



Dear Parents & Families,

As part of our whole school focus this term on Self & Wellbeing, all classes participated in the St John Ambulance First Aid In Schools Program last week. Whilst all students learnt about how to keep safe and respond to situations, our senior students also learnt how to perform CPR, as shown below.



## **MAGPIE ROOKIE SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

Emily King from the Collingwood AFLW team will be at OLW each Tuesday over the next 3 weeks to work with our Year 3 – 6 students in developing some of their football skills.

## **EDUCATION BOARD MEETING**

Our next meeting is this Wednesday, June 14 at 7.00pm. Minutes and Agenda have been distributed to members.

## **DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY**

We have 9 students who will be competing in the Division Cross Country this Wednesday, June 14. We wish all our students the best of luck in their event.

## **FUNDING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Over the past few weeks, there has been a lot of information in the media about the Turnbull Government's *Quality Schools* funding package and its impact on Catholic school fees. The package proposed by the Government is a 10-year funding model, which will see significant

changes to how Catholic schools are funded in the future.

Like the majority of Catholic schools, our school aims to be open and accessible to all families seeking a Catholic education. That means we aim to be affordable as well. One of the big impacts of the Turnbull Government's funding package is that many Catholic school fees will have to rise. This won't happen tomorrow, but over the next 10 years, as cuts to school funding will mean fees will gradually increase.

Currently in Victoria, the federal Government funds all the Catholic schools as if they were one big school, averaging out student funding across the entire Catholic education system. This method of funding schools is known as a system-weighted average, and was recommended by the Gonski Review in 2011. A central committee, which includes school principals and other local representatives, then allocates this money to schools based on the actual needs of each school. The amount of funding a school receives can vary significantly from any formula derived by bureaucrats in Canberra.

The Catholic Education system uses federal government funding to provide many additional programs that are not picked up by the federal Government, including support for small schools, VET and VCAL students, refugee families, language initiatives and professional learning for teachers and leaders. As a system of schools, we believe that programs like these are important to maximise the potential of every student and to ensure they can achieve their best, irrespective of where they live, or how much their parents may earn.

I would like to reassure you that Catholic Education leaders and Principals across Australia have been working hard

to make sure the Government and the Opposition understand that our students will be disadvantaged by the proposed new funding model. Attached to today's newsletter is some information about how the federal Government proposes to use SES scores to fund Catholic Schools individually, and the reasons why Catholic Education believes that this is an unsatisfactory funding model. Please take the time to read through the attachment so that you can be informed on our position.

### **TERM 3 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**

Monday, July 17, is our Closure Day for Term 3. On this day we continue working with staff from Melbourne University on the development of our Literacy Program, focussing specifically on Reading Comprehension. Term 3 will resume for students on Tuesday July 18.

### **SENIOR SCHOOL WINTER SPORT**

Our senior students will play their final Winter Sport matches with an AWAY game v St Joseph the Worker this Friday, with all Soccer matches played at J C Donath Reserve. Supporters are most welcome.

Enjoy the short week!

*Kevin Burke*

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

All Year 6 students who have been Baptised in the Catholic faith are invited to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday September 15 at 7:00pm**. Bishop Terry Curtin will be the celebrant at this Sacrament.

A **Commitment Mass** for this Sacrament will take place on Sunday **August 20 at the 10:00am** Parish Mass in the Church. It is an expectation that all Confirmation candidates attend this Mass.

A **Parent/Child Reflection Evening** for Confirmation will take place on **Tuesday July 25 at 7:00pm** in the Senior Learning Space. It is essential that the Confirmation candidates and at least one parent attends this meeting.

Catherine Laycock

(Religious Education Leader)

## **OLW 2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

### **JUNE**

<b>TUE 13</b>	<b>MAGPIE ROOKIE PROGRAM YEARS 3-6 P &amp; F MEETING</b>
<b>WED 14</b>	<b>DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY ED BOARD MEETING</b>
<b>THUR 15</b>	<b>REL NETWORK MEETING</b>
<b>FRI 16</b>	<b>WINTER SPORT V. ST JOSEPH THE WORKER (AWAY) PRINCIPAL'S NETWORK MEETING</b>
<b>TUE 20</b>	<b>MAGPIE ROOKIE PROGRAM YEARS 3-6</b>
<b>TUE 27</b>	<b>MAGPIE ROOKIE PROGRAM YEARS 3-6</b>
<b>THUR 29</b>	<b>MID YEAR REPORTS DISTRIBUTED</b>
<b>FRI 30</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM DISMISSAL – 1.00PM</b>

### **JULY**

<b>MON 17</b>	<b>CLOSURE DAY</b>
<b>TUE 18</b>	<b>STUDENTS RESUME CLASSES</b>
<b>THUR 20</b>	<b>eLEARNING NETWORK</b>
<b>TUE 25</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION PARENT – CHILD NIGHT @ 7.00PM</b>

### **AUGUST**

<b>WED 2</b>	<b>ED BOARD MEETING</b>
<b>FRI 4</b>	<b>100 DAYS OF PREP YEAR 3/4 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT</b>
<b>FRI 11</b>	<b>YEAR 5/6 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT</b>



# Funding ALERT

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## What is SES and what does it mean for me?

