ST. MARK’S KEYSTONE FOR FEBRUARY IS
“I am Unique”

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Important School Dates

TERM 1
Thursday 18th February – Sacrament of Reconciliation Parent/Child Information Night at 6pm. (TONIGHT)
Monday 22nd February – SCHOOL PHOTOS.
Tuesday 23rd February Parent/Teacher Interviews at 3.40pm to 5pm.
Wednesday 24th February - Parent/Teacher Interviews at 3.40pm to 5pm.
Thursday 25th February - Swimming Squad training at 7.30am to 8.30am.
Friday 26th February – Welcome Picnic for whole school on oval 5.30pm.
Tuesday 1st March – Prep Information Night at 7pm.
Wednesday 2nd March – District Interschool Swimming Carnival (12 -3pm).
Thursday 3rd March – 3/4 ICT night at 3.45pm or 6pm (parent & child).
Monday 14th March – Labour Day Holiday.
Thursday 17th March – School leaders attending St Patrick’s Day Mass.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Thursday 24th March – End of Term 1 (School finishes at 2.30pm).

Dear Parents

Thank you to all the families who have attended the parent teacher meetings this week to get to know the teacher, to discuss your child as well as getting an overview of the year. These meetings will continue next week and if these times have not been suitable please contact your child’s teacher to arrange another time.

Last Thursday the Year 5/6 ICT information sessions were well attended with the students being ‘excellent teachers’ in demonstrating the use of the student portal to their parents. The portal gives parents constant access to your child’s work throughout the week across the curriculum, so it is an opportunity to clarify and discuss with your child their progress throughout the year not just at report time. The parent feedback on the session and process is also appreciated. The Year 3/4 sessions are next Thursday March 3.

Reminder: Foundation parents, could you please return the School Nursing Program, envelope as soon as possible.
THANK YOU
St Vincent de Paul sent a letter of appreciation for the donation of goods for the Christmas hampers that each of the classes put together. These were distributed to needy families in the local area.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Don’t forget school photos on Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} February and children are expected to be in their school uniform. Each child must have their own envelope. Envelopes can be handed to the photographer on the day. Or you can order them online. Family photo envelopes costs $14.00 and can be collected from the office.

FOUNDATION (PREP) 2017 ENROLMENT

Current families who have a child eligible to begin school in 2017 are able to collect an enrolment form from the office or download from the website from Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} February. Application\textsuperscript{s} are to be in by Thursday, 24\textsuperscript{th} March.

FOUNDATION 2017 SCHOOL TOURS (new families only)

Monday 18\textsuperscript{th} April – 9.15am to 10.15am
Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April – 9.15am to 10.15am
Wednesday 27\textsuperscript{th} April – 9.15 to 10.15am
Wednesday 11\textsuperscript{th} May -7pm.

BUDDY OF THE WEEK

Hello everybody!
It’s Monet and Michaela here and we are your 2016 Buddy Captains. We are proud to announce the first buddies of the week for this year. The winners are Tom.B, Brooklyn B and Shelby T. and Shelby F.

Tom and Brooklyn both love playing AFL. Tom loves that Brooklyn is energetic and Brooklyn loves that Tom is playful.

Shelby T. loves vibrant yellows whereas Shelby F. loves the colour green. Shelby F. loves that Shelby T. is playful and Shelby T. loves that Shelby F. is caring and loving.

Thanks for reading. We can’t wait for next week!

ICT PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

This year’s ICT information evenings will take place in the school Library and are compulsory for all students and at least one parent to attend. Important information regarding the school’s 1:1 Laptop program will be discussed. Families may select an early afternoon session or early evening session.

For year 3/4 students only Week 6 - Thursday 3rd March,
Session C 3:45pm - Session D 6:00pm
ICT PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHTS – Booking Code, below.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

Book School Interviews Online - Parent Teacher Interviews.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.

Dear Year 1 - 6 Parents ONLY

Parent Information Sessions will be held on:

Tuesday 23rd February from 3.40 to 5pm.
Wednesday 24th February from 3.40 to 5pm.

All interviews will be held in your child’s classroom. Each interview in 10 minutes in duration.

You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.
Knowledge helps our children grow
Duangmala wishes for a bright future for her eight-year-old son Hum Noy, who is living with a disability. But faced with discrimination and limited learning opportunities, Duangmala feared he might never reach his full potential. Thankfully, a program supported by Caritas Australia has opened up a world of change for this small family.

