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To All in our School Community,

As we head into November we will spend a fair bit of our time planning for 2019. This includes finalising our staffing, working out our class groupings, ordering furniture to accommodate the additional children and discussing the learning and teaching for our children.

Whilst our stage 1 building officially has 7 learning spaces, we have had to be creative with trying to accommodate the families wishing to enrol their children at Oscar Romero. For this reason in 2019 we have been able to create two additional learning spaces for another two class groupings. This year we had 6 class groupings and next year we will work with nine class groupings. We currently have very few spaces available for additional enrolments, therefore it is really important you let us know if your family is moving on from Oscar Romero for 2019. Thank you to those families that have already informed us of this. In the meantime we have been working on stage 2 which will begin construction in 2019. Stage 2 is a much bigger project than stage 1 and will include nine additional learning spaces, canteen, project space, meeting rooms, two hard court basketball/netball play spaces, additional administration offices, extending the staff car park and extensive landscaping.

Last week the electricity was scheduled to be connected. Unfortunately the inspector failed one of the connections and the electricians have been booked in for this Friday. After this the builders will need to ensure that all the services are working properly before we are issued a certificate of occupancy. Cross your fingers that all this goes without any issues.

School Closure Days



Just a reminder that Monday **5th November** is a school closure day as the teachers will be writing reports on this day and Tuesday is the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.

We are having a second closure day on **Monday 3rd December** to allow us to meet and plan with our 2019 teachers. These dates have been advertised in the calendar included in this newsletter for several months to help our families make plans for their child minding.

Families Travelling Overseas

We have many families who travel overseas for several weeks for a family holiday or to visit family members. Sometimes the teachers are asked to provide work whilst these families are overseas. Our policy states that teachers will not be providing schoolwork for students who will miss school for holiday reasons. Children should however keep a diary of their overseas experience and continue to practice their reading.



Baby News

Congratulations to the Bertelli family on the safe arrival of baby Jayden, younger brother to Tyson in Year 2.

| OSCAR ROMERO TERM 4 Dates | |
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| Monday 5th November | Teacher Professional Development Day No School |
| Tuesday 6th November | Melbourne Cup Public Holiday |
| Tuesday 20th November | Information night for 2019 new families |
| 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 |