



CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Oscar Romero Catholic Primary School

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Oscar Romero now has a landline. Contact us on: **7379 5500**

To All In Our School Community,



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Last week we came together to celebrate Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time for reflection, when we can stop to consider what we are doing or not doing that strains or breaks our relationship with God, with others and with our deepest self. It is a time for restoring and making right

relationships with compassion, truth and justice. Using language the children understand, we explain to them about Lent being a time for them to think about what they give to others. We address that giving is not about handing over money or giving up “food items” for lent, but a time to think deeply about how we can show in our actions that we are being compassionate and just towards others. Sometimes our children are the best examples of empathy, tolerance and forgiveness, and we can learn a lot from their acceptance of others. Let us pray this Lenten period that we are able to self reflect and contribute to others by reaching out and helping one person in need, either in our family or in our community.

Parents and Friends/School Advisory Board

Last week we had our first Parents and Friends and School Advisory Board Meeting. It was great to meet with the two groups and we look forward to working in partnership to achieve great things. Congratulations to the following people on taking on the following roles:

Parents and Friends

President:	Maree Tondo
Vice President:	Ronak Audish
Secretary:	Rachel Borg
Treasurer:	Matt Lee

Committee Members: TBA

School Advisory Board

Chairperson: Matt Lee

Vice Chairperson: Trevor Herny

Secretary: Lucy Milligan

Vice Secretary Himanshu Garg

Committee Members: Aaron Woolmer, Tim Glew, Kylie Bamford,
Renee Mazloun, Joshina Jolsis,
Amit Dalvi, Ria & Carlos Feliciano,
Minu Manuel, Alfred Mathew Cherian,
N.C.N Perera, Stivana Youhana

CAMP

This week our Year 4,5 and 6 students are off to Shoreham (Portsea) to participate in Oscar Romero's first camp experience. We have been blessed with pleasant weather conditions and wish the children and staff a safe and enjoyable time. The buses are expected to arrive back at school at 3pm on Friday afternoon and children will be able to be taken home soon after their arrival back at school.

Shade Sails

You may have noticed five large posts have been placed around the playground in preparation for the shade sails. The shade sails should be arriving any day and will make a huge difference to protecting the children from the sun. During the Easter break we are hoping to have another part of the grounds, behind the play equipment area landscaped with sandpits, seating and plants. This area will be considered a passive play area and will be a great additional for those children who enjoy a quiet play area during the breaks. We are also waiting for further soccer posts and AFL type goal posts to be placed on the granite sand stretch of flat ground up the north end of the school property.

See Saw App

At the parent teacher interviews last week you will have received information regarding a new app we will be introducing. Seesaw is a great app enabling the teachers to share your child/children's learning with you. If you haven't downloaded the app, please follow the instruction below and ensure you have your QR code which was given to you at the interviews. If you have not received this QR code, please see your classroom teacher.

From Your Smartphone

1. Download the free Seesaw Family app for iOS or Android
2. Choose "Create Family Account"
3. Scan this QR code using Seesaw's built-in QR code scanner
4. Create your account

From Your Computer

1. In a web browser, go to: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/284-635-435>
2. Choose your child from the list
3. Create your account
4. Once you're approved by Amy Capuana, you'll get access to Seesaw

Already Have an Account?

If you've used Seesaw before or have more than one child using Seesaw, follow these steps:

1. Sign in to your account in Seesaw Family app or on the web at <https://app.seesaw.me>
2. Click on your profile icon, click "+Add Child's Journal" button, then scan the QR code above

School Photos

School photos will be taken on **Tuesday 2nd April**. Children are expected to wear their summer uniform on this day even if they are scheduled to have PE on this day.



Reconciliation

On Thursday 21st March at 7pm we have 15 children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep these children in your prayers as they experience this very unique and special sacrament.

