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To All in our School Community,

Finally we have moved into the Mother Teresa temporary building which will now be our temporary home until we move to our permanent building. This week I found out that our official address at the permanent site will be 1 MacKillop Street, Craigieburn. This is the private road that is also being constructed along with Marathon Blvd. On Wednesday afternoon I will be attending a meeting where hopefully we will discuss the progress of the roads and how far away we are from our final move. We are really pleased with how well the children have adjusted to this move and we look forward to having assemblies to showcase all the great learning that is going on.



### ***Home Learning***

Over the past few weeks we have been working on a Home Learning Policy which is included in this newsletter. The Home Learning policy is very clear and expects a commitment from parents to carry out the expectations set out in the policy. Home Learning is revisionary and flexible meaning that children should and will not be working on new content as part of their home learning. At any stage if homework becomes an issue for your family, you are strongly encouraged to contact your child/children's teacher.

### ***Closure Day***

We will be having a closure day on **Tuesday 12th June** so that our staff can work on our Faith Life Inquiry. This means that the children will not come to attend school on this day. This closure day is the day after the Queens Birthday public holiday and we hope the children will be able to rest during this time. The staff at Oscar Romero will be working on looking at the Learning & Teaching specifically around Faith Life Inquiry and the Capabilities: Ethical, Personal Social, Intercultural, Creative and Creative Thinking.

### ***Enrolments for 2019***

If you or someone you know currently has a child that is starting school in 2019 and wishes to attend Oscar Romero, we encourage you to complete and submit an enrolment form. Please be mindful that there is a criteria which determines who gets priority if there are too many enrolments for 2019, however siblings of children already at Oscar Romero are given the first priority.

### ***Mother's Day Stall Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May***

The Parents and Friends have organised a Mother's Day stall. Children can buy a gift for their Mother, Grandmother or another significant mother figure. **All gifts are \$5.** Children are required to bring their money in a marked envelope with their name, the amount of money and Learning Space clearly labelled.



### ***Mother's Day Cards***



Handmade Mother's day cards will be available for sale for \$3 on the day of the Mother's day stall. These cards are made by one of our past students Monique. Monique began making cards a number of years ago and donates all monies from card sales to the Royal Children's Hospital. As a learning community we continue to encourage and support initiatives of our children. Monique's cards for all occasions are also available for purchase at the school reception. Order can also be taken,

### ***Mother's Day Afternoon Tea Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May***

We will be organising an afternoon tea and assembly for mothers on Friday 11th May. An invitation will be forwarded to you via your children. This will be an afternoon tea for you to engage with your child/ren about their current learning and then to have morning tea with some of the other Mothers in our learning community.

## **LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS**

On May 15th, 16th and 17th all year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in Australia will be taking part in NAPLAN testing within the course of the school day. If you would like more information about the test timetable and dates for tests, please collect a flyer from the office. This flyer also provides other relevant information which you may find helpful in understanding NAPLAN testing.

Students have been exploring multiple choice questions within the context of literacy and numeracy during learning time. There has been a strong focus on students discussing and explaining a variety of strategies used when answering multiple choice questions. This

assists students in developing a plan for how they will answer questions under test conditions.

In addition to this students have also had the opportunity to revisit Narrative and Persuasive writing. In the past, prior to NAPLAN testing the writing genre was disclosed to schools. However, a change occurred in 2014 and until students sit the test we will not know the text type they are expected to write. Through reading and writing students have explored both text types.

### **What can you do to help your child?**

The students are aware that NAPLAN is coming up. They will have expectations of the assessment conditions explained to them and how like any other assessment NAPLAN will provide the school with information of where to take their learning next.

When speaking about NAPLAN prior to the testing date/on the date reassure your child that it will be a normal school day and they will be fine. Discuss with them what they know about multiple choice questions and what they 'think' about when answering them. This could also be a great opportunity to have some fun and write a narrative or persuasive story with your child...let them guide you and have your child talk about the features of each.

At Oscar Romero the NAPLAN assessments are used as a 'springboard' where students can reflect on their learning and feel good about their accomplishments. We want all students to feel comfortable, happy and safe when completing the tests. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

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<b>OSCAR ROMERO TERM 2 Dates</b>	
<b>Friday 11th May</b>	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea & Assembly
<b>Friday 11th May</b>	Mother's Day Stall
<b>Saturday 19th May Sunday 20th May</b>	First Eucharist Sign up Weekend
<b>Saturday 2nd June Sunday 3rd June</b>	First Eucharist Presentation Weekend
<b>Sunday, 17th June</b>	First Eucharist Sacrament
<b>Monday 11th June</b>	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
<b>Tuesday 12th June</b>	Closure Day
<b>Wednesday 20th June 1pm - 7pm</b>	Parent/Teacher Interviews
<b>Thursday 21st June 3pm - 6pm</b>	Parent/Teacher Interviews
<b>Friday 29th June 3.10pm</b>	End of term 2