



e-NEWS



IMPORTANT DATES

2017 Term Dates

Term 4

10 October-20 December

2017-Term 4

Tuesday 7 November

Melbourne Cup Day-No School

Monday 20 -

Wednesday 22

November

Year 4 Camp-Mt Evelyn

Wednesday 13

December

Christmas Carols Night from 7.00 pm

Thursday 14 December

Year 6-Big Day In

Friday 15 December

Last Day for Year 6 at 1.00pm

Year 6 Graduation at 7pm in the Church

Wednesday 20

December

Last Day for Year P-5 at 1.00pm

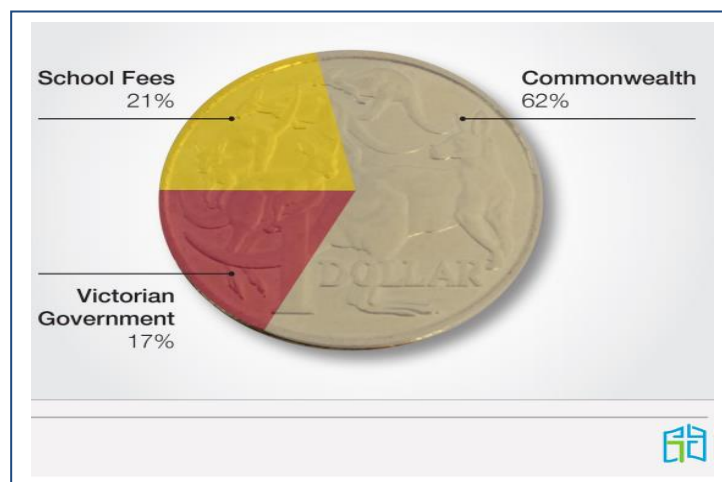
Dear Community,

On a number of occasions, I have been asked about two issues. For the sake of clarity, I will briefly address these issues here.

Funding

There has been a great deal of talk around funding for Catholic schools. This ongoing political issue will continue to be debated and negotiated. The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) represents all Catholic schools in these negotiations with the Federal Minister and the Federal Government of the day.

Our funding is largely made up of funds from the Federal Government. With a smaller amount from the Victorian Government. The balance of costs needed are made up from school fees.



Non-Government schools are funded under the Socio Economic Status (SES) of the area in which the school is located. This SES, simply explained, is the income of residents in an area. It is determined through information gained from the Census, which is held every 5 years.

Catholic schools funding is based on the average SES of all schools. The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria then distributes the funding to schools.

Under Gonski 11, the money will be distributed based on the actual SES of schools. The Catholic Education System will fall short.

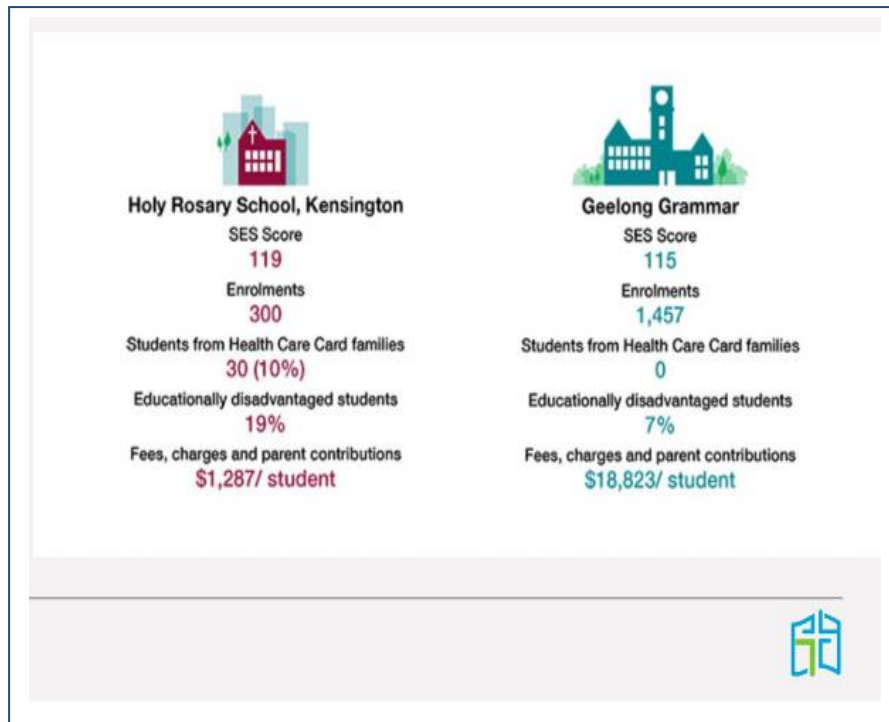
Take this example, whereby Holy Rosary School located in the inner city (a relative poor school) receives less funding than Geelong Grammar, as it is located in Cairo.

