

#### ST MARY of the CROSS MACKILLOP CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL EPPING NORTH NEWSLETTER

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21st September 2017

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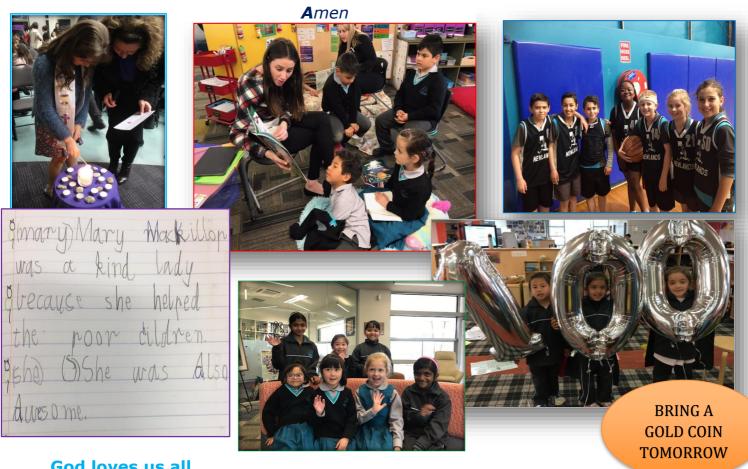
#### **TERM 3 2017**

We thank you Lord for this term.

For the challenges, the successes and the mistakes from which we have learnt. **B**e with us as we spend time with family and friends.

**G**ive us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. **H**elp us to be practical Christians these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others.

> Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. **B**ring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.



God loves us all. St Mary MacKillop 2.9.1906



**TERM 3 ENDS TOMORROW AT 3.25.** TERM 4 BEGINS MONDAY OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 8.45.

Leadership and Management encompasses the following areas: Organisation, Structures, Resource Management, Staff Wellbeing and Professional Learning.

#### **Dear SMCM School Community,**



**Term 3 ends tomorrow**. Where did this term go? Despite the illnesses that surrounded us this term, we have so much learning to celebrate in each level. Please visit your child's homegroup blog and their OLL over the holidays and provide some feedback on the learning. Thanks to those parents who regularly provide feedback via the blogs.

Our Sacramental season is ending with Presentation of Certificates at Masses during October. The Sacrament Season has been a time of great celebrations. Thank you Sarah for your Leadership, organisation and attention to detail.



#### **Sports Colours Day is tomorrow**

We have an action packed day prepared with lots of sporting activity for everyone. Please send a gold coin along with your child tomorrow.

UNDER

CONSTRUCTION

The steel is being delivered this week and today we have seen it beginning to rise from the ground!

Next week we should see the building taking shape. Let's hope we see lots more progress over the holidays.

Parish thanksgiving envelopes and statements have been sent home to all families today. Thank you for your support of our parish.

I hope the holidays are an opportunity for your family to spend some extra time together.

Thanks for your support of our school this term.

Geraldine

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#### From the Editors Desk **Attention Middle School Parents**

Updated Fee Accounts have been forwarded to our Middle School parents. This account includes the cost of Middle camp to be held next term. Camp payment is expected by Friday 20th October.



#### **Uniform Change Over**

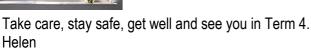
**Term 4** brings on the warmth of spring and with that the Summer uniform. Take time over the holidays to check if your child's uniform is a good fit. Hats are essential. You can order online from **Academy Uniforms**, the password being: Epping.



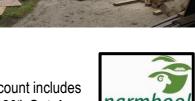
With the September school holidays looming fast, there are many local holiday programs available. Some of the options available come from Creeds Farm, Whittlesea Council and YMCA. Click on to any of the highlighted links for more information. And don't forget there is always the good outdoors. Parks, walks, bike rides out in the fresh air. The children will thoroughly enjoy the activity, come home absolutely ravenous - and it has not cost you a cent. How good is that!



Open the windows and doors and let the fresh air in. Let's get rid of all the germs and illness. It has been a tough term for the children with ongoing sickness throughout the term. Besides taking advantage of the warmer weather, also remember to allow your children to rest. Rest is so rejuvenating for little bodies.



