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**Primary School Brunswick East** 

Exceptional Education

## Newsletter 2, Term 3, 2022

Friday 22nd of July



A Prayer for Winter

Dear Lord.

In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce, remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early to remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak, remind us that Spring is but a short time away.

When in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light that alone can take away the darkness we may feel.

Amen

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great start to the term with high levels of student engagement which is always a delight to see. Students have settled back into school routines and are looking forward to exploring their chemical and physical science units this term.

Just a friendly reminder to all our families that the gates open at 8.30 a.m. and the first bell is at 8.45 a.m. for our morning assembly. We have noticed that we are having an increasing number of students arriving at school after 9.00 a.m. which means they are officially late to school. I know that it is cold and it is increasingly harder to get everyone out the door on time, however being late to school means that your child can miss important instruction in reading and writing which can negatively impact their learning. We encourage all families to have their children to school by 9.00 a.m. as this ensures children are marked as present for the day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting the school in relation to current mask wearing recommendations, we know this makes a difference in keeping all in our community healthy and safe. As communicated earlier in the week, we have received advice from the Department of Education that it is now highly recommended that masks are worn by staff and students over eight years of age when indoors at school until the 31st of August. Our staff have been regularly wearing masks when indoors and it has been great to see the number of students who have embraced this recommendation. By working together to help minimise the spread of COVID-19, we are hopeful to have a term with minimal interruptions due to illness. Please note the following reminders.

#### Rapid Antigen Tests - Terms Three and Four

The Victorian Government has determined the Rapid Antigen Test distribution strategy for Terms Three and Four. Under the approach, schools will receive up to three deliveries of tests each in Terms Three and Four. Schools will be able to provide these tests to parents/carers, staff or students on request, as the previous settings that required weekly or daily testing of students and staff have ceased. Each delivery will include one pack of Rapid Antigen Tests per student or staff member in mainstream schools. Please contact the office if your child requires a test kit.

# Managing a confirmed case and household contacts of COVID-19 in schools

Where a student or staff member is identified as a positive case, the following steps should be taken:

- 1. Parents/carers should inform the school by phone or written notification.
- 2. Students who report a positive result must isolate themselves for seven days and not attend school during that period.
- 3. Where a student is a household contact of a positive case (that is, they have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation, or care facility) they must inform the school. Household and household-like contacts are no longer required to guarantine as long as they take additional safety measures in the seven days that would have been their quarantine period. Household contacts are required to inform the school that they are attending during the seven day period. Household contacts must undertake rapid antigen testing five times within the seven day period. Household contacts need to wear a face mask at school when indoors during the seven day period if they are aged eight years or above, unless they have a valid exemption.
- 4. Principals will notify staff and the school community through a daily email (where applicable) when a student or staff member has (or multiple students or staff members) have returned a positive COVID-19 test result and had attended the school.

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- 5. Staff or students need to refrain from returning to school if they remain symptomatic, unless it is known that their symptoms are ongoing, or caused by an underlying health condition or medication.

#### Year 5 Secondary School Enrolments

I remind families that applications for Year 7 in 2024 for Catholic Secondary Schools must be in by Friday, 19th August. Our Year 5 students must enrol by this date if they wish to attend a Catholic Secondary School. Your child will not be accepted if the enrolment form is not handed in to the secondary school of your choice on time.

#### Reminder School Closure

Friday 5th of August is a school closure day. (Staff Professional Learning - Berry Street) - No students to attend.



#### Second Hand Uniform Sale

We have received wonderful

donations of uniform pieces, including bags, and we're very grateful for them! Now is the opportunity to pick up any items your child might be missing, for only a gold coin per piece! Summer, winter, boy and girl, size 4 - 14 items available, plus library bags, school backpacks and more! Meet us outside the school library at 3.00pm on Thursday July 28th to make your purchase.

Thank you,
OLHC Parent Association



# Mad About Science Incursion

On Tuesday the Year 5/6 participated in a science program called 'Mad About Science.' The program involved

learning about matter and how matter is the building block that makes up all the structures and foundations of the universe.

Students also enjoyed learning that a physical reaction is where two elements interact, but can be reversed to return to their normal state, whereas a chemical reaction is irreversible, meaning that it cannot be returned to its original state.

There were many fun, hands-on experiences shared with fellow peers and they particularly enjoyed the exploding plastic sandwich bag filled with vinegar and baking soda..... be warned families! Students were informed that they must ask for consent and parental supervision before conducting these experiments at home.

