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School Finishes on Tuesday 17th December at 3.30pm Children can wear casual clothes on the last day!!

To All In Our School Community,



The end of a school year is a good time to reflect on our many achievements and to prepare ourselves for the important work to come. Last week you will have received your child's/children's reports. We closely monitor the learning progress of our children throughout the year and want to congratulate them on all they have achieved. As one of our teachers declared today, when the children achieve their goals we are just as happy for them as you should be with their hard work and persistence. I would like to thank you all for supporting us throughout the year and for all that you do for your children.

As you know our enrolments are growing very quickly and at this stage we have 340 children enrolled at our school for 2020. This growth in enrolments also means the employment of additional staff; teachers and learning support officers, which we have employed over the past few months. Sadly the end of the school year also has us farewelling several staff members. We congratulate Miranda Montalti who has been appointed as Principal of St Carlo Borromeo in Templestowe. Miranda has been significant in helping setting up structures and processes in the first two years of our school's operation. I know she will do a great job at her new school and behalf of the community we send her our gratitude and blessings as she embarks on the next step of her career. We also congratulate Peta Nobelius who has been appointed Deputy Principal of St Mary's in Thornbury. Peta also has made a significant contribution to the setting up of Oscar Romero in our first two years of operation. We wish Peta all the best and send her our blessings for her new position. Finally we farewell John Cruikshank and thank him for his contribution to our Italian program this year.

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed three new leaders for 2020. The children met Mr Paul Staniscia on Friday, who has been appointed Deputy Principal/Learning & Teaching leader at our school. Paul is currently the Deputy Principal/Learning & Teaching Leader at St Joseph the Worker in Brunswick. We also welcome Ylenia Useli who has been appointed Religious Education Leader and like Paul has many years of experience in this role. Finally we welcome Yolanda Mammarella who has been appointed Learning Diversity Leader and Katie Gould who has taken on the Student Wellbeing Leader position.

The staff at Oscar Romero for 2020:

Mrs Fran Drysdale	Principal
Mr Paul Staniscia	Deputy Principal/Learning & Teaching
Miss Ylenia Useli	RE/Leader/Senior Teacher (Yrs 5/6)
Mrs Sarah Liro	Literacy Leader/Senior Teacher (Yrs 5/6)
Mrs Yolanda Mammarella	Learning Diversity Leader
Mrs Katie Gould	Wellbeing Leader
Mr David Toy	Physical Education/ICT Leader

Mrs Suzanne Verzantvoort	Prep Teacher
Miss Elise Mills	Prep Teacher
Miss Alexander Gregoriou	Prep Teacher
Miss Amy Capuana	Year 1 Teacher
Miss Jessica Sison	Year 1 Teacher
Miss Kristina Marini	Year 1 Teacher
Miss Georgia Foley	Year 2 Teacher
Miss Alannah Tarquinio	Year 2 Teacher
Mr Stefano Zaccardi	Year 2 Teacher
Miss Bradin Younan	Year 3/4 Teacher
Ms Carly McGan	Year 3/4 Teacher
Miss Caitlyn Walsh	Year 3/4 Teacher
Ms Jacquie Lumsden	Year 5/6 Teacher
Mrs Sara Liro/Miss Ylenia Useli	Year 5/6 Teacher
Mrs Helena Chayna	Performing Arts
Miss Sandra Mikhail	Visual Arts
Ms Giacomina Paterra	LOTE Italian
Mrs Margaret Whitford	New Arrivals

Mrs Marian Lyons	Bursar
Mrs Swaleen Hirmiz	Administration Officer

Mrs Maria Basso	Learning Support Officer
Mrs Rand Sarsam	Learning Support Officer
Mrs Narelle Best	Learning Support Officer
Mrs Dearne Green	Learning Support Officer
Mrs Irena Dumesic	Learning Support Officer
Miss Natalie Green	Learning Support Officer
Miss Jacinda Palma	Learning Support Officer
Mrs Tina Mercuri	Learning Support Officer
Mrs Paola Sanabria	Learning Support Officer
Mrs Antoinette Tsolakis	Learning Support Officer
Miss Alana Kirkton	Learning Support Officer
Mandy Foley	Resource Technician

Matthew MacDonald	IT Technician
Spiro	Maintenance

On behalf of the staff at Oscar Romero I would like to wish all our families a very happy, safe and peaceful Christmas. May this time

I thank families for attending the Christmas Concert last Thursday evening. Whilst the conditions weren't great, we appreciate your attendance to support and listen to the children perform Christmas Carols.

End of Year School Mass

We welcome you to our end of the year school mass to celebrate all our achievements and successes in 2019. This mass will be held in the shared space on **Tuesday 17th December at 10am.**

Year 6 Graduation

We welcome all Year 6 families to join us in celebrating the end of your child's primary school days with a Paraliturgy and supper. Please join us on **Monday 16th December at 6pm** as we recognise the achievements and successes of your child as they prepare for the next part of their school journey. This event will be held in Shared Area and will conclude with supper in the community space.