From The Principal Continued Over The Page.....

*The wisdom of
St. Mary MacKillop*

***"A little patience will in
the end be rewarded."***

17.10.1871



All Catholic Schools are asking for a review of the SES model to ensure a fair portion of funding is made to our schooling system.

Our leaders in Catholic education are keeping the negotiations with the Federal Government moving forward. We may call on you for your support if we need to further lobby the Government.

Safe Schools

There has been a great deal of media hype around the Safe Schools Program being taught in some Government Schools. I know very little about this program, suffice to say, it is not being taught in Catholic Schools and therefore it is not being taught at SMMPS.

SMMPS School Wide Positive Support Framework encourages our children to **be Responsible, Respectful, Resourceful and Safe**. We have a strong focus on **respectful relationships**. When we place these concepts within a Gospel context, we add extra value, with our faith-based perspective.

I will be absent on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, with commitments to Principal Networks and committees of which I am a member.

Mr. Anthony D'Amico will be Acting Principal, supported by Ms. Jennie Monaghan as Acting Deputy.

Have a good term everybody.

Anthony McCluskey
Principal

Are You Leaving Us?

Now that we are in the final term for the year, it is timely that we look forward to 2018 to ascertain our student numbers.

If you have a child/ren in Years Prep – 5 who will not be returning to St Mary MacKillop Primary School for 2018, please forward a letter/note to Mr Anthony D'Amico, Deputy Principal, advising us at your earliest convenience.

Alternatively, you can email us at: office@mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au

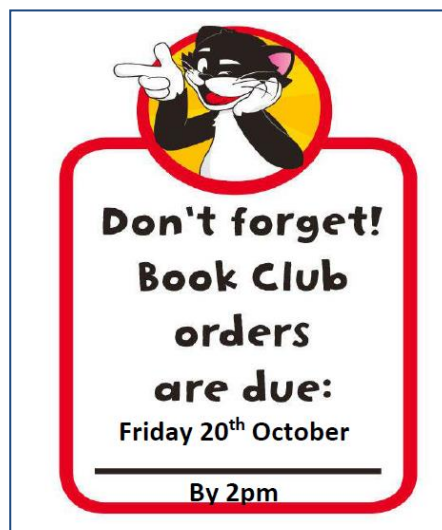
This will assist us with our classrooms, students and staffing requirements for the coming year.

Book Club

Book Club Brochures have been sent home to each child.

All orders must be done online by this

Friday 20th October at 2pm.



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PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**UPCOMING EVENTS****TERM FOUR**

SAVE THE DATE!!! As seats are limited. Ladies Night: Wednesday 25th October 2017 Venue: Quatrefoils
Come and support the students at CRC Sydenham at their restaurant. See flyer.

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS, MONEY MUST BE IN BY TOMORROW.

Sausage Sizzle– Date to be confirmed

Christmas Carols Night– Wednesday 13th December, 7.00pm until 8.30pm

St. Mary MacKillop Primary School is Fundraising with Entertainment Books!