Parent Code of Conduct Policy

Included at the end of this newsletter is the Oscar Romero Code of Conduct Policy. This policy is really important in outlining the expectations of parents who have children attending Oscar Romero. Very clearly stated in this policy is the need to come and see a classroom teacher or myself if you have an issue with another parent or child. **Under no circumstances should any adult in our school community approach a child or another adult to deal with an issue concerning their child. This does not help to resolve issues and usually results in amplifying the problem.**

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Dates

Monday 11th March	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th March	Year 4,5 and 6 CAMP Illuka" Portsea 2 nights, 3 days

Thursday 21st March	RECONCILIATION 7pm at Oscar Romero Primary School
Tuesday, 2nd April	School Photos Summer Uniform should be worn
Friday 5th April	Last Day Term 1 School Finishes at 1pm
OSCAR ROMERO TERM 2 Dates	
Monday 22nd April	EASTER MONDAY No School
Tuesday 23rd April	Term 2 Begins
Thursday 25th April	ANZAC DAY No School
Monday 10th June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY No School
Sunday 16th June	First Eucharist
Friday 28th June	Last Day Term 2 School Finishes at 1pm
OSCAR ROMERO TERM 3 Dates	
Monday 15th July	TERM 3 Begins
Sunday 25th August	Confirmation
Friday 20th September	Last Day Term 3 School Finishes at 1pm
OSCAR ROMERO TERM 4 Dates	
Monday 7th October	TERM 4 Begins
Tuesday 17th December	LAST DAY TERM 4 School Finishes at 3.30pm



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Boys & Girls Welcome

Prep to Grade 6



If you are interested in

Learning to play AFL and having fun in an easy friendly atmosphere.

Learning a range of skills and helping develop general motor skills.

Improving physical activity while learning to interact with other children.

Developing new friends and for parents spending quality time with your child.

NAB AFL Auskick is for you.

WHERE

Highgate Rec Reserve (Oval 2)
229 Grand Blvd, Craigieburn, VIC 3084

PRICE

\$98.00 includes breakup party and trophy
and 15 weeks of 80 minute sessions

STARTS

Saturday 23rd March 2019
From 9.00am to 10.30am

CONTACT

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For more information on what Auskick can do for you look at play.afl/auskick

To receive ongoing email updates send your contact details to auskickcraigieburn@gmail.com





PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

Introduction

At Oscar Romero Catholic Primary School we aim to provide an open, welcoming, inclusive and safe environment for all. We believe that parents are valuable contributors and participants in the life of our School. Our School Vision is 'Creating authentic relationships for successful living within a Catholic Tradition'. We strongly believe in developing authentic relationships. Two values that are particularly relevant are:

- Respect – we want our community to recognise and appreciate diversity, to value the contributions of others and to cooperate with and care for others.
- Sense of community – we want our community to promote partnerships between all members of our community and to interact positively.

The conduct of school staff is regulated by the Victorian Institute of Teaching Code of Conduct for Teachers. Student conduct at Oscar Romero Catholic Primary School is supported by the teachers, the pedagogy and the physical environment and is based on deep respect for self, property and others. This Parent Code of Conduct outlines the way in which our community requires all parents and family members to conduct themselves when visiting our school, participating in school activities and communicating with members of our school community (including students, school staff, other parents and visitors to our school).

Scope

This Code applies to all adults including parents, guardians, step-parents, grandparents, extended family, babysitters and any others while involved in activities or communication related to Oscar Romero Catholic Primary School. For convenience, the term "parents" will be used throughout the document.

All members of the school community will:

- Conduct themselves in a respectful and courteous manner and in compliance with the law
- Use courteous and acceptable written and spoken language in all communications. No profane, insulting, harassing, aggressive or otherwise offensive language will be used.
- Act in the best interests and welfare of students, their families and staff members. They will not engage in malicious or judgemental gossip, and will ensure that anything they say about others is fair and truthful;
- Value our diverse community and respect the rights of others, religious beliefs and practices of individuals and their families. Respect points of view that are different from our own and must refrain from actions and behaviour that constitutes harassment, discrimination or vilification.