*All the questions about SES scores that you wanted to know but were afraid to ask*

School socioeconomic status, or SES, scores have been mentioned a fair bit over the last month. This is because they are the most important factor in determining how much funding Catholic schools receive from the Australian Government. That makes them a pretty vital part of the funding debate – one that hits Catholic school families in the pocket.

Catholic education authorities are among the many voices that have raised concerns about whether SES scores are accurate.

This is a short guide about what SES scores are, how they're supposed to work, why they don't, and who says they need to change.

### What are school SES scores?

SES scores are calculated for each neighbourhood in Australia through a very complex process using Census data. Using student home addresses, each family is assigned to a neighbourhood of about 200 households, and deemed to have the average characteristics of that neighbourhood.

SES scores are mostly based on the occupations and education levels of people in each neighbourhood, not their income or wealth.

### How are school SES scores used in school funding?

The Australian Government uses school SES scores as a means test in school funding. From a school's SES score, the Australian Government calculates how much funding a school is expected to raise from parents (mostly in school fees).

Schools receive an average SES score, based on the scores allocated to each of their families. The average score is about 100. The higher a school's SES score, the more funding it is expected to raise from families. Schools that draw their students from high-SES neighbourhoods receive less government funding, and schools that draw their students from low-SES neighbourhoods receive more government funding.

### Why don't SES scores work?

Remember that SES scores are not based on each family – they are based on the family's neighbourhood, and on the assumption that each household in a neighbourhood is exactly the same.

When you drive through your own suburb, it's very clear that the characteristics of families can vary significantly from one household to the

next. SES scores, therefore, cannot give an accurate assessment of individual families and can sometimes lead to major inaccuracies. That can lead to major inaccuracies in the SES scores assigned to schools.

### Compare these schools

A good example of this is in Kensington. Kensington is a suburb of Melbourne, located four kilometres from the CBD. Its closeness to the city has also made it a sought-after place to live, with many middle-class families moving to the suburb. This means, on average, that Kensington could be considered 'middle-class'. But Kensington is very diverse. For instance, it is also home to a public housing estate for close to 1000 people, catering to disadvantaged families and refugees. It is wrong to assume everyone in Kensington is the same.

The Catholic primary school in Kensington is Holy Rosary School. Because Kensington is, on average, a middle class suburb, Holy Rosary receives a school SES score of 119. This is a high score (remember, the average school SES score is about 100) – but more importantly, it is too high for Holy Rosary. Holy Rosary only raised \$1,287 per student in fees and other

### How school SES scores are shaped







### Holy Rosary School, Kensington

SES Score  
**119**

Enrolments  
**300**

Students from Health Care Card families  
**30 (10%)**

Educationally disadvantaged students  
**19%**

Fees, charges and parent contributions  
**\$1,287/ student**



### Geelong Grammar

SES Score  
**115**

Enrolments  
**1,457**

Students from Health Care Card families  
**0**

Educationally disadvantaged students  
**7%**

Fees, charges and parent contributions  
**\$18,823/ student**

contributions in 2015. Of its student population:

- 10% are currently Australian Government Health Care Card recipients, meaning that families need additional support.
- 19% of considered to come from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds
- 27% percent have a language background other than English.

Compare this to Geelong Grammar in Corio, one of Australia's most exclusive schools. Geelong Grammar has an SES score of 115, which is lower than that of Holy Rosary School. It is still a reasonably high score, but it is too low for Geelong Grammar.

Geelong Grammar receives an SES score that is too low because it attracts many students from country areas whose families are, on average, not well off. But the majority of families at Geelong Grammar contributed \$18,823 per student in fees and other charges in 2015. So clearly most families are well off.

You're probably scratching your head and wondering why, based on school SES scores; Holy Rosary is considered to have richer families than Geelong Grammar. In fact, due to the calculations included in the funding model proposed by the Australian Government, the parents of primary school students at Holy Rosary will be

expected to pay **\$1,146** more in school fees, than parents of primary students at Geelong Grammar.

It just doesn't make sense.

Comparisons like the one between Holy Rosary School and Geelong Grammar are just one example of the flaws Catholic education has argued in its call to change how SES scores are calculated.

#### Who else says SES scores need to change?

The call to replace SES scores has been widespread. In 2011, the panel led by David Gonski said: 'The current SES measure is ... subject to a potentially large degree of inaccuracy as the students attending a particular school are not necessarily representative of the socioeconomic averages of the areas in which they live. A more precise measure of the SES of a school would be more accurate and credible'.

More recently, the architect of the SES funding model, Associate Professor Stephen Farish, said that 'the SES scoring system is outdated and needs to be reviewed ... It is clearly not working at the top end for the more prestigious schools ... It is clearly time to overhaul it ...'. The argument to change the SES scoring system has also been raised by the Grattan Institute, the Centre for Independent Studies, and *The Age* and *The Australian* editorialists.

