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**Last Day for Term 2 Friday 28th June
School finishes at 1pm**

**Students can wear casual clothes
\$ Gold coin donation on the last day.**

**Next Closure Day Monday 5th August
Parent Teacher Interviews**

Wednesday 19th June 2019

To All In Our School Community,



On the weekend our children from Year 4 and 5 received the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. This was a special celebration for these children and their families. The children have been exploring the significance of the bread and blood representing the body and blood of Christ and children are coming to an why it is so important for us to receive the host on a regular basis. As a community of Catholics we believe that just as food is important to help us grow and keep us nourished, receiving the bread and wine at mass helps keeps us grow and remain spiritually nourished. We know that our busy lifestyles can often be used as an excuse for not going to mass however as families who have made a choice for a catholic education for our children, it is important that our children are given the opportunity to grow and practise their faith. I would like to congratulate the children on receiving their First Eucharist and to their families for the beautiful way the children were presented. I would also like to thank those families who brought their child along to the mass so that they could participate in the choir.

Enrichment Leave

Each year the Catholic Education System advertise opportunities for principals to participate in formation programs. Often these programs are held overseas. I have been successful in gaining a position to attend a study tour in Rome, focussing on spirituality in the contemporary world. I will be leaving for Romer this

Friday and will return on Monday 5th August. Whilst I am away, the school will be in the capable hands of Miranda Montalti. I look forward to sharing my learnings and experiences on my return.

Capital Works

On Thursday I will be signing the contract for our stage 2 project. I anticipate that this building will start construction over the school holidays or early in term 3. This will cause some changes to the way we enter the school, especially once the builders begin working on the construction of the administration area and extension of the staff car park. We ask for your patience through this process and will communicate any changes well ahead of time. We look forward to much needed additions to our school.

School Opening Celebration



Thank you to the parents who attended the school opening on Wednesday 13th June. Bishop Terry Curtin together with Fr George and Fr Dixon helped us officially celebrate the opening of Oscar Romero Catholic Primary School. On this day we also acknowledged the Feast of St Oscar Romero and remembered how he sacrificed his life speaking up for the poor and vulnerable against the ranks of El Salvador's rebels - "the voice of those without the voice".



Various staff from the Catholic Education Office attended this celebration, as well as the architects, parishioners from Our Lady's Parish and colleagues from our neighbouring catholic schools. I would like to thank Peta Nobelius for the organisation of this day and Adriana Ortiz for preparing the children in the choir. They did an amazing job and their singing was appreciated and enjoyed by all present.



Absences

Next week you will receive your child/children's reports for semester 1. We ask that you read these reports and celebrate your child's success. Next term on **Monday 5th August** we'll be holding parent teacher interviews. As I was reading through the reports I was alarmed at the amount of days some of the children have been absent from school. We understand that children get sick and need to stay home and others have been on an extended holiday. We cannot stop families from taking their children overseas, and whilst for most children this does not impact on their learning, for others it has a huge

impact on their learning. We ask that parents consider carefully how their child is progressing at school, and consider the timing of these holidays when planning extended holidays overseas.

Our other concern is regarding several families who keep their children home from school on a regular basis without good reason. Again this has an enormous impact on the child's learning and can affect their social and emotional development. Please be aware that we are required to report frequent absences to a government body, as it is a legal requirement that children must attend school. We will be contacting several families to discuss this issue.

Parking on Marathon Boulevard

We have had many complaints about the poor parking choices some of our families are making. **It is illegal to double park** alongside cars who are legally parked on the side of the curb. This behaviour is unsafe and traps cars in who are trying to get out. If this behaviour continues we will be contacting Hume Council who have advised us that these cars will be booked. Again I remind you that from 8.30 - 3.45pm families cannot use the staff car park to park their cars, with the exception of one family who have our permission to use the disabled car park for their special needs child.

Earn and Learn WOOLWORTHS

We are collecting the Earn and Learn stickers from Woolworths. We have not as yet received the boxes to place at Woolworth stores, so if you shop and Woolworths please send the stickers to school for us to collect. These rewards help us top up resources in several curriculum areas so all stickers are greatly appreciated.



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DATES FOR TOURS

- 18 June 2019 at 5pm
- 6 August 2019 at 9.30am
- 12 November 2019 at 5.30pm

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL VIA COLLEGE WEBSITE

OSCAR ROMERO TERM 2**Dates**

Thursday 30th May	Hot Food Day
Friday 31st May	3pm Assembly hosted by Yr Prep AC
Monday 3rd June	First Aid in School Program
Wednesday 5th June	OFFICIAL SCHOOL OPENING
Friday 7th June	First Eucharist Reflection Day
Monday 10th June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY No School
Tuesday 11th June	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Friday 14th June	3pm Assembly hosted by Yr Prep AC
Sunday 16th June	First Eucharist
Friday 28th June	12.30 pm Assembly hosted by Yr Prep AT and EG
Friday 28th June	Last Day Term 2 School Finishes at 1pm Children can wear casual clothes on this day Gold coin donation towards junior playground

OSCAR ROMERO TERM 3**Dates**

Monday 15th July	TERM 3 Begins
Monday 5th August	Closure Day Parent Teacher Interviews for Semester 1
Sunday 25th August	Confirmation
Thursday 29th August	Father's Day Stall
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**