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To All in our School Community,

Welcome back to term 3. I hope you and your children were able to have a break and relax over the holidays. Recently I met with several principals who have also opened up new schools in 2018. We shared our experiences for the first six months of operation and you may be interested to know that we are not the only school that is not currently operating from our permanent site. The sharing of our experiences quickly turned to us talking about our students. The other principals spoke at some length about the challenges they have been facing regarding the difficulties they are having with their children getting along. I was really pleased to share the positive experiences we have had at Oscar Romero and could not speak highly enough about how well our children were getting along the most of the time. As a staff we often reflect on how beautiful our children are and how quickly they have developed a sense of 'looking after each other'. I would like to thank all our families for the work and values you are instilling in your children so that we can continue to build on this important work. We have had several new children join our school over the past few months and these families cannot believe how welcoming and accepting how children and staff have been in helping their children settle into a new school.

New Archbishop for Melbourne



During the holidays it was announced that we are entering a new phase for the Archdiocese of Melbourne as we farewell our former Archbishop, Denis Hart, as he retires, and welcome our new Archbishop, Peter Comensoli. To give thanks for the Archbishops more than 50 years of service and leadership to Catholic education and the Archdiocese of Melbourne

generally, a Mass of Thanksgiving was held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Peter Andrew Comensoli is an Australian prelate of the Catholic Church, who was named the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne on 29 June 2018. He had been serving as the third Bishop of Broken Bay in New South Wales, Australia, since December 2014. Archbishop-elect Comensoli will officially take up the role on August 1 at a mass and reception at St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne.



Uniforms

We often have parents looking for lost items of uniform. Most of these items of uniform have not been found and have the child's name on it. Could I please ask that all parents, especially families with children in the younger

classes to check they don't have spare uniform items at home that belong to other children.

Late Arrivals

We understand that from time to time things happen which make us late for school. We are concerned however with a number of children who are often late to school. It is important that we instill in our children the need to be on time to appointments, meetings and school. We encourage families that are often late arrivers at school to speak with their children about what needs to be changed to arrive at school on time.

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
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

The Plastic Bag Ban

By Kate Basso

Australians have been using millions of single-use plastic bags everyday. Some of them end up in our oceans and waterways causing harm to sea animals. Plastic pollution is also harming our wildlife and the environment in general.

Recently, both Coles and Woolies have banned the single-use plastic bags. The 'Better Bag' from Coles is made from 80% recycled materials which can be recycled through the REDcycle bins which are located at your local Coles store.

But I have noticed that the Coles' 'Better Bags' are made in **Germany** while the Woolies' bags are made in **China** which means we are importing more products from other countries. This move is NOT creating more jobs for Australians and is not really helping our economy.



Coles' 'Better Bag'



Woolies' Recycable Bag

Coles is also giving away free plastic toys to the shoppers which are appealing to the kids. But this leads to the question - **“Are they really serious about helping save our Planet Earth?”**

How about YOU? What can you do to save our environment?