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Message from the Principal

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Dear parents, friends and Father Arsenio

You may be a little surprised to see a newsletter come out again this week. The frequency will alter so we can spread information out in an appropriate manner and not bombard you all at once. I can assure you I understand it from your perspective as I am assisting students on site each morning logging on. There is a lot of information there already! I am incredibly grateful to you all for your continued cooperation to date. If you have any feedback about our current teaching and learning model please feedback to your child's teacher or me on:

darendse@hsringwoodnth.catholic.edu.au

We have been adopting very much a team approach to how we are tackling remote learning. This may not seem the case when a lot of correspondence is coming from key staff at the moment. I can assure you that this is underpinned by the great work of our admin staff amongst others. We are truly blessed at our school to have staff of the caliber of Melissa, Donna and Errin. They continue to ensure our school runs despite the vastly different circumstances. I would like to take this chance to acknowledge their contributions.

I cannot shed any further information on when school will return as per normal. Our school is governed by the State education department. We operate essentially under their guidelines. It is particularly unhelpful when conflicting information is being issued by both the Premier and the Prime Minister. If you want to follow what is happening, please take the advice of the state government for our current operating guidelines.

I hope this week has proved a little easier to navigate. Rest assured I do not underestimate the assistance and cooperation of so many of you who have your children learning at home. As a community we are responding well and improving each week as we go. Keep up the great work.

Have a great week

Duncan



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A message from Lauren

Hi Everyone,

We have now completed several weeks of our 'new world' of remote learning and I hope we are all beginning to settle in and find everything more manageable. I am so pleased with the wonderful job being done by our students, teachers and families in adapting to this different way of learning.

As you would know our teachers are managing the home learning, touching base with their families and students, giving feedback and assessing student tasks, but they are also still participating in our regular facilitated planning sessions for Maths and Literacy led by Kayla and myself.

Each week the levels are meeting through a Google Meet session to plan the units and activities to be assigned to students in the following days. This is providing an opportunity for the teachers to continue to have shared conversations and discussions about the understandings and expectations for learning in Maths and Literacy. As with everything else at the moment, this is a new learning curve for me, as I navigate the best ways to support our teachers and plan the curriculum with them. I am learning so much each week, especially about using technology!! Thank you all for your wonderful support and feedback.

Best wishes

Lauren Witnish



School Board Report

in preparation for the commencement of Term 3, the School Board was been consulted about the aspects of communication to families and guidance provided by the Catholic Education Commission and government agencies. It is important to note that there has been a large volume of information provided by a range of sources which has been digested by the school.

The School Board will meet again on Tuesday 5 May and would be more than happy to receive any input directly from families – please feel free to contact me directly at andrew.conway@publicaccountants.org.au or any of the School Board members.

A further update on the outcomes of the Board meeting will be provided I the next newsletter.

Andrew Conway
Chair

Prep 2021 Enrolments

Although the current restrictions have meant that we have had to postpone all school tours and parent information nights, we are still very much accepting enrolments for Prep 2021.

If you know a family with children starting school next year please direct them to our website

(www.hsringwoodnth.catholic.edu.au) where they take a virtual school tour, meet our teachers, ask us a question and even download an enrolment form.



Winter Shelter 2020

Many people have told me how disappointed they were when we had to cancel this year's Winter Shelter program. Although we can't have a sleep in, WS will be providing take away meals and a showering service both designed to comply with today's safety precautions.

WS has started providing simple home cooked hot meals served in take away containers from a venue in Croydon. The Vive Café near the Croydon transport hub serves meals to people-in-need 5 days a week. Winter Shelter has taken on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 till 6:30pm. Each week this service requires 4-6 cooks providing 6 meals each (like a pasta bake) in takeaway containers which WS will supply, 2 drivers who collect the containers keeping them hot in Eski's until delivered to the café and 2-3 volunteers to put out the food and marshal the clients. Observing proper distancing, people enter the café from a specific door, one at a time and exit from another door. At this time we have volunteers to cover this service until July but more will be needed after July.

The showering service is provided from the change rooms in the Cooper Smith Pavilion, East Ringwood near the corner of Mt Dandenong Rd and Dublin Rd. WS will open the change rooms for 2 hrs on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. This is a Maroondah City Council site and the Council is providing the cleaning staff, towels and laundering of the towels. After each shower is used it will be professionally cleaned before it can be used again. There are 4 showers available. WS is providing 2 male and 2 female volunteers for marshalling of the clients. It may also be possible to provide other support services at this time but nothing is firm yet.

So Winter Shelter, as best it can, is trying to support our local people-in-need in these crazy times and of course it can't happen without volunteers and funding. Of course all process adhere to the protocols established to prevent the spread of the Corona virus and have the blessing of the Maroondah City Council. However there is no filtering of the clients as we would do for sleep overs so please be aware. It is also recommended for their own protection, that those over 70 should not volunteer at this time. Sorry about that. But there is hope. If we can get past this isolation we hope to perhaps still do a proper Winter Shelter later in the year, God willing.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me via email svo-lomb1@gmail.com. If interested in volunteering for Winter Shelter 2020 and you have previously served, please use the attached form. Otherwise if you are interested in volunteering for the first time or you wish to donate please submit via the web site www.wintershelter.org.au.

Winter Shelter 2020

If you are able to assist please return this form as soon as possible to boswalds1@gmail.com

Name:-

I was a 2019 Winter Shelter volunteer Yes No

I would like to assist with cooking pasta bake meals for Winter Shelter 2020

Yes No

How often? Fortnightly Monthly

I am able to donate some tinned food, etc to be used

Yes please specify

No

My Address:- (so we can organise groups in the same area which will make it easier for volunteer drivers when picking up meals)

Phone:-

Thank you, we will be in touch as soon as we can.
Gitta and Beth

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