The brand NEW 2017/2018 Entertainment Hard Copy Books are no longer in stock. Digital memberships are just \$70 each and are packed full of great offers. Not only will you receive amazing discounts to a variety of venues and restaurants, but you will also be helping our school. St Mary MacKillop P.S. will receive 20% of all membership sales! If you would like to order your digital membership, just visit www.entbook.com.au/9127y31



Catholic
Regional College
North Keilor

Key Dates and College Tours

Year 7, 2019

Year 7, 2019 - Key Dates

Wednesday, 24 May 2017

Applications open

Friday, 25 August 2017

Applications close

Friday, 13 October 2017

First Round Offers posted

Friday, 27 October 2017

Final date for acceptance

**Application forms available at
College Office or www.crcnk.com.au**



Term 3 Tours

Thursday 17 August, 9am
Thursday 14 September, 9am

Meet the College Principal
Visit Learning Spaces
Chat with College Staff

Bookings essential

Please contact the College Office
Phone: 9361 5900
Email: office@crcnk.vic.edu.au

Tours run for approximately 1 hour





Outside School Hours Care Program

Dear Families and Care Givers,

We welcomed all our beautiful children and families back to the program last week and introduced ourselves to a few new families. We hope everyone had a safe and relaxing break.

Last week being a short week we enjoyed a few afternoons outside as well as played dodge ball and indoor games when the weather was not so good. We mostly settled back into the routine of being back at school.

The morning session children were eager to continue and finish their sewing projects. It has been great to see the children put so much effort and pride in their sewing projects. We are hoping to start on our Christmas sewing projects very soon. We are also hoping to start our Christmas cooking a little earlier this year, November. This will give the children plenty of opportunity to take part in this activity if they wish.

We have plenty of activities planned to keep the children entertained this term. We hope to spend time outside enjoying the beautiful sunshine as the weather improves. Please remember to provide your child with a hat and sunscreen for outdoor play as the OSHC program practices the Sun Smart Policy.

Enrolment forms for the 2018 year will be distributed shortly and will need to be returned early December.

New fees will also commence this term. If you have not received a letter stating the new fees please come see the OSHC staff.

We hope everyone has a wonderful week. We thank everyone for their continued support.

From the OSHC Team.



Please remember to SMS:

Mary Giacchi - 0450 211 909 before 11.00 am all bookings and cancellations.