When visiting Oscar Romero Catholic Primary School Parents will:

- Respect and comply with reasonable requests and directions from the principal and other members of staff;
- Support staff in maintaining a safe, secure and respectful learning environment for all students, including;

- Raise any behavioural, bullying or peer group issues with a member of the teaching staff and handover the responsibility to deal with these issues to the teacher
- Maintain absolute confidentiality of any information they obtain at school (information obtained at school can be discussed with classroom teachers or the principal)
- Refrain from either speaking or disciplining a child who is not theirs. In all instances behaviour of school children that is of concern to a parent must be raised with either the classroom teachers or the principal
- Work in partnership with the school to enhance the learning outcomes, wellbeing and conduct of their child including;
 - Raise any concerns about their child’s learning, conduct or wellbeing privately with the class teacher, Wellbeing leader or Principal - preferably by appointment;
- Respect that the priority of school staff is the welfare and education of all children in the school. Therefore;
 - Refrain from interrupting or distracting a teacher while learning and teaching activities are underway;
 - be aware that the time available for staff to meet with parents is limited and must be scheduled at a time that does not disrupt the classroom. Parents should be inful of the teacher time, communicate the reason for the meeting and allow the teacher time to prepare, unless there is a genuine emergency that needs to be discussed
 - Appreciate that school staff are unlikely to respond to emails or telephone calls immediately. The school accepts that responses within 3 working days is acceptable and response will not be made outside of working hours or during the school holidays, with the exception of an emergency.

When communicating with other parents:

- Parents will respect the privacy of other parents’ email addresses and will not send unsolicited emails or “spam” to school parents or forward unsolicited emails or spam that they receive to other parents.
- Parents will not forward other parents’ email addresses without their permission.
 - Parents provide their email address to the school in order to receive communications from the school about school related matters and their child.
 - The school will not give out the email address of parents to other parents without permission.
- Parents who act as volunteers in the school for such things as Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stall organisers and so on, are valued volunteers who play a critical role in our community and commit a great deal of time for the benefit of all. Apart from the general principles that always apply, parents should be particularly sensitive about the manner in which they provide feedback and ask questions of hardworking volunteers.

When using social media:

- Parents are not permitted to create a website, blog, podcast, Facebook page, Instagram or Twitter account or any other social media in the name of the school without the written permission of the Principal.

When making a complaint:

Parents have the right to raise issues and concerns related to the education of their child or school matters. Parents

should ensure that they raise their issues and concerns with the right person and follow the correct communication channels. When making a complaint parents should refer to the Community Grievances Policy, which is available on the School Website; and parents must follow the procedures outlined in this Policy. It is a breach of this Parent Code of Conduct to make a complaint in a way that is not consistent with the Community Grievances Policy, especially when the complaint is about a teacher or member of school staff.

Consequences of a Breach of Parent Code of Conduct:

- Any parent, member of school staff or student may notify the Principal or Deputy Principal of a possible breach of the Parent Code of Conduct. The Principal or Deputy Principal will investigate the complaint and if satisfied that a breach has occurred:
 - provide a first and final warning that a breach of the Code of Conduct has occurred and that a further breach will not be tolerated;
 - determine whether a breach may be rectified by the parent making a private or public apology, depending on the circumstances, to an individual or group of individuals;
 - where the breach concerned unacceptable behaviour on a visit to the school, issue a trespass warning to the parent, which, if the behaviour continues, may accelerate to a trespass notice requiring the parent to stay away from the school unless on the school grounds with the express permission of the Principal or Deputy Principal.
- Correspondence that is in breach of this Code of Conduct, because of the language and expression used or the manner in which it is sent or delivered, will not be responded to.
- Nothing in this Policy precludes any person from exercising their individual legal rights in respect of obtaining restraining and intervention orders, reporting assault, bringing action for defamation, exercising rights under vilification or discrimination laws or in any other way.

Other School Policies That May Be Relevant to Parent Conduct Child Safety Policy

- Privacy Policy
- Grievances Policy
- Working with Children Policy

Review

This Policy will be revisited annually and reviewed as part of the School Improvement process or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.