#### When will the Australian Government change the SES scoring system?

At this stage, never.

Instead, the Turnbull Government announced a plan to make school SES scores even more important in school funding. Currently, Catholic systems receive funding as if they were one big school, with an SES of 101. Catholic systems can then allocate funding to smooth out some of the inaccuracies that arise through the SES scoring system. However, the Turnbull Government will now fund Catholic schools based on their individual SES score.

Fees are likely to increase in some schools because under the Government's proposal, it will be more difficult for Catholic systems to smooth out the inaccuracies of the SES scoring system. Catholic systems will face significant pressure to reduce funding for schools with higher than average SES scores (above SES 101). This could lead to fee increases.

#### What can you do to help?

Your principal can provide you with a letter that you can send to the federal Minister for Education, Simon Birmingham, asking him to consider reviewing the SES scoring system.

Alternatively, you can download a copy of the letter from [www.cem.edu.au/funding](http://www.cem.edu.au/funding).

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## Mass Timetable

Saturday – Vigil Mass:	6.00PM
Sunday:	8.00AM and 10.00AM
Weekdays:	10.00AM
Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Saturday from 5.15 to 5.45PM
Rosary Monday to Saturday:	9.30AM
Divine Mercy Chaplet	After Mass Daily
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:	Friday from 9.00 to 9.30AM
<i>Baptisms and Marriages by appointment: Please ring 9462 1221</i>	

**Entrance Antiphon:** The love of God had been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, alleluia.

## **Readers for Sunday Mass**

11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	6pm J Wild	8am C Nguyen	10am B Hayes
18 <sup>th</sup> Jun	6pm J Glover	8am P Hearity	10am M Jones

## **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	6pm E Gleeson	10am I Lowe
18 <sup>th</sup> Jun	6pm M Nolan	10am N Buchan

## **OLW Church Cleaning Roster**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	P Doorbar K Zanini (Extra person to be added)
17 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Professional Cleaners

## **OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster**

18 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Christina Sant
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7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Church Account	\$1012.55
	Presbytery Account	\$802.50

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**6pm Mass:** Today we offer mass for Fr Jim Kierce

**10am Mass:** Today we remember Les Pearson on his anniversary.

**Young Families:** Freddy and Laura would like to offer the opportunity for young families to meet together, regularly, for a chat and meal about family life and to support each other. A suitable time and place can be arranged by the families involved. Please contact Laura or Freddy on 0430075277 or Fr Terry, 9462 1221.

**Parish leadership:** team meeting Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June, 7-8pm.

**Parish luncheon:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at Coopers Bundoora. 2 courses \$18.00. Coffee and biscuits extra. Please leave your name on the list if you would like to come along. All welcome.

**Thank you:** A special thank you to Mario for the wonderful work done on the presbytery garden. It looks terrific!

### **St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal 17/18<sup>th</sup> June .**

We need your support: Demands on the services of the combined Bundoora/Kingsbury conference are increasing, particularly for assistance with utility bills and rent. We are all aware of the impact on our own budgets of the rising cost of living. It is making life even harder for those we help. Please give whatever you can to assist our neighbours in need through the cold weather. Envelopes are available. They have St Damian's written on them but the money goes to both parishes. Clothes and bedding can be donated directly to the Vinnies shops.

Foods with long expiry dates are welcome. However money gives us greater flexibility in directing our help where it is most needed.

On Sat and Sun, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June, envelopes can be placed in the collection bags or given to Vinnie's members after the masses. If you require a receipt don't forget to put your name and address on the envelope. Vinnies will accept money at any time and if you want to hand an envelope in at a later date it can be put in the collection bag. Father will pass it on to Vinnies.

### **Question: What is Trinity Sunday?"**

**Answer:** Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost to honour the Holy Trinity – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although the "trinity" does not appear in scriptures, it is taught in Matthew 28: 18-20 and 2 Corinthians 13:14 (and many other biblical passages). The concept of the trinity can never be completely understood or rationalized, but it is clearly taught in scripture.

Understanding of all scriptural doctrine is by faith which comes through the work of the Holy Spirit; therefore, it is appropriate that this mystery is celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost, when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit occurred.

On Trinity Sunday, the Christian Church ponders with joy and thanksgiving what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done to accomplish the salvation of sinful humanity. It is brought to remembrance how Christians should respond to the love God has shown us, praising Him and giving Him glory. We remember the Father as Creator, the Son as our Savior and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter. Scriptural readings for the Trinity Sunday ceremony may include Psalm 8, beginning and ending with, "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Second Corinthians 13;11-13 appeals to believers to aim for perfection and live in peace, ending with the prayer that the grace of Christ Jesus, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all, including again the commission Jesus left for believers in Matthew 28:16-20.

Today, Trinity Sunday is to explain, to the best of man's ability, the clues written in Scripture to guide us to a fuller understanding of our triune God. The Father is God from the beginning (John 1:1); Jesus revealed Himself as equal to the Father in John 10:30, "I and the Father are one."

Together, they sent the Holy Spirit (John 14:26). "For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one" (1 John 5:7-11).

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