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“For when I am powerless, it is then that I strong.” *St Paul*

Week 9, Term 2

Friday 29th June 2018

Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

Welcome to the final newsletter for Term 2. Today marks the half way point of our school year and the end of a great term of learning. I have had the pleasure of visiting a number of classrooms across this week and it is terrific to see the variety and depth of learning taking place. One important aspect of the learning process is receiving and responding to feedback and it is wonderful to see students keen to take this on board and improve at every opportunity. I want to sincerely thank the SMMC Staff for their hard work and dedication to the students across this term and all our SMMC families for their support of their children's learning at school. It is important we continue to build strong partnerships between home and school to ensure we are working together for the benefit of all of your children. I am sure everyone is very much looking forward to a break away to catch their breath and reset for a great second semester.

Next term we will be changing the morning structure and routine. K-10 will still assemble together on a Monday morning and for the first day of each term with the purpose being to maintain unity across the school, celebrate birthdays, promote weekly virtues and discuss anything else that pertains to the whole school. From Tues-Thurs Primary students will line up on the court when the bell goes at 9:15am and be collected by their teachers to go into class. Yr.7/8 will make Aquinas their homeroom, with Mrs Galvin and Mrs Kaur the homeroom teachers. Yr.9/10 will head into Dominic Savio where Mr Williams and Mrs McGrath will take on the role of homeroom teachers. These homeroom teachers will continue to lead prayer and Saint of the Day and will also act a 'go to' person for these students and for parents if there are general enquiries about aspects of schooling pertaining to these levels.

Reports and P/T Interviews

Reports will be mailed out to families early next week. There will be opportunities for parents to formally touch base with teachers at Parent/Teacher Interviews next term. I remind parents that the teachers are here to work with you and your children and you are welcome to arrange a time to meet with teachers at any time throughout the year. It is important to please make appointments to see teachers if needed.

Wednesday **1st August** Secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Tuesday **14th August**, Primary Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Debutante Ball

We wish all those making their Debutante this Saturday all the best. We hope you have a wonderful night with friends and family.

SRC Breakfast

Thank you to the SRC for organising a wonderful breakfast on Wednesday morning. I'm sure everyone enjoyed some great eggs and bacon before heading off to class. It was a great way to finish the term.

Lost Property

The lost property box is overflowing! Please come and check the box for your missing clothing items. If parents could please make sure that students uniforms have their name on it that would be appreciated as it makes locating the owner a lot easier.

Gala Dinner

Saint Mary Mackillop Gala Dinner is on **Saturday 11th August**, 6:30pm at the commercial Club. Tickets cost \$60 each or \$50 for a table of 10. \$45 for students age 16+.

Book online at www.trybooking.com/397591. See attached flyer for more information and invite your friends!

School of Prayer

Based on the prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture. Starts with the 10 Commandments. Tuesdays fortnightly 7-8:30 at Esencia café. Contact Regina on 0407 935 918.

Enjoy the remainder of this solemnity as we celebrate the Feasts of Saints Peter and Paul, two incredibly important figures who were instrumental in spreading the faith in the early Church, which is now our mission here today! Thank you to Fr Lee for providing us with the opportunity for Adoration, Confession and Benediction today. It is always a beautiful way to finish the term and refocus on what is really important in amongst the busy lives we all lead.



Well done for all the effort that has been put in throughout the term. Enjoy a restful break and we look forward to seeing you back at SMMC to kick off Term 3 on **Tuesday 24th July**.

