name, gender and date of birth to the club on 0400 577 476 if you would like to RSVP for clinics or require further information.

www.maroondahmagic.com.au

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