



Newsletter Issue 5, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## Principal' Report

It was wonderful to see the return of all levels of students to school on Tuesday. We celebrated on Wednesday with a donut and fruit morning tea for all students and staff, which I am sure they all enjoyed.

At present we have our regular cleaners and extra staff on daily duty to wipe down all tables, benches, chairs and surfaces in addition to the normal after school clean. Hand sanitisers have been placed in every room, computers are being cleaned between classes and students are continually reminded to wash their hands.



There are a small number of students, who by parent choice, are still at home and whilst remote learning has ceased we are supporting these students in other ways.

### 2020 CSEF Applications - COVID-19

You may be eligible for CSEF funding if your family circumstances have changed due to COVID-19.

To be eligible you must hold a current card in one of the following categories:-

- Centrelink Health Card
- Pensioner Concession Card
- Veteran Affairs Gold Card

Application forms are available from the General Office and need to be completed and returned to school by Friday 17 July. Please bring your current card to the office when submitting your form.

### OSHC (Year Prep - 6) - Report Writing Day - Friday 19 June

Friday 19 June report writing day is a pupil free day and OSHC will be available from 8.45am - 6pm.

Please advise the General Office by 4pm on Wednesday 17 June if you intend to use the service.

If you have never used this service, you will need to complete an enrolment for your child. This can be collected from the office or emailed directly to you.

### VCAA 2020 Revised VCE Exams

#### General Achievement Test (GAT)

Wednesday 9 September

#### Performance and Languages Oral Examinations

Monday 12 October - Sunday 8 November

#### Languages (CCAFL) Written Examinations

Tuesday 20 October

#### Written Examinations

Monday 9 November - Wednesday 2 December

Mario Panaccio

Principal

## CALENDAR

June

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>  
Last day of term 2  
2.20pm finish

July

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>  
PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Students return for the  
beginning of Term 3

### CANTEEN

Reopens Monday June 15  
with a limited menu until  
the end of term.

Primary students will order  
their lunches as normal.

Secondary students are to  
pre-order and pay for their  
lunches by recess.

### WATER BOTTLES

Just a reminder that  
students need to bring a  
full water bottle to school.

On the advice from the  
Department of Education,  
drink taps within the school  
have been turned  
off, therefore, all students  
require their own drink  
bottles.

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Assistant Principal: Michelle Wallis

College Council President: Wayne Richards

College Captains: Jelena Kalem & Dishani Karunaratne (Secondary) Mary Planigale (Primary)

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Dear parents and carers,

Term 2 in 2020 has been like no other school term in Victoria's history, and so I am writing to thank you for your support.

As you know, this week Grade 3 to Year 10 students joined Prep to Grade 2, VCE and specialist school students in face to face learning. It is great to see our school communities come together again.

In responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic over the past few months, the Department of Education and Training has asked a lot of our teachers and schools, and we have also required your support as parents and carers.

I want to acknowledge the extraordinary effort you have all made in working in partnership with your teachers and schools to support your children while they have been learning from home.

When I wrote to you a few months ago as we transitioned to remote and flexible learning, I acknowledged that it would be a challenging time for everyone, but that it was important to work closely together to provide the best possible support for students.

Many of you have since told me that there have been difficult, rewarding and challenging experiences during this unique and uncertain time that we have been through together. I thank you for your support, commitment, patience and perseverance.

But despite difficulties, I've been impressed to hear inspiring stories of education innovation. The innovative and creative approaches adopted during remote and flexible learning have been outstanding, and many schools will bring new approaches with them to on-site schooling.

Many school communities have forged even stronger relationships and partnerships — with families and teachers gaining a greater mutual appreciation of their shared contributions to school education.

Our schools now have a range of precautionary measures to protect the health and safety of your children, your family, teachers and staff, and your local community.

I hope these measures, along with the knowledge that the Victorian Chief Health Officer and Victorian Government have approached the return to on-site schooling with the utmost precaution and careful planning, have helped ease any anxiety about the return to on-site schooling.

The changes at your school are consistent with health advice, including enhanced cleaning in schools and frequent handwashing. Your school has also asked you to practice physical distancing during drop-off and pick-up times.

Your children may be feeling anxious about returning to school. Reassure your child that it's safe for them to go back to school and reinforce what they've been practicing at home around hand hygiene

and coughing and sneezing. Reassure them that extensive cleaning is being carried out in schools and public transport to keep them safe.

Please remember the health advice: if you or your child is unwell, please stay at home. This is vital to ensuring the effective management of the pandemic.

Information about how to speak to your child about coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found here: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/Pages/talkingtoyourchildaboutcoronavirus.aspx>

Visit the Department's website for the latest information about coronavirus (COVID-19) at: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you once again for working with your schools to support your children while they were learning at home and for your patience during the staged return to on-site schooling.

Yours sincerely,

**Jenny Atta**  
Secretary  
Department of Education and Training



Our community has changed in ways no-one expected in the last five months. Working with communities experiencing drought in 2019 then commencing this year with destructive bushfires, followed by a pandemic has deeply impacted the lives of Victorians.

The Salvation Army is still providing support for those impacted by drought and have provided over half a million meals and many more services during the Bushfires. While continuing to provide both drought and bushfire relief, we have now deployed staff and resources in support of the vulnerable impacted by COVID-19. In real terms, we are working on three disaster fronts simultaneously.

Victoria is facing an economic and social crisis unlike anything witnessed in recent decades and, whilst continuing to serve those affected now, The Salvation Army is preparing to provide hardship support to a scale that we have not seen before.

For the past 55 years The Salvation Army has hit the streets of communities across Victoria, door knocking, street collecting and intersection collection. Unfortunately, we've not been able to perform those face to face initiatives this year, and yet we still need the resources historically raise through face to face fundraising more than ever this year.

While we currently live in isolation, The Salvation Army has never served in isolation! We have always partnered with Victorians in support of those disadvantaged within our communities.

Having raised \$410,000 toward a Victorian target of \$1.9 million, our Red Shield Appeal has fallen well short this year. This shortfall is almost exclusively due to our inability to do face to face fundraising. The good news is that we do have a Red Shield Appeal "Digital Doorknock" running and it's on this channel we would seek your support.

RSA Digital Doorknock: <https://digitaldoorknock.salvationarmy.org.au/the-salvation-army-victoria>

Thank you for considering this request. Your support will make the world of difference to Victorian's doing it tough.

Yours sincerely,

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