



CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Newsletters (after this edition) will no longer be printed for each family (unless requested).
Each fortnight the newsletter will be uploaded onto our SKoolbag app and Website.**

To All In our School Community,

Welcome to all families to the 2019 school year. We hope you have had relaxing break and enjoyed your time with the children. We are really pleased with how the children have settled into our school. The prep children have begun their full time week and whilst there were some tears last week and this week, we have noticed less tears each day. We will spend most of this term getting to know our students and families as this relationship building is a very important to building our



school culture. Throughout the term we will gently remind our families of some of the practices we have established to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children whilst in our care. These include:

- No parking in staff car park
- Walking children into their classrooms using the side gates
- Having children in their classrooms by 8.50am

We include a calendar in each addition of the newsletter. This so families have advanced warning of various activities and events that are happening at Oscar Romero. I understand that you are all very busy, however I strongly urge you to read the newsletter each fortnight as this is our main means of communication. To promote sustainability we will not be printing a newsletter after this addition as we know every family has a mobile phone. Please download the Skoolbag app onto to your phone or Ipad, as this is the quickest and best way to be reminded about the newsletter. The following information outlines how the Skoolbag app can be downloaded. Do not hesitate to come and see us if you have difficulty with this app.

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

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Download the app

Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store

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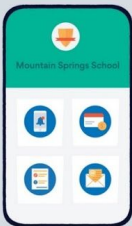
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SkoolBag



As you know Oscar Romero spent most of 2018 on the grounds of Mother Teresa and we got to know the community quite well. Sadly over the summer holidays Mother Teresa lost one of their children Roeel, a year three student. Roeel had been unwell however his passing was sudden and quite unexpected. Roeel is the much loved cousin of the Toma children who are at our school, Morientes 5/6NL, Illaria 3/4JL and Anatalia Prep AT. I also ask you to keep Wadia family in your thoughts and prayers as the mourn the loss of much loved Uncle to Miguel 1AO. Again this was sudden

and unexpected at this time. We hope both families find the strength to support their family members during this time and hope in time find peace with this loss. May they rest in peace.

On a happier note we congratulate the Nissan family on the safe arrival of Holly sister to Christian 5/6 NL and Scarlett 3/4 BY. Mother and baby are well.



Anaphylaxis

We have several children throughout the school who are anaphylactic and cannot tolerate any form of nuts. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. For this reason we must take every precaution to ensure the safety of our children diagnosed with this condition. We have noticed several children eating nutella sandwiches. We strongly

urge families to talk to their children about why they cannot have nutella and other nut product foods at school. We thank you for your cooperation regarding this issue.



Visitors to our school today

School Hats

In term 1 and 4 all children must wear a school hat whilst playing or learning outside. Children not wearing a hat will be directed to sit in a shade area. We are expecting the installation of a huge shade sail over the playground equipment any day now. Due to the size of the area, the shade sail is being specially designed to withstand the conditions in the area, including severe winds.

CAMP

Over the next few days the Year 4,5 and 6 students will receive a note outlining the upcoming school camp on Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th December. School camp is a compulsory part of our school curriculum and the focus is on developing independence away from family, life skills and experiencing something different to the normal school day. It is also a fun experience for the children. As a parent I understand the anxiety some families feel about allowing their children to be away from home and for this reason we urge all families with a child in this year level to attend a meeting. This meeting will be advertised in the note sent home to the mentioned year levels. We will give you more information about this camp and answer any questions you have.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

You will notice on the calendar that on **Tuesday 5th March we are having a closure day**. For the first few hours the staff will engage in Professional Development. From 1pm - 7.30 pm we will be holding parent/teacher/student interviews. The purpose of these interviews is for you and your child's teacher to meet and discuss preliminary testing results and for you to share any information that may impact on your child whilst at school. We will send more information closer to the day as well as information on how to make bookings online for these interviews.

Kelly Club will be running a child care program on this day if there are enough families interested. Please contact Kelly Club by speaking to Jodie or Jacinda before or after school.

Assembly



We invite you to our fortnightly paraliturgy this Friday at 3pm in the shared area. As a catholic school it is important for our children to understand that praying is an important aspect of being a catholic. In the absence of a church building, we use paraliturgies to celebrate the word of God in recognition and celebration of Oscar Romero being a catholic school. This paraliturgy will be hosted by the Year 5/6 students.



Zooper Doopers will be sold each day at the beginning of the second break.

50 cents

OSCAR ROMERO TERM 1	
Dates	
Tuesday 5th March	CLOSURE DAY Parent/Teacher Interview 1-7.30pm
Monday 11th March	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th March	Year 4,5 and 6 CAMP Illuka" Portsea 2 nights, 3 days
Wednesday 21st March	RECONCILIATION 7pm at Oscar Romero Primary School
Tuesday, 2nd April	School Photos Summer Uniform should be worn
Friday 5th April	Last Day Term 1 School Finishes at 1pm
OSCAR ROMERO TERM 2	
Dates	
Monday 22nd April	EASTER MONDAY No School
Tuesday 23rd April	Term 2 Begins

Thursday 25th April	ANZAC DAY No School
Monday 10th June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY No School
Sunday 16th June	Eucharist
Friday 28th June	Last Day Term 2 School Finishes at 1pm
OSCAR ROMERO TERM 3 Dates	
Monday 15th July	TERM 3 Begins
Sunday 25th August	Confirmation
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



DISCOVER MERCY

OPEN DAYS

Meet our Principal, explore the facilities and chat with our students and staff.

Monday 18 February – 9.30am or 6.00pm

Saturday 23 February – 10.00am

Presentation and tour will take approximately 90 minutes

Book your sessions online or call 9319 9299
mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au



VISIT US IN 2019



Meet the Principal and tour our learning facilities
Tuesday 12 February at 5.30pm

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

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