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To All in our School Community,



Last Wednesday Bishop Terry Curtain came to speak with the Year 6 students from both Oscar Romero and Mother Teresa, in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated on Sunday. He explained that as young Christians the children will be sealed with the Holy Spirit, strengthening them to follow Jesus more closely. We pray for all the children in the Our Lady's Parish who will be confirmed on Sunday. As a community we pray that the Holy Spirit guides and strengthens them, as they journey through life in this complex world, to help them make choices that reflect the Christian values instilled upon them.

This term we welcome Jacquie Lumsden to our staff. Jacquie is an experienced teacher who will be supporting different groups of children across our school. We know that Jacquie will make a great contribution to our community and we are lucky to have her join us.

Planning for 2019

Currently we are completing enrollments for families wanting to enrol their children to Oscar Romero for 2019. It is a great experience meeting new families and listening to why they want their children educated in our school. Sadly we have very few places available for additional enrolments and once we move to our new site, we will be unable to accept new enrollments until 2020. We currently have a waiting list for several year levels and therefore urge any families who might be leaving our school at the the end of 2018, to let us know as soon as possible. This does not include the Year 6 children.

Capital Projects



We are still waiting to hear an official date for when we can move to the new site. We know that there have been some issues with Yarra Water and some further complications with the process for connecting the electricity. It seems this will delay us further, and I share your frustrations with how long this has been dragging on. Again I thank you for your patience and we hope this issues are resolved sooner rather than later.

We are aware the fences around the school site are currently being erected and the roads and footpaths are almost completed. The signage at the corner of Marathon Blvd and MacKillop Drive has been installed and the staff car park is almost completed. In the absence of a community car park, we have ensured that we have a drop and pick up zone, so that parents can drop off their children in the morning and pick up their children after school whilst remaining in their cars. This will be explained in more detail once we are closer to moving on site.

We are also currently working on the plans for stage 2. This stage is anticipated to be bigger than stage 1 at we are hoping to submit plans for this project some time in October, so that we can get council approval before the beginning of 2019. If all goes to plan (we can always hope) this building should be completed by the beginning of 2020 to allow us to take more enrollments for that year.

School Fees

Yesterday the second installment of term fees have been sent to families. Please note the education levy was due at the end of term 1. We have a number of families that have not as yet paid the education levy and for this reason their children will be unable to attend the upcoming excursions until this levy is paid. If there are any difficulties, please come and speak to Marian and myself. This does not refer to families who are on a payment plan.



Excursion to Woolworths

On Monday 6th August the Year Prep children visited Woolworths in Highlands to participate in the Fresh Food Kids Discovery Tour. Our school is the first school to participate in this program and the prep children did us proud with the way they

represented Oscar Romero. Thank you to the parents who joined us in walking the children to Highlands Shopping Centre.

OSCAR ROMERO TERM 3 Dates	
Monday 16th July	Start of term 3
Monday 30th July	Preps celebrating 100 days at school
Monday 6th August	Preps visiting Woolworths at Highlands Shopping Centre
Wednesday 8th August	Bishop Terry Curtin visiting Confirmation Candidates
Friday, 17th August	First Aid presentation for all students
Sunday, 19th August	Sacrament of Confirmation at Kolbe College Hall
Tuesday 28th August	Years 1 & 2 attending Aquarium Excursion
Friday 21st September	End of term 3 3.30pm
TERM 4	
Monday 8th October	Start of term 4
Monday 5th November	Teacher Professional Development Day No School
Tuesday 6th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Transition Mornings Prep 2019 9.15 - 11.00am	Thursday 22nd November 2018 Thursday 29th November 2018 Thursday 6th December 2018
Transition Day All students	Thursday 6th December 2018 9.15 - 3.30pm
Monday 3rd December	Planning Day for 2019 Staff School Closure Day
Wednesday 19th December	Last Day of School 2018 1pm

Student Page

by sha'Quilla Williams (Year 6)

Global warming -

Global warming is a phenomenon caused by weather patterns and temperatures changing rapidly and unpredictably, and it is happening everywhere. Climate change is primarily caused by the increase of heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere, often referred to as the "greenhouse effect,"

this is when gases such as carbon dioxide trap heat in the earth's atmosphere.

imagine this



When you put an icy pole in the freezer with the temperature at 0.0 degrees Celsius it freezes and stays hard enough for you to eat but at 0.5 degrees Celsius it melts, proving that very that slight temperature rise impacts greatly.

Positives and negatives

While many believe that global warming is a bad thing some believe it is good and here is why

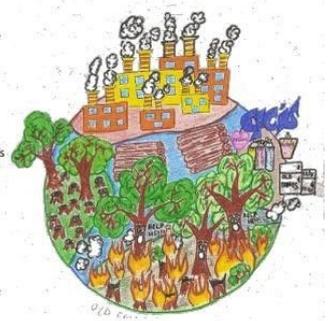
Some people believe that climate change or global warming could be a positive thing, they believe that Warmer winters would mean fewer deaths, particularly among people at higher risks such as the elderly.

However, people who believe otherwise say, the same groups are also vulnerable to additional heat, and deaths caused by heatwaves are expected to be approximately five times worse than winter deaths.

what causes global warming?

What are the causes of Global Warming??

- Natural Causes
 - Natural causes are causes created by nature. One natural cause is a release of methane gas from arctic tundra and wetlands. Methane is a greenhouse gas.
- Pollution
 - In most cases, fossil fuels are burned to create energy and electricity. Many pollutants (chemicals that pollute the air, water, and land) are sent into the air when fossil fuels are burned. Some of these chemicals are called greenhouse gases.
- Cutting Down of trees -
 - Trees and other plants collect carbon dioxide (CO₂), which is a greenhouse gas. This gas, CO₂, collects light and heat (radiant energy), produced by the sun, and this makes the earth warmer.



there are several causes of global warming, for example;

Burning fossil fuels - The process of burning fossil fuels such as coal to create electricity releases carbon dioxide pollution into the air. Deforestation – Plants are important for absorbing carbon dioxide pollution and releasing oxygen back into the air. Unfortunately, people have been clearing forest to develop farming which means more carbon dioxide remains in the air.

How can I help?

There are many things you can do such as something as simple as switching off the light when you leave a room and following the reduce reuse and recycle steps, you can plant some trees in your garden and even revert to using public transport.

Still don't understand? – picture this

It's late at night. You're asleep in bed, with lots of blankets covering you.

Suddenly you wake up hot and sweaty so you kick off the covers cool air hits you and you feel much better you fall asleep and wake up refreshed.

Now picture the earth, the certain gasses that cover the earth trap the heat like a blanket but when the earth gets hot we can't just kick off the gasses which is when the earth overheats.





Use reusable bags, (especially ones made in Australia)

And save the earth!

Don't believe you contribute to this crisis?

Take the free online test today- <https://www.footprintnetwork.org/resources/footprint-calculator>