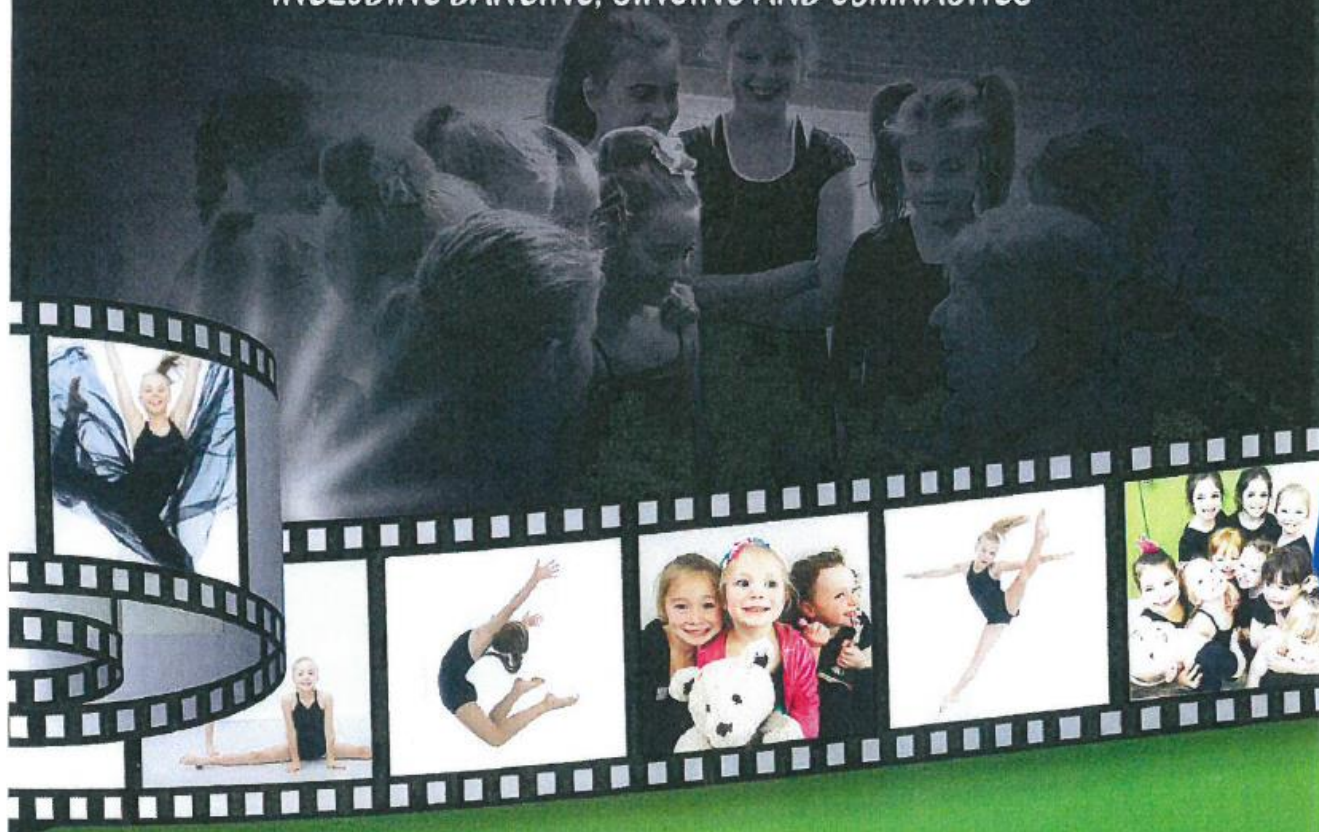
Mary Zambara - 0478 746 370 regarding accounts. Thank you.

CANCELLATIONS AFTER 11.00 AM WILL INCUR A FULL FEE CHARGE.