"It was very enjoyable. I learnt about atoms, physical and chemical reactions." Claudia 5P

"It was fun and I thought I was going to explode the plastic bag. I learnt that polymers are atoms that drink water." Will 5P

"I really like how we got to do different experiments and I learnt about how atoms never touch. Also, if you put dishwashing detergent in vinegar and add bi-carb soda, it is an inhibitor as it slows the reaction down." Arthur 5P

"I really enjoyed the workshop. It was interactive and fun. I particularly enjoyed the experiments we did and it was good that we got something to take home. I learnt that there is a difference between physical changes and chemical reactions." Keira 5L

"I believe this workshop was very interesting as we got to learn more about chemistry. The experiments we did were very enjoyable and I learnt a lot during this experience." Luca 5L

"I loved being a part of this workshop. I learned heaps and the experiments were enjoyable. I am really glad I got to experience this incredible science lesson." Victoria 5L

I learnt that a catalyst speeds up a chemical reaction and an inhibitor slows it down. - Allegra 6A

The term exothermic is a process which produces heat outwards. An indicator is a substance which is used to test if a chemical is dangerous or not. - Nicolo 6A

I learnt a polymer is a material which absorbs substances and is used in things like nappies. - Christian 6A

Scarlett used some water and a tablet of alka seltzer to make the test tube lid pop off. The combination created a gas which pushed the lid off, causing it to make a popping sound.

Milla and Elliot 6KF

We learnt that there are different types of atoms. The atoms in an orbi attract the water molecules causing the orbi to expand in size, over time. Isabelle 6KF

We used an indicator (cabbage water) to detect if the liquid was a base, neutral or acidic. Heike 6KF







National Science Week 13th - 21st August

National Science Week is an opportunity for everyone to talk about

science, see science and do science. This initiative complements the current whole school inquiry learning focus about chemical and physical science.

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology. Running each year in August, it features more than 1000 events around Australia, including those delivered by universities, schools, research institutions, libraries, museums and science centres. These events attract a wide audience from children to adults, and science amateurs to professionals. Over one million people participate in science events across the nation.

There are many learning opportunities for families to engage locally. In the area of East Brunswick there are 34 local events, 39 online events and seven competitions to experience. You can find more information by clicking on this link.

During this inquiry the students are learning about what scientists do, how they think, what jobs they do and the scientific process they follow. During this week we would like to invite any scientist in our community to share their area of expertise. Please email Jackie McGrath

jmcgrath@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au



Brunswick District Sports Association Athletics Carnival

The Brunswick District Sports Association Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 4th August 2022 at the Harold Stevens Athletics Track in North Coburg. Trials for Years 3-6 students are being conducted during physical education sessions in order to select an Our Lady Help of Christians Team. The team will be selected one week prior to the event. Events include 100m, 200m, 800m, 1500m, 4 x 100m relay, high jump, long jump, triple jump, discus and shot put. Events are conducted for the following age groups: 9/10 Years, 11 Years and 12/13 Years. Each school can have one competitor participating in each event. A student can compete in a maximum of 2 individual events and a relay. Ms Cordner will provide further information to successful participants closer to the event.

#### Year P-2 Science Incursion

On Monday 25th July the Prep/1/2 students will be engaged in a learning opportunity facilitated by a scientist from 'Mad About Science'. The students will be exposed to learning experiences related to changing states of matter as they unpack their compelling question: What is it made of and can I/we change it?

#### Year 3/4 Excursion to CERES

On Monday the 1st August the Year 3/4 students will be heading to CERES to learn about the changing state of paper as it progresses through the recycling phase. They will endeavour to find a solution to their compelling inquiry question: What's the matter and how does it change?

#### Australian Mathematics Trust Competition



A number of students in Years 3-6 have entered the Australian Mathematics Trust competition which will be held on Wednesday 3rd August. Teachers are preparing the students for this online event by applying their mathematical skills to solve problems. This is a great learning opportunity for these students to challenge their thinking. We wish them all the very best.

#### Taking Action- Active Citizenship

Last term students were actively engaged in a social justice inquiry unit, learning about how we can make a difference and thinking about how they can improve our communities. Students have planned many actions which they will communicate and take action in the next few weeks that will make a difference to the Our Lady Help of Christian community.