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#### **EDUCATION IN FAITH**

Education in Faith encompasses the following areas: Religious Education, Prayer, Liturgy and Sacraments

Last weekend, we celebrated the Confirmation of our sacramental candidates. Congratulations to all those newly Confirmed who are now "sealed with the Holy Spirit".

This has completed a great two weeks of Sacramental celebrations and we are proud of the students who received one of the three sacraments and continue their faith journey. It has been a wonderful experience to

watch our students grow during this time Thank you to Bec, Sandra and Anna, Rachel and Marg, Cathy and Aaron and

Geraldine for their hard work helping the students prepare for these Sacraments. Thank you to Fr Minh for supporting our students and Parish during this time. Thank you to Bishop Terry for joining us on two occasions to confirm our

candidates last week and a big thank you goes to our Parish

singers who led each of our services with joyful songs.



At each of our Sacraments, photos were taken of our candidates. If you would like any of the photos, please email your child's Homegroup teacher or myself and we will forward on any photos taken of your child.

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#### KEY DATES FOR CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION MASSES

To conclude the Sacramental program this year and to continue their participation in parish life, young parishioners who made sacraments this year are invited to accept their Sacramental Certificate at the Parish Masses on any Saturday or Sunday on the Month of October. 7th. 14th. 21st and 28th SMCM: Saturday 5:30pm

Sarah

**Religious Education Leader** 

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St Peter's Church: Saturday 7.15pm (8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th) 9:00am

St Peter's Church: Sunday 10:30am

# Term Three

Term Three saw us celebrate in lots of ways with Book Week, Literacy & Numeracy Week, Sacraments, Mary MacKillop Feast day and Learning Conversations. Each of these celebrations were a highlight of our term! However, each day the learning that happens at school is full of highlights and engagement.

Congratulations to all our learners this term!











# Return all your

Earn & Learn stickers

by the end of term this Friday.

We have collected over 20000 points! Thank you for your support!



**Sustainability Update** 

In Term 4 we are making Wednesday's Wrapper Free. Nude Food will help to reduce rubbish in our school environment and to help us make healthier food choices.



# Wrapper Free Wednesday in Term 4



On Tuesday, the **Sustainability team** used our chicken eggs to make fried rice and sponge cake. It was delicious and we had fun making it, we shared our cooking with the staff and the seniors. Getting to use produce from our school made it 100 times healthier.



Foundation - <u>www.smcmlovetolearn.com</u>
Junior - <u>www.smcmhappydays.com</u>
Middle - <u>www.smcmfarmlearning.com</u>
Senior - <u>www.smcmlearningrocks.com</u>
Claire

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# STUDENT WELLBEING

Student Wellbeing encompasses the following areas: Student Engagement, Student Connectedness, School Climate, Inclusion and Prevention to Intervention

Congratulations to the students who were nominated for the awards of Thursday 14th & Friday 15th September

#### FARM Awards

#### Mary MacKillop Citizenship Awards

Calves: Angelina
Foals: Mia
Lambs: Ayse
Piglets: Dima
Dairy: Summer
Eucalyptus: Adrian
Jacarandas: Amelia D &

Amelia F
Orchards: Elvin
Paddocks: Paddocks
Peppercorns: Liesha

Barley: Lucas M & Justin

Canola: Zane Corn: Yenuli Wheat: Amelia Creeds: Dimitar Redding: Nayanika





Calves: Raphael
Foals: Patrick
Lambs: Lauren
Piglets: Aaleyah
Dairy: Jayden
Eucalyptus: Alana
Jacarandas: Leo

Orchards: Kayla Paddocks: Angelina

**Peppercorns:** Esha & Aaron **Barley:** Andrew & Walter

Canola: Trinity Corn: Dhihana Wheat: Ethan Creeds: Chris Redding: Boone



This is the last week of our RESPECTFUL social and emotional learning (SEL) for the term. Learning and Laughing focuses on finding and sharing enjoyment in all that we do together as a community.

This funny clip from Mary Poppins reminds us about laughing ...! love to laugh!



I'm so good at sleeping.
I can do it with my eyes closed.