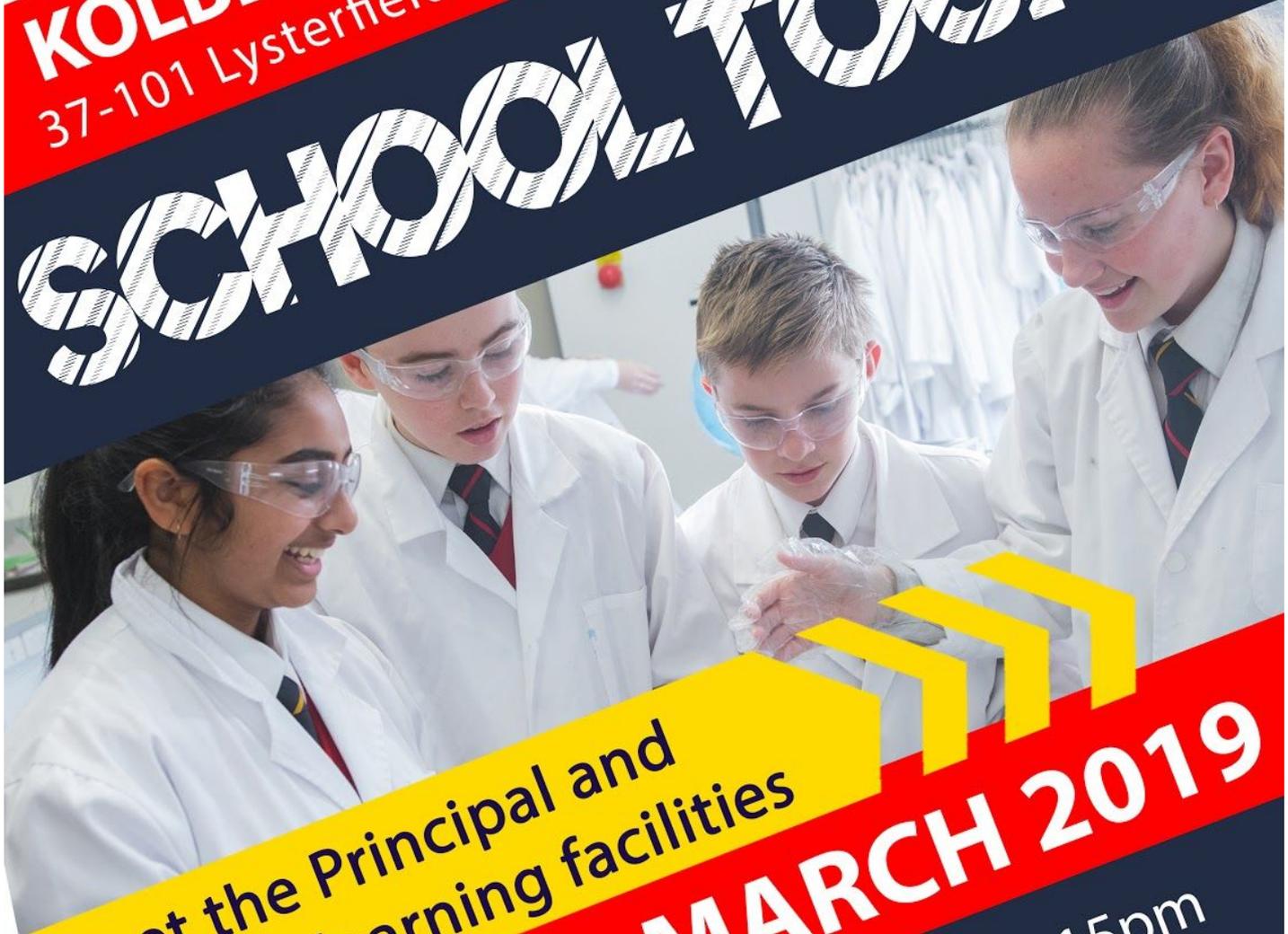


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SCHOOL TOURS



Meet the Principal and
tour our learning facilities

TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2019

Tours available at 4.00pm, 4.45pm and 6.15pm
Bookings via College Reception or website

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