Taking Action- Prep Level



Nude Food Day is a worldwide initiative developed to encourage kids and parents to eat well and live well, and help eliminate unnecessary packaging and wrapping that goes into schools. Essentially. kids bring their food – nude! This reduces the amount of rubbish that goes into the bins, that goes into the ground, that pollutes our planet. Nude Food has been a practice that the 2022 Prep students have been focusing on every Friday. They would like to share this practice with the whole school on FRIDAY 29th July- OLHC Nude Food Day. As communicators the Prep students will communicate this message and raise awareness to educate other students about what Nude Food is and is not. As active citizens they are endeavouring to minimise the amount of packaging coming into our school and the subsequent litter that it can create in our school yard. We ask that families consider other ways that food can be prepared.



#### **Eucharist Candidates**

Please pray for the following young people from our school and parish catechist program who will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist on Saturday the

30th of July at Our Lady Help of Christians Church. We wish the following students every success as

they celebrate this special occasion with their families.

Elka Agresta Erik Androvitsaneas Alexander Assaad Louis Audsley Gaia Babiano Emma Camon-Barresi Lauren Camon-Barresi Thomas Bogan Zuri Cantoni Cartia Catelli Charlie Doyle Alessandro Febbrarino Thomas Grasso Lachlan Hugo Oliver Jones Thomas Jones Alexander Keating James Koutsovasilis Vivienne Koutsovasilis Rory Lennon Angelica Marino Athieng Mou Mia Naidoo **Xavier Roberts** Raphael Roch Alia Sharman

#### SRC and Social Justice Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected SRC and Social Justice Representatives for Semester Two.
Student Representative Council Leaders:
Prep A Emma G, Prep O Neve P, 1DL Grace R, 1P Ava B, 2C Aiden S, 2V Stevie T, 3C Harvey B, 3S Mael B, 4B Aston A, 4M Mia N, 5L Madeleine D, 5P Kian R, 6A Josie V, 6KF Sophia LT.
Social Justice Leaders:

Prep A Majok M, Prep O Patrick R, 1DL Elektra Z, 1 P Elizabeth N, 2 C Jordan K, 2V Matisse A, 3C Samantha R, 3S Zachary A, 4B Arsema T, 4M Caleb H, 5L Tomas E, 5P Massimo G, 6A Sophia M, 6KF Georgia M



#### Australian Girls Choir Visit - 18th August

If your daughter is interested in auditioning for the Australian Girls Choir, please refer to the attached flyer, and return the permission slip to the School Office prior to the Choir's visit to Our Lady's School on the 18th August, at 9:15 a.m.

# Reminder Family Mass Sundays 10:30 a.m. at St Ambrose Church.

The parish warmly invites you to join in our Sunday morning Family Mass 10:30 a.m. at St Ambrose Church on Sydney Road. Children's Liturgy - kids' break out session during mass - is a relaxed and friendly 15 minutes explanation of the Gospel reading and activity. Morning Tea is hosted on the first Sunday of the month after mass and is a great way to meet other families and parishioners. All are welcome!

Thank you,

Nicolette Cumbo and Elisa Ronzoni (Children's Liturgy Coordinator) - school parents and Parish Council members.

#### Student Birthdays



We hope the following students have a wonderful birthday over this week:-Sofia 4B

#### Student Awards

A huge congratulations to the following children on receiving Student of the Week Awards. We thank all of you for making OLHC such a thriving learning community.

Name	Class	Award
Juliet B	Prep A	For your wonderful contributions to class discussions!! You are always an attentive listener when others are speaking and I love the way you encourage your peers to have a go! We are so lucky to have you as a member of Prep A Juliet! Keep up the great work.
Felix T	Prep O	For your incredible work during our numeracy unit, sharing. It is wonderful to see you using different concrete materials to demonstrate sharing between small groups. Keep up the amazing work!
Aldana T	1DL	For preparing a wonderful application to be a SRC leader. The work you put into this was a joy to read. The resilience you demonstrated in the face of disappointment shows you are a leader of 1DL. Keep demonstrating your great work ethic and persistence to help our class grow. Great work Aldana!
Vivienne W	1P	For always listening carefully and trying your very best to show your learning. Congratulations on hearing and recording the sounds when writing your holiday recount this week. I love the way you take on challenges and try new things even if they are tricky. Thank you for being a kind friend to everyone in Year 1P. You are a superstar!