KNOCK, KNOCK
WHO'S THERE?
A BROKEN PENCIL
A BROKEN PENCIL WHO?
NEVER MIND...
IT'S POINTLESS!



ome dressed tomorrow and bring a gold coin! It'll be a fun day to celebrate the

We



are a SUNSMART school we need to wear our school hats now!

Check the UV rating..

**Enjoy the holidays** and some relaxing family time!





#### **Digital Technologies**

Social media has become a popular and convenient way to communicate with our friends and family. Social Media includes websites and applications that enable users to create and share content such as messages and photos. These websites and apps have become a big part of our everyday lives. It is important to remember that there are several free social messaging apps that children can access on their iPod, iPhone and iPads. These apps are age restricted and should not be used in Primary School. Some of these popular apps include:



Snapchat - 12+

Instagram - 12+



Facebook - 13+

As we near the school holidays, this is a good time to have a chat to your children about how they can safely and responsibly use their personal devices.

Simone and Rebecca

**Digital Technologies Leaders** 

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY

School Community encompasses the following areas: Parents, Parish, School Education Board, Wider Community



Last Friday's Active Travel to School morning was great fun! Join in for the month of October as we try to keep up our record of being a very active and healthy school.



**Dental Consent Forms** need to be returned by Wednesday 11th

October – first Wednesday back





#### **SMCM Community Fair update**

Check out the fantastic bicycle at Reception.... It's one of the donated prizes for the Wheel at the

Sunday 19th November, 2017

59 Days until the Fair

**Diamond Level Sponsor** 



Factory 2, 159 Newlands Rd, Coburg, Victoria 3058 03 9355 7357

http://www.specialisedfire.com.au

Gold Level Sponsor



Phone No.- 0402 754 416 www.cerraconcrete.com.au Silver lever Sponsor



315 Harvest Home Road, Aurora Village

We would like to give a special mention to a number businesses who have generously made donations towards our Fair. If you or someone you know has a business that would be able to make a donation or sponsorship please contact Linda Cerra on rayandlindacerra@bigpond.com, or Kristy Sammut on kristyk62002@yahoo.com.au

Ray White – Mill Park

**BWS** – Epping North

Snitz - Epping

Readings Cinemas - Epping

Bakers Delight - Epping & South Morang

#### **CALLING ALL STALL HOLDERS!!**



We are looking to offer anyone wanting to book a stall at our Community Fair. Cost will be \$30 per 3x3 non powered site. Stall holders are to provide their own table, gazebo and change. Please note we will be only taking 2 of the same stall and



COMMUNITY

unfortunately we cannot accept cake stalls, hot food stall holders or second hand stalls. If you are interested please register your interest with our Community Fair leaders Linda Cerra

onrayandlindacerra@bigpond.com\_or Kristy Sammut on\_kristyk62002@yahoo.com.au .To secure your stall payment will be required by 1st September 2017.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th October 7:30pm. Please come along to help us plan our first school fair.

Cathy

**Deputy Principal Community & Family Engagement** cmccarthv@smcmeppingnth.catholic.edu.au

#### Extend OSHC at St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Catholic Primary School

Hello everyone.

"We have had another fun filled week of making things, playing new games, eating delicious food and making new friends.

A big thank you to Mirella Emmins' dad for giving us a fantastic recipe for making slime, and for showing me how to make it. Almost everyones favourite thing to make is slime. Next term we are looking forward to doing more science activities and more cooking.

Make sure you have booked in for next term!

SCHOOL CARE Dont forget that we are now starting our Hats and Sunscreen time! This is from September to May. If you havent already done so, please provide us with a cap for your child that can be kept at the program. Just a normal cap will do! If your child has sensitve skin, please let us know. Have a happy and safe holidays.

Julia, Team Leader

Extend Super Star of the Week: Ascah Thankachen

For: Always being willing to help. Generous with her time and patience. Very good

at teaching the foundation children when doing activities.

