



P&F Meeting  
19 June 2019

## Principal's Report

### **The past few weeks in review.....**

The recent weeks have remained busy with various occasions, events and initiatives having taken place:

- ***Mother's Day Stall*** – The opportunity for students to purchase something special for their mums for Mother's Day was well received. A huge thank you to members of the P&F for organising this event as well as to parents who were generous with their time in preparing and manning the Stall on the day.
- ***2019 Walk Safely to School Day*** - Once again, it was terrific to see the involvement of just so many students who took up the opportunity on National Walk Safely to School Day to be active in their commute to school. The winners of the three Rebel vouchers were: Daniel Gijo, Tania Jino, and Hayden Campos.
- ***National Simultaneous Storytime*** – Students once again joined with schools across the country in celebrating National Simultaneous Storytime 2019. Students across the school listened to and shared this year's book focus "*Alpacas with Maracas*" by Matt Cosgrove.
- ***2019 Confirmation Preparations*** - Students in Year 6 are currently preparing for Confirmation which will be conferred by Bishop Patrick O'Regan over Weeks 1 and 3 of next term. A Confirmation Reflection Day was held at St Michael's on Tuesday, 4 June. The Sacrament of Confirmation is certainly a very significant milestone in the faith journey of these students and hopefully a genuine sign of their commitment to live lives that endeavour to consciously and actively reflect the life and teachings of Christ. We keep them very much in the heart of our prayers at this special time.
- ***Year 4 Swimming*** - Last week saw the conclusion of the Year 4 Swimming Program for 2019. The program is part of our whole school approach to swimming and water safety awareness, now part of the new Victorian Curriculum.

Term 3 will see our Year 2's undertake the program followed by Prep in Term 4.

- ***Cross Country Success*** - On Wednesday, 29 May a number of students from Years 3-6 participated in the Casey South Division Cross Country Championships at Casey Fields. Three students have now qualified for the *Southern Metropolitan Primary Cross Country Girls and Boys Region Competition* to be held tomorrow - Thursday, 20 June. We congratulate all participating students and especially acknowledge Nate Peters, Isla Hiscox,

Ryan Fox and Dylan Madeley on their selection to the next level of competition.

### **Prep Parent Information Session**

The Prep teachers recently hosted an information session in the Siena Building supporting parents to partner in their children's learning.

Parents had the opportunity to participate in some hands-on workshops including:

- How children learn phonics
- How to engage and assist your child to learn their high frequency words
- Foundation mathematics
- How do I help my child with reading?

### **2019 Annual Report to the School Community**

Parents have been advised that a copy of the school's Annual Report to the School Community for 2018 is now available on the school's website. The document fulfills part of the required annual reporting procedures that feeds back to parents and carers as well as wider community stakeholders, a summary of the school's progress across a number of key elements of school life.

A hard copy is also available at the School Office.

### **Mid-Year Reports**

Student reports for Semester 1 will be sent home with students next Wednesday, 26 June.

This semester, the way that parents receive their child's reports will change.

For the first time, parents will be able to access reports via the nForma Parent Portal. This will allow you to keep a digital copy of your child's report, as well as the convenience of being able to print a copy, whenever you require.

Further information and instructions on how to access the nForma Parent Portal will be sent out to parents shortly, via CareMonkey.

Parents who still require a hardcopy of their child's report are welcome to ask at the office to have one printed.

These will be followed up with mid-year learning conversations. These will take place in Weeks 1 & 2 of Term 3 and not at the end of Term 2 as we have done so previously. The dates will be:

- Wednesday, 17 July (3:30-7:45pm)
- Tuesday, 23 July (3:30-7:45pm)

### **2020 Enrolments**

Enrolments for Prep 2020 closed recently and are currently being processed. A full cohort of 100 places will be offered for 2020 which will see four classes. Enrolments for other year levels are also coming in, but places are incredibly limited at this point in time with availability very dependent on movement.

### **Coming up over the next few weeks ahead....**

- 20 June - *Southern Metropolitan Primary Cross Country Girls and Boys Region Competition*

- 28 June - Final day of term
- 15 July - Return for Term 3
- 17 & 23 June - Learning Discussions