Dear Families,

Congratulations to those children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last week. It was a wonderful ceremony. The children participated reverently in this celebration. They were well prepared by Mr Patrick, Ms Timea, Miss Kara, Miss Samantha, Mrs Gualtieri, Miss Melissa, Miss Cook and Ms Kylie. We would like to thank them for all they did in preparation for this special Sacrament. Thanks also to Fr. Luis and Fr Manuel for their help with the ceremony and all the staff for their contributions.

Our Senior School Leaders attended the Catholic Education Week Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral last Friday. It was a very special ceremony. I congratulate the students on the way they reverently participated in the Mass. Special thanks to Mr Patrick Pantalone and Miss Nadia Juzva who accompanied the children to the Mass.

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 19th April this year. Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. More information will follow later in the term.

Term 1 concludes on Friday, 31st March at 1.00pm. The children may wear plain clothes on this day. Term 2 commences at 8.40am on Tuesday 18th April.

I hope you have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL
**DONATIONS FOR SECOND HAND UNIFORM STORE**
Please remember to drop off any clean second hand uniforms in plastic bags to the school office. Our second hand uniform shop will be on Wednesday, 22nd March from 8.45am – 9.15am.

**ANTI-BULLYING POLICY**
Each family received a copy of the St. Paul’s Anti-Bullying Policy today. The policy is a reminder that the school will not tolerate any instances of bullying. Please note the definition of bullying in the policy:

‘Bullying is when someone, or a group of people, deliberately upset or hurt another person or damage their property, reputation or social acceptance on more than one occasion. There is an imbalance of power in incidents of bullying with the bully or bullies having more power at the time due to age, size, status or other reasons.’ [http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/stuman/wellbeing/respectfulsafe.pdf](http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/stuman/wellbeing/respectfulsafe.pdf)

The brochure lists types of bullying as well as what bullying is not. I encourage any of you who have any concerns to contact your child’s teacher in the first instance as many concerns can be sorted out quickly when the teacher is informed.

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO BE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL!!**
There are many benefits your child will gain from arriving at school on time.
Some Gains for Your Child Arriving On Time for School:
- Makes sure that your child doesn’t miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day when they are most alert.
- Early morning learning activity is often reading or writing your child can lose so many opportunities to learn these critical life skills.
- Helps your child to learn about routines and commitment.
- Gives your child time to greet their friends before class and this can reduce the possibility of disruptions in the classroom.
- Class disruption can make your child feel uncomfortable and can upset other children.
- Arriving on time every day makes children feel good about themselves

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS COOL!
BRIMBANK LIBRARIES APRIL SCHOOL
HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Watch out! Dinosaurs are coming to Brimbank Libraries these school holidays! Venture into the prehistoric word, learn about dinosaurs and fossils, and come enjoy some fun Easter activities.

Dino Diggers Session:
Come and enjoy a fun afternoon with T-rex and friends. Learn about your favourite dinosaur and check out some very impressive fossils!
Bookings essential (must be school aged)
- Deer Park Library on Tuesday 4 April at 1.00 – 2.00pm
- Sunshine Library on Monday 3 April at 2.30 - 3.30pm
- Sydenham on Wednesday 5 April at 2.30 - 3.30pm

Dinosaurs Love Underpants Activity:
Listen to a reading of the 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants' picture book, and then design your own set of underpants for your dinosaur to wear.
- Sydenham Library - Tuesday 4 April @ 2.30 - 3.30pm
- Deer Park Library - Wednesday 5 April @ 11.00am – 12.00pm
- Sunshine Library - Tuesday 11 April @ 2.30 - 3.30pm

Creating Fossils:
Children will get to explore the prehistoric timeline, discover how fossils were formed and create their own fossil to take home.
- Tuesday 11 April @ Keilor Village Community House Art Room: 2.00 – 3.00pm

Easter Basket Parachute Activity:
Design and decorate an Easter Egg basket with parachute, and attempt to fly your Easter Egg safely to the ground!
- Sydenham Library Monday 10 April: 2.30 - 3.30pm
- St. Albans Library Wednesday 12 April: 2.30 - 3.30pm
- Deer Park Library Thursday 13 April: 2.00 – 3.00pm

Cost: All activities are free but bookings are essential.
RSVP: to make a booking please visit the Brimbank Libraries website, under the what’s on section: www.brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au

Enquiries: St. Albans Library 9249 4650
Deer Park Library 9249 4660
Sydenham Library 92492680
Sunshine Library 9249 4640
Keilor Village Library 9249 4670

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS
A recent audit of our Working With Children Check Register has revealed a number of people whose checks have expired. Please remember that you are not permitted to help in classrooms, go on excursions etc without a current card. If you have recently received a new card and have not notified the Office please do so immediately or if you are unsure if your card is registered with the school please ask at the Office.

Impact Soccer Clinic
@ St Pauls PS
Links St, Sunshine West
3rd to 7th April
9am to 12:30pm
5 Day Soccer Clinic
Boys & girls 6-12 yrs old
Day Pass $30
Week Pass $125
Contact:
paul@impactsoccer.com.au
www.impactsoccer.com.au
0416 526 633

Annual Scripture Sessions
The Gospel of Matthew
- Rev Dr Christopher Monaghan CP, BTheol, LSS, PhD
Chris is a Pensioned Priest and the President of Yarra Theological Union which is a College of the University of Sydney, having a Licence in Sacred Scripture, he lectures in the area of the Christian Scriptures.

Thursdays:
30th March, 27th April, & 25th May
7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
A light supper will be provided.

St. Teresas’ School, Drumartn St, Albion
Please bring your bible with you, preferably in a NRSV translation.
Cost: a donation
If coming, kindly let Anne know by emailing her at
Deanery.westernhighway@cam.org.au or leave a message on Wednesdays between 10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. on 9304 2926.

open day & night tours

Wednesday
19th April
Open Day tours are at 9.00 am
Open Night tours commence 6.00 pm
Followed by presentations & discussion at 7.00 pm

Compulsory SEAL exam on
Friday 21st April
Registration closes Friday 31st March
Registration forms and information are available from the College website
www.kdc.vic.edu.au or call 03 9365 8000

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