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## Mini-Newsletter

**Term 1, Week 8, Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

*Living God, bless us with  
protection, intuition, companionship, discernment, practicality  
and the ability to be ready for the next moment. Amen.*

**Dear Parents and Caregivers,**

### CORONAVIRUS – COVID-19 VIRUS

At this time we find ourselves impacted in multiple ways by the COVID-19 virus. We find ourselves in an unprecedented moment in history and your ongoing calm and positive support is very much appreciated and will help us to get through this time together.

Health and wellbeing is our priority and with this in mind the following adjustments are in place:

- Star of the Sea Home has limited visitors
- Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, St Joseph's Day Mass will be replaced with prayer services in individual classes
- Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, SACPSSA swimming carnival at Clare – postponed
- Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Lightning football and netball carnival – postponed
- Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, Samaritan College Whyalla students visit – cancelled
- Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, SMMS Sports Day – postponed
- Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, Year 7 Leaders Day – postponed
- School Banking programme is temporarily paused until further notice. This is a decision of the Commonwealth School Banking Team across South Australia.

While cancellation of any activity may cause disappointment for participants and organisers alike, the climate we find ourselves in means that due regard has to be given to the wellbeing of all concerned and any decisions are made with this in mind.

**Self-isolation of 14 days is required for all persons who have travelled overseas, enacted from midnight (AEST) 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Our school, OSHC and Vacation Care are operating as usual at this stage. We exercise the practice of good hygiene and drinking of water.**

### NAPLAN 2020

Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will sit online NAPLAN testing in Term 2, Week 3.

Our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will participate in a national practice online test next Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, at 11.30am. This will familiarise students with the format of the questions of the test (the practice test is not marked) and build their confidence. The practice also tests out our technology to make sure we have everything ready to go for NAPLAN next term.

Information for parents on NAPLAN online testing is included with today's newsletter. If you have any questions about the testing, please have a conversation with your child's class teacher or myself as soon as possible.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interview appointment times are included in the newsletter envelope today for parents that have booked an interview.

## NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> of March, is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. As a Catholic school with high behavioural expectations and a strong focus on safety and child protection, our school works hard to combat and deal with bullying and violence in a very real and proactive way. When we know about it, we do something about it.

Following in the footsteps of Jesus, the social and emotional learning that we highlight, and by observing days such as this, enforce our stand that we DO NOT and WILL NOT accept any form of bullying and violence at our school.



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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Making excuses and eliminating obstacles for your child is not helping anyone.

If we want our children to become responsible, resilient people, they need to face obstacles and understand accountability. We work together with our students all day and every day on developing this.

## FROM OUR P & F

Last night we held our P & F AGM, followed by our March meeting, attended by 11 people and apologies from 12, this was a great turnout.

At our AGM we thanked outgoing executive members:

President	Sam Iveson
Treasurer	Sharon Steer
Staff rep	Jane Owen

Thank you to our incoming executive members:

President	Miranda Giles
Treasurer	Deb Venning

Thank you to Erin Blott who is continuing as Secretary and to Deb Venning who will be the P & F rep on the School Board.

A staff rep for P & F is yet to be nominated.

## FRIDAY LUNCH – 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Due to the postponement of Sports Day, Friday lunches will go ahead on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you Tarnya and helpers!

**MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE** - Prizes are greatly appreciated for our Mother's Day raffle. There is a collection tub just inside the MPLA doors or you can give donations to Karen. Keep the donations and raffle books rolling in. Thank you!

*Michelle Miller - Principal*