Fees 2020

Included in this newsletter is the fee schedule for 2020. You will notice that there is a rise to the family fee component of the scheduled fees. This rise is consistent across schools in the Our Lady's Parish and less than the increase set in many other catholic primary schools across Melbourne. The fee increase is important for Oscar Romero, as it helps us to continue with our building program, whilst creating revenue to pay back the loans that have been taken out to build Stage 1, 2 and for the purchase of the land. You will also notice that the family fee for families holding a health care card or veterans card have been given a discount. This has been recommended by Catholic Education Melbourne to help those families on lower incomes. Again I need to reinforce the importance of families coming to see myself or Marian Lyons if you have a valid reason for not being able to pay these fees.

Baby News

Congratulations to Adriana and David Ortiz on the safe arrival of their first born, Oscar Xavier Ortiz. It is amazing that as the first baby born to a staff member at Oscar Romero, Adriana and David chose to name their son Oscar. We wish David and Adriana all the best on this beautiful addition to their family.

We also congratulate the Wadia family on the safe arrival of baby Benjamin, brother to Miguel (1JS). We hope Benjamin brings joy and many wonderful filled times ahead as the fourth boy in this family.



St Vincent de Paul Drive

A big thank you to the generous families we have in our community who donated food and toiletries to those families in need. The Vincent de Paul society were every so grateful to the goodwill of our community and couldn't believe how much food was



donated. They wanted you to know that the food and toiletries collected will be handed out to 150 families in our local community who are doing it tough at this time.

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all those families who supported the PFA Christmas Raffle and congratulations to the following winners:

1st	\$250 VISA GIFT CARD	Mr K & Mrs J Bhasin
2nd	RONAK PHOTO	Mr Al-Hadaya Rani & Mrs Al-Aty Mrs A
3rd	HIRE A HUBBY	Mr N Tegar & Mrs M Yousif
4th	SAMANEE THAI	Mr O Hisqel & Mrs S Al Danial
5th	DUSK	Mr J Honeyman & Ms D Devine
6th	CIBO DELI	Mr J Marr & Mrs L Tonti
7th	PRICELINE	Mr A & Mrs Woolmer
8th	BUNNINGS	Mr Lopez Ojeda Osvaldo & Mrs Caceres D
9th	CRAIGIEBURN CENTRAL	Mr O'Connell Michael & Mrs Johnson M
10th	COLES	Mr & Mrs C Beards
11th	WOOLWORTHS	Mr A & Ms N Gay
12th	SPLASH - Family Pass	Mr Lidgerwood Jarrod & Ms Bamford K
13th	SPLASH - Family Pass	Sold at Carols
14th	SPLASH - Family Pass	Mr R & Mrs T Ciccossillo
15th	SPLASH - Family Pass	Mrs Kaur Navneet
16th	SPLASH - Family Pass	Mr Yako Jami & Mrs Yousif Marina
17th	TIMEZONE	Mr M & Mrs M Baldeo
18th	TIMEZONE	Mr Yako & Mrs Yousif M
19th	TIMEZONE	Mr S A & Mrs B Naramvelil J
20th	TIMEZONE	Mr Orah Evan & Mrs Shaia Aseel
21th	TIMEZONE	Mr J Sharma
22st	TIMEZONE	Mr & Mrs M Lee
23nd	TIMEZONE	Mr M & Mrs M Zaraga
24th	TIMEZONE	Mr P & Mrs A Amian
25th	UNITED CINEMA	Mr Deep Mohan & Mrs Kaurp Rupinder
26th	UNITED CINEMA	Mr F & Mrs J Abbriano
27th	UNITED CINEMA	Mr N Polus & Mrs V Majeed
28th	UNITED CINEMA	Mr & Mrs C Beards

School commences on Friday 31st January for all Students

Prep Only 8.50 - 1pm

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

**Northern Regional Uniforms Shop will close on
Wednesday 18th December 2019 at 2:00pm and re-open
on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 9:00am.**

I would like to wish all family's a very Merry Christmas and a safe and
happy New Year.

Regards,

Jayne O'Brien
MANAGER



OUR LADY'S PARISH
 Craigieburn & Roxburgh Park
CHRISTMAS



EVENT	DATE	TIME	VENUE
ANOINTING MASS	Wednesday 18 th December	11:30am	Our Lady's Craigieburn
RECONCILIATION FIRST RITE	Saturday 21 st December	10:00am	
SECOND RITE	Wednesday 18 th December	7:00pm	
CHILDREN'S Christmas Mass	CHRISTMAS EVE Tuesday 24 th December	6:30pm	Our Lady's Craigieburn
CHRISTMAS FAMILY Mass		9:00pm	Our Lady's Craigieburn
MIDNIGHT MASS with carols		11:30pm	Our Lady's Craigieburn
CHRISTMAS DAY	Wednesday 25 th December	8:00am	Our Lady's Craigieburn
		9:30am	Good Samaritan, Roxburgh Park
		11:00am	Our Lady's Craigieburn
		NO EVENING MASS	
Boxing Day	NO MORNING MASS		
Weekday Masses As usual			
New Year's Eve	Tuesday 31 st December	10:30pm adoration followed by mass at 11:00pm	Our Lady's Craigieburn
New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 st January 2020	10:30am (NO EVENING MASS)	

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