Mon 9th Oct: Gross Science, No Bake Marshmallow Slice, Toilet Tiggy

Tues 10th Oct: Red Rover, Pom Pom rug. Making Playdough

Wed 11th Oct: Outdoor play, free art

Thurs 12th Oct: 40/40 Home Base, Hatching Dinosaur Eggs, Yahtzee

Fri 13th Oct: Domino Challenge, 3 Legged Race

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com

Sweet Delights Soy Candles Garage Sale on the 23th of September at 12:30pm till 5pm

> Nothing Over \$25 Oil Melts -

Large & Small Jars Candles -Coffee Cups Candles -Gel Wax Beer Candles

22 Victoria Drive Thomastown





Hey, it might be holiday time, but who's going to feed us?





# Please join us for



SMCM Community Fair Sunday 19th November, 2017 10:00am - 3:00pm

47 Farmhouse Blvd, Epping VIC 3076



Live Demonstrations – Jumping Castle –
Rides – Market Stalls – Raffles – Mini
Animal Farm – Refreshments – Cake Stall –
Ice Cream – Sausage Sizzle

Plus Much Morel







If you would like to have a stall please contact

Linda on rayandlindacerra@bigpond.com or Kristy on kristyk62002@yahoo.com.au

### **SMCM DIARY DATES 2017**

| SEPTEMBER             |                   |   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---|
| Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>  |                   | Term 3 Finishes 3.25pm- Sports Colours Day - Gold coin please |
| OCTOBER               |                   | Term of misnes of spin opens deliberably delia com picase     |
| Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>   | 5.30pm            | Sacrament Certificate Mass                                    |
| Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>   | ОТООРТ            | Term 4 Commences  |
| Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>   | 12:45 & 1.45pm    | Swimming Classes – Foundation Homegroups                      |
| Wed 11th              | 7:30pm            | SMCM Community Fair Team Meeting                              |
| Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>  | 5.30pm            | Sacrament Certificate Mass                                    |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>  | 12:45 & 1.45pm    | Swimming Classes – Foundation Homegroups                      |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>  | 9 – 12m           | Bamberst's Preshow Incursion – Senior Homegroups              |
| Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> |                   | Seniors excursion to Immigration Museum                       |
| Tue 17th              | 7:30pm            | CaFE Team Meeting   |
| Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>  |                   | Regional Athletics  |
| Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>  |                   | Connectors Evening – Junior Homegroups                        |
| Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>  |                   | Walkathon – CaFE Team   |
| Sat 21st              | 5.30pm            | Sacrament Certificate Mass                                    |
| Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | 12:45 & 1.45pm    | Swimming Classes – Foundation Homegroups                      |
| Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>  |                   | Camp – Middle Homegroups                                      |
| Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>  |                   | Camp – Middle Homegroups                                      |
| Tue 24th              |                   | SAC Meeting   |
| Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>  |                   | Arts Centre Excursion – Senior Homegroups                     |
| Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>  |                   | Connectors Evening – Foundation Homegroups                    |
| Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>  | 5.30pm            | Sacrament Certificate Mass                                    |
| Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>  | 12:45 & 1.45pm    | Swimming Classes – Foundation Homegroups                      |
| NOVEMBER              | ·                 |   |
| Mon 6th               |                   | School Closure Day – Assessment & Reporting                   |
| Tues 7th              |                   | Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday                              |
| Wed 8th -Fri 10th     |                   | Camp Lorne – Senior Homegroups                                |
| Mon 13th              | 12.45 &<br>1.45pm | Swimming Classes – Foundation Homegroups                      |
| Wed 15th              | 7pm               | Prep 2018 Parent Information Evening                          |
| Thurs 16th            | 9 - 12            | Prep 2018 Transition Morning                                  |
| Sun 19th              | 10am – 3pm        | SMCM Community Fair   |
| Mon 20th              | 12.45& 1.45pm     | Swimming Classes – Foundation Homegroups                      |
| Thurs 23rd            | 9 -12             | Prep 2018 Transition Morning                                  |
| Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>  | 3.30 – 6pm        | School Sports @ SMC   |
| Mon 27th              | 12.45 & 1.45pm    | Swimming Classes – Foundation Homegroups                      |
| Tues 28th             | 7.30pm            | SAC Meeting   |
| Thurs 30th            | 9 -12pm           | Prep 2018 Transition Morning                                  |
| DECEMBER              |                   |   |
| Mon 11th              |                   | School Closure – 2018 Staff Planning                          |
| Sun 17th              |                   | SMCM Community Christmas Carols                               |
| Tues 19th             | 6pm               | Year 6 Graduation Dinner & Ceremony                           |
| Wed 20th              | 3.25pm            | Last Day for 2017   |