"I just want him to be able to communicate, talk and understand me... I want him to have friends."

Duangmala

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help people to harness their strengths and pave the way towards a thriving future. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

All boxes are due back to the school by Monday 21st March. If you would like to learn more about Caritas and watch some of the inspirational stories please type in the website below. During the term the children will be watching and discussing these videos in class.
http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/about

MATHS RESOURCES - Helpers Wanted
I am seeking willing helpers to cut and/or laminate maths resources to be used across the school.
If you have a laminator at home, I will supply the laminating pouches.
Please email me: jselby@smdingley.catholic.edu.au with your name and your child's name and class.
Let me know if you can cut, laminate or both.
(I usually require the resources the following week from when you receive them so they don't need to be returned the next day)
Thanks Joanne Selby

JAPANESE
This term in Japanese we are working towards student to student interactive language. Specifically we are learning 'yatta' (I did it.) and 'wakarimashita' (I understand). At the same time we are learning stationary items and how to ask to borrow something.

On your child's grade's portal you will find all the information. Grades 3-6 students are encouraged to use the quizlets as home learning opportunities. You might like to play some of the games with them and learn the words too.

Quizlet links
yatta yatta wakarimashita
https://quizlet.com/__lycY5d
tsukattemo
https://quizlet.com/__yd1p9
やった やった wakarimashita
https://quizlet.com/__zo0s0
使ってmo
https://quizlet.com/__zo1a6
**February**  
**“I am Unique”**

| Foundation K |  
| --- | --- |  
| Luna Ganarajah for being a positive and uplifting classmate who always ‘has a go’ and encourages others around her to try their best! |  

| Foundation M |  
| --- | --- |  
| James Allenby for having the confidence to take risks when achieving learning tasks. Keep it up James! |  
| Hannah Mahmoud for recognizing that a problem is a learning opportunity in disguise. |  

| 1/2B |  
| --- | --- |  
| Ellisia Raffaut for challenging herself and thinking deeply during a problem solving task in Inquiry. Great job! |  

| 1/2D |  
| --- | --- |  
| Astha Kudarihalmath for settling in smoothly into a new school. Well done Astha! |  

| 1/2E |  
| --- | --- |  
| Athan Bekos for exploring the attributes of a good learner and understanding the importance of making mistakes in order to grow. |  

| 1/2P |  
| --- | --- |  
| Tiana Valvo for being a very responsible team captain for the table. |  

| 1/2R |  
| --- | --- |  
| Ethan Sesa for his improved efforts to become a more focused learner. Keep it up! |  

| 1/2XR |  
| --- | --- |  
| William Owens for the positive and smooth transition he has made into Year One. |  

| 3/4C |  
| --- | --- |  
| Mia Kydas for confidently assisting others to complete tasks. |  

| 3/4F |  
| --- | --- |  
| Thomas Lloyd-Smith for listening and co-operating with his new classmates. Well done! |  

| 3/4KU |  
| --- | --- |  
| Piper D’Rozario for proudly sharing her creative ideas with her classmates. |  

| 3/4MC |  
| --- | --- |  
| Ethan Blampied for working hard to produce his ‘brain hat’. |  

| 3/4S |  
| --- | --- |  
| Sebastian Johnson for the thought provoking responses that you have contributed during discussions in our Religion Class. |  

| 5/6C |  
| --- | --- |  
| Mirek Sevcik for understanding the importance of having a positive attitude towards school and learning. |  

| 5/6D |  
| --- | --- |  
| Kayden Nguyen for understanding the value of a positive attitude in the classroom. |  

| 5/6M |  
| --- | --- |  
| Jasmine Le for “thinking” about what she learns in her own time and her own way. |  

| 5/6N |  
| --- | --- |  
| Rosie Cappellari for the confidence and understanding to listen carefully and ask questions when she is not sure of anything! Well done! |  

| 5/6P |  
| --- | --- |  
| Giulia Magagna for confidently presenting and sharing her ideas in class discussion. |  


**TUCKSHOP**

Next Tuesday’s special is a sandwich and a drink of your choice $4.50.
Many thanks Carm.

**STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM.**

We would **LOVE** any volunteers to help us in either our garden classes on a TUESDAY from 10.00am-11.00am or our kitchen class from 11.40-1.30pm. Feel free to then stay and join us in our shared lunch eating what we have cooked. You don’t have to have a child in the class as we happily look after and feed ANY volunteers!!!!
Each of the 3/4 classes will work in the garden followed by a kitchen class for approximately a 7 week rotation throughout the year.
If anyone has any donations of garden equipment they would be greatly appreciated

If you would like to help out in our garden or kitchen classes **AT ANY STAGE** please contact Mrs D on the school phone number – 9551 1150 or the following email address: kdermietzel@smdingley.catholic.edu.au

Recipes this week are Basic Bread, Tabbouleh, Mushroom & Leek Lasagne, & Zucchini Parmesan Balls, for recipes please contact the office.

**LIBRARY NEWS - IMPORTANT REMINDER.**

Classes started borrowing this week it is important that children use library bags to protect the books from spills and damage. It is fantastic to see so many children making the most of this opportunity and enjoying the variety of books we have on offer.
There are still some books that need to be returned from 2015 if your child has any overdue books at home please send them to school next week.

Watch out for information about the 2016 Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge which will begin soon.
Margaret Collins
Teacher Librarian

**CARE MONKEY** is still being used by the school to provide valuable information especially for excursions. For those new to the school, could you please provide emergency details on CareMonkey. By using Care Monkey the school is able to have medical information about your child during excursions.

Excursion notices will also be sent by Care Monkey requiring your permission for the teachers to access this information. If you have not replied to the notice sent home or have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

*We are now able to SMS through this service, should important information need to be sent home immediately eg. Change of times or venues for school activities. Please ensure your mobile telephone number is correct on Care Monkey at all times.*

**VERIFICATION FORMS**

Student Verification Forms will be sent soon. This form is kept in the office and used by staff when they need to contact families. It is important that these forms are returned by 11th March 2016.
**SWIMMING SQUAD TRAINING**

Swim training next **THURSDAY 25th February**.
9 & 10 year olds from **7.30am to 8.00am**
11 & 12 year olds from **8.00am to 8.30am**.

**VENUE:** Kings Swim – Goodlife Dingley.

Children must be brought to school after training by parents.

**ALL SQUAD MEMBERS TO ATTEND!!!!**

**P.E. Important Sport Dates:**

**Term 1:**
- 2nd March- District Swimming- 12-3pm, Noble Park Aquatic Centre.
- 16th March- Division Swimming- 9-12pm, Carnegie Pool,

**Term 2:**
- 15th April - House Cross Country- F-6, 9-11am in school grounds.
- April 18-29th Kingston Division, Team Vic Selection Trials- Various in week 2 & 3 of term
- 2nd May- District Cross Country- Selected year 3-6, 10am-1pm at Heatherton Park.
- 1st June- Kingston Division Cross Country- Cornish College.

Thank you Vin Snell.
PE Teacher.

**GLEE CLUB**

Walk for Monash Children's Hospital, Sunday March 6, 2016.
The Glee club have been selected to sing with Dingley and Kingswood Primary School Choirs please see link I will be walking the 5 km s if any one wishes to join me please register and let me know. The Glee club will be singing at around 10.40 if you would like to support, our school Glee Club.
Susie Podesta
Performing Arts

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION AGM**

A new executive has been selected: - Sam Porter: President, Isla Ferrarto: Vice President and Kirsty Jackson: Secretary, the very best of luck. We are still needing a treasurer so if you think you might be able to fill this role, we would be very happy to welcome you on board. Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month in the Parents Room at 7.30pm. All parents are most welcome to join the group at any time. All help is greatly appreciated.

**Back to School BBQ next Friday....**

Please find ‘Back to School BBQ’, attached below. Please complete the reply slip and return to the school office asap.
Many thanks,
We look forward to seeing you all there.
Back to School BBQ

Friday 26th February
5.30pm

Bring your own picnic or purchase a burger or sausage at our BBQ. Mingle with old friends, new friends and St Mark’s staff. A great way to get to know one another.

Free Sausage in bread for all Prep of 2016

Giant Bouncy Castle

Activities for all children run by Grade 5/6 students

RSVP: Friday 19th February
BYO: Drinks, picnic rug, chairs etc.