God Bless,
Luke Burton (Principal)

2018 Dates for your diary...

Term 3 – Tuesday 24th July – Friday 28th September (10 Weeks)

- Tuesday 31st July – ICAS English (Yr.8, Yr.10 and those who have signed up)
- Wednesday 1st August – Secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Thursday 9th August – RAS Primary Athletics at Alexandra Park
- Monday 6th – Friday 10th August – SMMC 10 Year Anniversary Celebrations
- Saturday 11th August – Saint Mary MacKillop Gala Dinner
- Tuesday 14th August – ICAS Mathematics (Yr.8, Yr.10 and those who have signed up)
- Tuesday 14th August – Primary Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Monday 20th – Friday 24th August – Book Week “Find Your Treasure”
- Friday 24th August – Yr.9-12 Snow Trip
- Wednesday 5th September – The MacKillop Cup. Held at Saint Mary MacKillop College Wagga

Term 4 – Monday 15th October – Thursday 6th December (8 Weeks)

- Saturday 27th October – SMMC Annual Fete
- Saturday 10th November 6pm - Yr.12 Graduation

Curriculum Corner – Mr Mathieu Couture



The Stage 5 Information & Software Technology class designed some fabulous 3D printing projects this term. They learnt how to use the program 3D Builder to create submarines, race cars, cathedrals, houses, and playgrounds. Using the Cocoon 3D printer, both students and teachers learnt the intricacies of 3D printing, such as bed levelling, warping (fixed with proper glue!), GCode files, and support structures. The factory-designed "Cute Dragon" is our class mascot, named *Scruffles*. A ghost was also printed in black. The students were very patient throughout the whole process and thoroughly enjoyed themselves as is evident in their beautiful smiles.



LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

Marriage - Your Path to Holiness

Saint Thomas More, the “Man of All Seasons”, said that one could argue that marriage is the most difficult of vocations. I'm sure that we have all had moments when we have found our vocation difficult. Your perseverance in these times is a sign of hope in the world. Even if your spouse has left you through no fault of your own, you can remain faithful to your vocation by remaining chaste and always having a respectful attitude to your spouse.

For those who have made those vows of remaining faithful in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, show heroic virtue by persevering on this path. The example to children of parents living out their promises enables them to go forth and do the same when their time comes. Marriage though, is not about just giving of yourself and staying married to the person you promised, it means laying down your life for that person each day.

“Today's world... is in need of saints, that is, men of integrity who fulfil the will of God with fidelity, full of the spirit of service and concern for man; of honest men who love the truth, who give themselves in service of the common good, even paying the price of generous renunciation of their own interest.” John Paul II

Think back to when you first knew your spouse was just right for you and that somehow you couldn't go on in life without them. Romance is not something new. Read about the meeting of Isaac and Rebecca in the Old Testament. Romance is that special gift from God, that delights in another person who reflects in their own unique way the image and likeness of God and of his love. Marriage may begin with romance, but is continued with day to day living out of virtue. Daily acts of self-denial and service of spouse and family.

There are stages in married life. The first stage, according to Dr Anna Maria Araujo de Venegas, is the infantile or egocentric stage. This stage is usually the first one to five years of marriage. This coincides with the many firsts in their marriage life e.g. first house, first baby. The main conflicts come from the relationship such as the wife's jealousy as to the amount of time her husband spends on work pursuits. The wife may be absorbed in having babies and being a mother. This is a time of growth as the dreams of youth give rise to the realities of family life.

In the second stage, the 'adult couple' become concerned about their growing children. It is easy in this stage to just live parallel lives and not really communicate as loving spouses. It is a time to really work on creating unity in the marriage. Spouses need to plan time to go out for dinner or away for a weekend to maintain their unity. Conflicts need to be handled as they arise so that they are not buried in the business of life. This stage needs to see a maturing of love in the marriage. It is easy to take each other for granted and show a lack of tenderness to the other spouse. Beware the mid-life crisis!

Maturity eventually comes. At this time there is no temptation to avoid the reality of life. The mature couple are faithful to their commitments despite difficulties that may have arisen over the years. This sort of couple are able to give the example that society needs. Marriage is a lifelong commitment to stay together with one person, until in death they do part.

Virtue for the Month of June-Patience

A virtue connected to the greater virtue of fortitude. “Patience helps us to handle the abundant setbacks, contradictions and sufferings of life. This virtue keeps us cheerful despite annoyances.” Mary Ann Budnick

“We are what we repeatedly do, excellence then is not an act but a habit” -Aristotle