The Catholic Parish of

St. Peter's

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop **Epping** 

**Epping North** 

Parish Office and St Peter's church: 13 Davisson St, Epping

Ph: 9401 6300

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Cnr Redding Rise and Farmhouse Blvd Epping North

email: epping@cam.org.au
web site: www.cam.org.au/epping

#### Parish Priest: Rev Minh Tran SJ

#### Weekend Masses:

<u>St Peter's</u> Saturday 7.15pm, Sunday 9am & 10.30am <u>St Mary of the Cross MacKillop</u> Saturday 5.30pm

#### Weekday Masses:

<u>St Peter's</u> 9.15am Tuesday - Friday

#### Reconciliation:

Saturday 10.30 am - 11 am

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word every week:

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop 5.30pm St Peter's 10.30am

#### Northern Hospital - Catholic Chaplain:

Rosemary Bolzan 9401 6300 Fr Fayez Assaf

#### <u>Administration</u>

[Mon, Tue 9-3pm] - Michelle Hood

[Wed, Thurs 9-3pm Friday 9-2pm]
Monique Heckmann

# Business Manager/Accountant [Tues, Wed, Thurs 9-4pm] - Gil Bell

<u>Baptisms</u>: By appointment, three months notice required. Parents are required to prepare for their child's baptism by attending a Baptism Preparation evening.

Contact: Christine Hall 9401 6311

Sacramental Preparation 9401 6300

#### Pastoral Associate:

Sandy Starbuck 9401 6312

#### Formation Resource/ Pastoral Mentor

Sr Maureen Delaney rsc 9717 3355

<u>Marriages</u> by appointment.

Please contact the parish office.

#### **Schools**

St Peter's, Epping Ph: 9401 1157 St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Epping North Ph: 8432 4500 St Monica's Epping Ph: 9409 8800

St Vincent de Paul 1800 305 330

#### We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children in our Church

#### The Catholic Parish of Epping, Epping North

#### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Sunday, 24 September 2017

#### Opening Prayer

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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#### **Communion Prayer**

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life.

Through Christ our Lord.

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#### First Reading - Is 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

# Responsorial Psalm - Ps 144 (R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

- 1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.
- 2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.
- The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.
   He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

#### (R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading - Phil 1:20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

#### Gospel Acclamation - See Acts 16:14

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!** 

Let us pray for the sick: Justin Borden, Maggie Sagaria, Mazened Francis, Grace LeTin, Jo Bonicci, Rebecca Englezakis, Jason Azzilla, Nicholas Ludersamy, Palmera Tanse, Cherryl D'sa, Mark Paul Flavier, Rita Carusi, Dominic Prattico, Janey Hoorigan, Jay Larkas, Jennifer Harbour, Shanon Farrugia, Patricia DeSilva, Sabrina Jansz, Carmel McKenzie, Paul Pistol, Janie Pinkston, Faten Elmenawi, Kathy Rockwell, Cheryl Falzon, Michael & Roni Donovan, Carmen Caruana, Patricia Osborne, Rosa Maria Santos, Mario Paola, Laura Patullo, Patsy Heffernan, Dean Scerri, Jean Callaghan, James Sheppard, Don Miller, Phil Watkins

#### Recent death:

**Anniversary:** John Graham McRae, Gemma & Tony Fabiani, Mary Cheung,

Rite of Welcome for Baptism



#### Rules for the Discernment of Spirits

Rules for understanding to some extent the different movements produced in the soul and for recognizing those that are good to admit them, and those that are bad, to reject them. These rules are more suited to the first week

In the case of those who go from one mortal sin to another, the enemy is ordinarily accustomed to propose apparent pleasures. He fills their imagination with sensual delights and gratifications, the more readily to keep them in their vices and increase the number of their sins.