Back to School BBQ Reply Slip
(please return to office by Friday 19th February)

Family Name: ________________________________

We will / will not be attending the Back to School BBQ.
We will require _____ Hamburgers on the evening ($3 pay on the night)
We will require _____ Sausages on the evening ($1 pay on the night)
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
PLEASE NOTE - UNIFORM SHOP is open Wednesday mornings 9 – 9.30 am. Order forms are available from the school office and website. Orders can be left at the office to be completed on Wednesdays after 9.30 am.

LOST PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN THE PARENTS/UNIFORM SHOP ROOM.

CHILD CARE
Do you have appointments to attend? 
Need to do some shopping or study? 
Or just need a quiet break? 
We offer short term child care, Monday – Friday, between the hours of 9.15am – 3.30pm. 
For more information or to make a booking, please phone MORDIALLOC NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE: 9587 4534.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES
Enrolment for Year 7 2017 close 26th February 2016.

If you are considering St Bedes, St James, Salesians, Kilbreda, Killester or a Catholic Secondary College for your child in Year 7 2017 please look on these school’s websites for information about open days and tours.

Thought for the week:

*I love a challenge, and I think it's when people least expect you to do something that you often do your best.*

Regards

Debbie Darvell
CLOSING DATE for Enrolments Year 7 in 2017

To All Year 6 - Boys

Please note that the closing date for St Bede’s College to receive Enrolment Applications for Year 7 in 2017 is:

Friday 26 February 2016

To obtain a Year 7 Enrolment Application Form you can download and print the form from our website www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au
YOU’RE INVITED
INFORMATION EVENING FOR FUTURE FAMILIES

Date: Thursday 11 February 2016
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Mannix Campus, cnr Kelly Street and Swanson Crescent Chadstone, 3148
RSVP: Go www.salesian.vic.edu.au/visit-our-college/ and click on ‘Book this tour’. Addressed by Principal Mr Robert Brennan, our Prospective Parent and Student Information Night shares key educational and transition material, as well as the opportunity to ask those questions you would prefer to speak about face-to-face.

2016 HALL OF FAME
REUNION DINNER

We are committed to recognising and celebrating our past student’s achievements, post their time at the College. On Friday 18 March we formally recognise and celebrate the contributions of Salesian College Chadstone Alumni who have achieved significant success in their chosen fields of service and who act as positive role models for current and future students.

Know someone to nominate and curious to find out more?
Go to salesian.vic.edu to download the nomination form and email back by Monday 22 February 2016.

Date: Friday 18 March 2016 at 7:00pm
Location: Salesian College Chadstone
Tickets: www.trybooking.com/KEGZ $50.00 per person, including three course meal and drinks
RSVP: Wednesday 9 March
Email: pastpupils@salesian.vic.edu.au

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Year 7 2017 APPLICATIONS
NOW OPEN
Closing date Friday 26 Feb.
Guided by our welcoming and informative Registrar, Mary Menz and friendly Tour Guides, come along on a group tour of Salesian College Chadstone to see the school in action. Register via http://www.salesian.vic.edu.au/visit-our-college/

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TERM 1 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS IN 2016

Instruments on offer are:
Gr 1-6: Recorder, ukulele & guitar (3/4 size for younger students)
New in 2016:
Gr 3-6: All of the above plus flute, trumpet, clarinet
Gr 5-6: All of the above plus saxophone

MUSIC MELODIES runs a keyboard program at St Marks for students in years 2-6. If you are interested in enrolling please call 0438 901146.
Email lili@musicmelodies.com.au phone: 9582 5999 Fax: 9582 5757

Walk for Monash Children's Hospital, Sunday March 6, 2016

The Walk for Monash Children's Hospital is held in the beautiful Jells Park. Registration will open from 8.00am.

For fundraisers who raise over $35 you can collect your free t-shirt from the Monash Health Foundation office, Level 2, Monash Medical Centre Clayton, 246 Clayton Rd, Clayton up until Friday March 4 (office hours are from 8.30am-5pm) or on the day of the event. Race bib collection will be available on the day of the event at the time of registration.

Limited parking is available (there will be a shuttle bus on the day to and from one of the car parks to the event but there might be a delay). Please view the map provided for parking options. It is recommended where possible that you car pool.

There will be lots of activities for all ages on the day with an animal farm, Kid Zone, Henna artists and FREE massages as well as food stalls and entertainment.
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