OPEN DAY

*COME ALONG FOR A FREE ENERGETIC TRIAL SESSION,
INCLUDING DANCING, SINGING AND GYMNASTICS*



Date: Saturday 11th November

Venue: 583 Keilor Rd, Niddrie

10:30am - 11:30am 3 -10 year olds

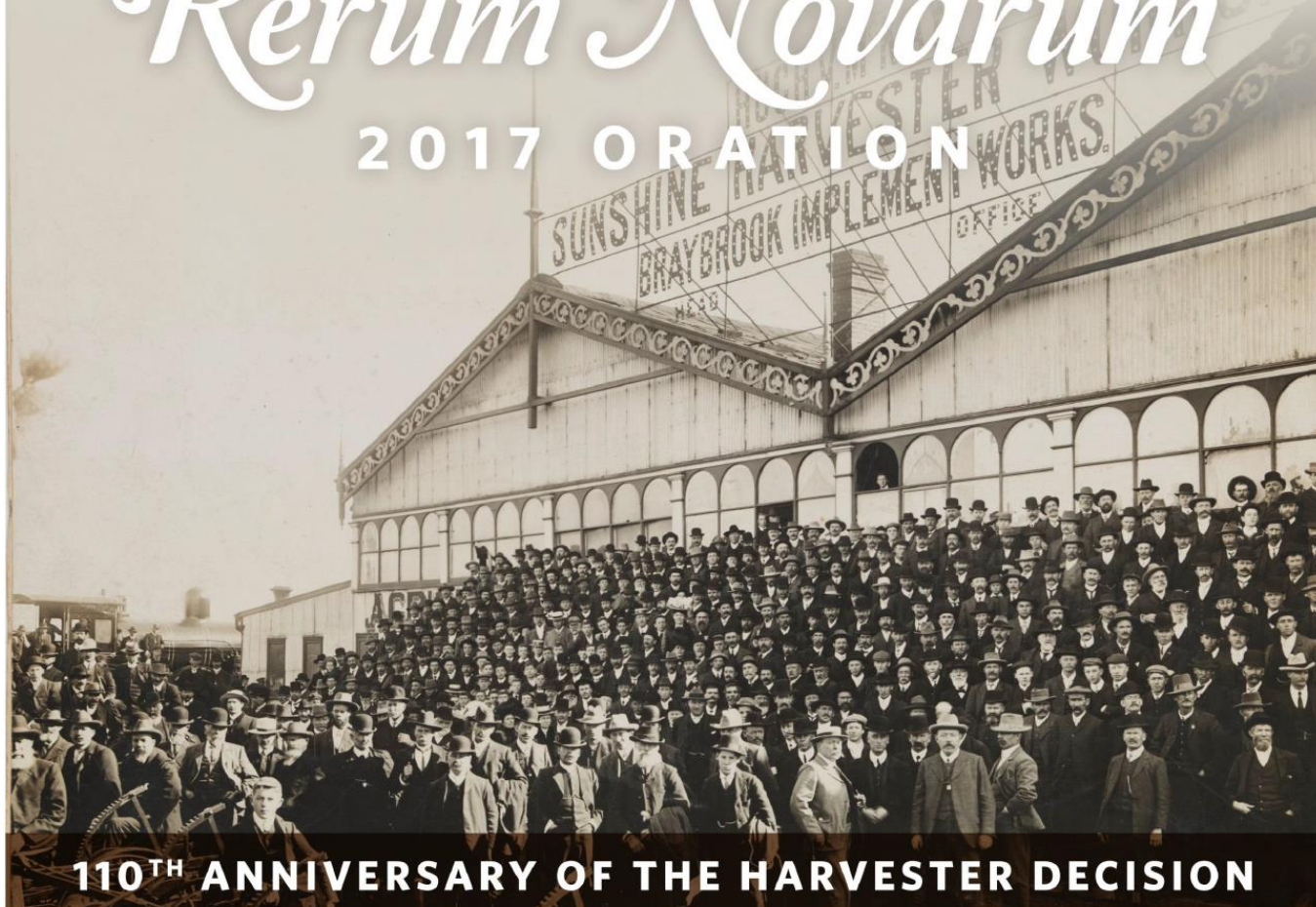
11:30am - 12:30pm 11-13 year olds

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Rerum Novarum

2017 ORATION



110TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HARVESTER DECISION

The legacy of Justice Higgins

Seeking a True New Start for all Job Seekers and Workers

Wednesday 8 November 2017

7.00pm light refreshments

7.30pm start

Lecture Theatre, Cardinal Knox Centre
383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

ALL WELCOME

Inquiries/RSVP by Friday 3 November:

Mark Clarke • justice@cam.org.au • (03) 9926 5727

www.cam.org.au/justice

Orator

Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO

Jesuit priest Fr Frank Brennan has been a long-time advocate for human rights and social justice in Australia. He currently holds the position of Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Social Services Australia. Frank is an adjunct professor at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. He is also the superior of the Jesuit community at Xavier House in Canberra. He is, and always has been amplifying the voice of conscience, especially the voice of those who are marginalised.



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SMMPs PARENTS ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO



On Wednesday the 25th, October

6:00-9:00 pm

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OFF FROM THE COOKING AND KIDS.

LET THE KIDS COOK FOR YOU!

Venue : Quatrefoils Restaurant (run by the students at CRC Sydenham)

380 Sydenham Road, Sydenham (enter via Pecks Rd)

Cost: \$30 per person for 3 courses

There will be door prizes and a Raffle on the night

This is a LADIES ONLY event, so get your girlfriends together and enjoy an evening of catching up over great food and drinks.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

RSVP by October 18th. Seats are limited to 60.

Reply Slip for Ladies Night 2017

Name.....

No. Of Tickets Required @ \$30each.....

Mobile Phone No

Total Enclosed:

Thank you for your support of this event