With such persons the good spirit uses a method which is the reverse of the above. Making use of the light of reason, he will rouse the sting of conscience and fill them with remorse.

In the case of those who go on earnestly striving to cleanse their souls from sin and who seek to rise in the service of God our Lord to greater perfection, the method pursued is the opposite of that mentioned in the first rule.

Then it is characteristic of the evil spirit to harass with anxiety, to afflict with sadness, to raise obstacles backed by fallacious reasoning's that disturb the soul. Thus he seeks to prevent the soul from advancing.

It is characteristic of the good spirit, however, to give courage and strength, consolations, tears, inspirations, and peace. This He does by making all easy, by removing all obstacles so that the soul goes forward in doing good.

Spiritual Consolation. I call it consolation when an interior movement is aroused in the soul, by which it is inflamed with love of its Creator and Lord, and as a consequence, can love no creature on the face of the earth for its own sake, but only in the Creator of them all. It is likewise consolation when one sheds tears that move to the love of God, whether it be because of sorrow for sins, or because of the sufferings of Christ our Lord, or for any other reason that is immediately directed to the praise and service of God. Finally, I call consolation every increase of faith, hope, and love, and all interior joy that invites and attracts to what is heavenly and to the salvation of one's soul by filling it with peace and quiet in its Creator and Lord. (to be continued)

St Vincent de Paul Society HELP! Over recent months our stocks of good works toiletries have been depleted. We're in urgent need of deodorants, shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste & toothbrushes, soap, etc. We are appealing, once more, to your generosity of spirit and ask that in your shopping over the next few weeks, if you could purchase one or two items to help build up our stock again ... that would be wonderful. Thank you in anticipation for helping us to assist those in need within our Parish of Epping and Epping North.

Euthanasia & Physician Assisted Suicide – Why are we concerned? Are you a former student of Assumption College Kilmore? If so, It is not to late for those of you still interested in writing a letter to voice your concerns to your local MP [Bronwyn Halfpenny -Suite 10, 2 Graystone Court Epping]. Sample letters are available from the parish website. www.cam.org.au\epping

St Peter Claver Mission Fair Saturday 14 October 9am-3pm Convent Grounds 154 Cotham Road Kew. All welcome!

#### CHILD SAFETY CODE OF CONDUCT

At our Parish we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish. Our commitment is drawn from the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and sanctity of each human person. For our parish to be a child safe parish, we have established a child safety committee and this committee has attended meetings given by CatholicCare to inform themselves on how best to make our parish child safe. A child safe policy has been established and is available for all parishioners to view in the foyer of the church and on the parish website. We have a Code of Conduct Statement with an acknowledgement that is required to be signed by all parishioners involved in any activity at the parish. We have set procedures and methods of reporting in case of any suspected child abuse. We have also established a risk management checklist for all ministry groups to review at every meeting. You will also notice we have included on the Parish newsletter a logo promoting a child safe environment.

Child safety is a very serious matter and should be included in all parish discussions and meetings on how best to minimise any child's risk in feeling safe at all times. Child Safety is a partnership we will all need to be involved in. At the moment we only have a small group of people involved in the Child safety Committee and we would appreciate more parishioner participation. Please contact its members by phoning the parish office on 9401 6300. We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children in our Church

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!**

Parishioner Thanks Giving envelopes and statements are available in the foyer of the church for you to collect. Thank you



SMC Alumni Community Day Sunday 22 October 12noon-4pm St Monica's College Junior Campus 400 Dalton Road Epping. Jumping Castle, Sausage Sizzle, Petting Zoo and much more FREE EVENT All welcome!!



THIS weekend we celebrate Social Justice Sunday - This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. Statements and Prayer cards available in the foyer. Please take one!

Alumni Development Officer Maria Cleve would love to hear from you. ACK will celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2018 and there are many events being planned for former students. Please phone Maria Cleve on [03] 57835 343 or email: maria.cleve@assumption.vic.edu.au

Church cleaning Saturday 30 September 2017 Gil Bell, Mary Millington, Pauline Wardley Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Friday at St Peter's 7.30pm. All welcome!