Piath M	2C	For the wonderful way you approach challenges. I have been particularly proud of the way you have approached new learning in multiplication. You listen, ask questions and take on feedback to describe arrays and solve multiplication problems. Keep up the great work, Piath!
Meklit E	2V	For the way you lead by example in the classroom. You treat everyone with kindness and respect, and you are always willing to help those around you. You were even looking out for me this week which was very helpful. We are so lucky to have you in 2V Meklit!
Owen B	3C	For an outstanding information report on the life of John Wood. Your presentation is detailed, informative and entertaining - a joy to read and learn about the incredible work of John Wood, a truly active citizen. Thank you for communicating his life story with us and well done Owen!
Venice N	3S	For her kindness and friendliness towards others. You demonstrate our school values of love and compassion as you include all in games and conversations. Keep it up, you're a superstar!
Harrison R	4B	Congratulations on your sizzling starts for your narrative writing this week. You have used

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		your imagination to create engaging introductions to your narrative story. Keep up the great work.	
Louis A	4M	For the wonderful way that you have settled into our school. You have a growth mindset and have made a great effort when facing the challenges of a new school!	
Jeremy B	5L	For working well in class in the preparation of our Assembly. You collaborated well with other students and created an interesting presentation on Physics.	
Kian R	5P	Kian, you have really impressed the class with your ability to respect others and consider their needs and wants. You have been taking control of your learning experiences, by getting involved in extra sessions with the teacher to extend your writing ability. Well done on listening so attentively during these sessions and getting involved in group discussions. You always display an appreciation and passion for mathematics and this shows in your results. Well done on such a great start to term three and congratulations on receiving SRC in your second semester of schooling.	
Sam M	6A	For a great start to Semester 2! You have been following instructions and putting in your best effort to your	

		learning tasks. 6A enjoyed hearing the characterisation from your narrative that you shared with the class. Awesome effort Sam!
Julius C	6KF	For keeping safe and following instructions when conducting the experiments during our 'Mad About Science' incursion. Your hypothesis of what might happen demonstrated careful thought about the information presented.

#### 2022 Dates

#### Term 3 2022

Wednesday 27/7/22 4A Assembly 2:45pm. - 3:15 pm.

Thursday 28/7/22 Second Hand Uniform Shop - 3.00 pm outside the library.

Friday 29/7/22 OLHC Nude Food Day.

Saturday 30/7/22 Sacrament of Eucharist 5.00 pm at OLHC Church.

Tuesday 2/8/22 SAC Meeting at 7.00 pm.

Wednesday 3/8/22 3C Assembly 2:45pm. - 3:15 pm.

Friday 5/8/22 School Closure Day (Staff Professional Learning - Berry Street) - No students to attend.

Monday 8/8/22 Mary MacKillop Feast Day.

Tuesday 9/8/22 Mary MacKillop Feast Day Mass at 9.30 am.

Wednesday 10/8/22 2C Assembly 2:45pm. - 3:15 pm.

Saturday 13/8/22 Major Fundraiser. Rescheduled until next term, date to follow shortly.

Wednesday 17/8/22 2V Assembly 2:45pm. - 3:15 pm.

Tuesday 23/8/22 PA Meeting at 7.00 pm.

Wednesday 24/8/22 6KF Assembly 2:45pm. - 3:15 pm.

Friday 26/8/22 Book Week Parade and celebrations - theme - Dreaming With Eyes Open.

Thursday 1/9/22 Father's Day Stall.

Friday 2/9/22 Father's Day Breakfast/Footy Colours Day.

Sunday 4/9/22 Father's Day.

Wednesday 7/9/22 OLHC Art Show 4.30-6.30 pm A-K families.

Thursday 8/9/22 OLHC Art Show 4.30-6.30 pm L-Z families.

Wednesday 14/9/22 Special Lunch Day.

Friday 16/9/22 Term 3 concludes at 1.00 pm.

Finally, as always I would love to hear any feedback you have about our school, so please feel free to email me at

mmcintosh@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au with any thoughts, concerns or suggestions that you may have to continue to make our school a wonderful place to be and to learn. I will get back to you as soon as I can and do appreciate any feedback that you have to share.

Kind regards,

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# St Aloysius College

**YEAR 7 2024** 

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## Key Dates

Enrolment Applications close Friday, 19th August 2022 Offers sent Friday, 21st October 2022 Offer Acceptance Deadline Friday, 11th November 2022

### **ENROLMENT PROCESS**

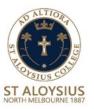
- **1** Attend Campus Tour Book via College website
- 2 Submit Online Application See College website for details
- **3** Final Steps Interview, offer and acceptance

Limited places remain for Year 8-12 all-girls enrolment to St Aloysius College. If this is of interest, we encourage you to contact the College Registrar at registrar@aloysius.vic.edu.au or 9325 9200 as soon as possible.

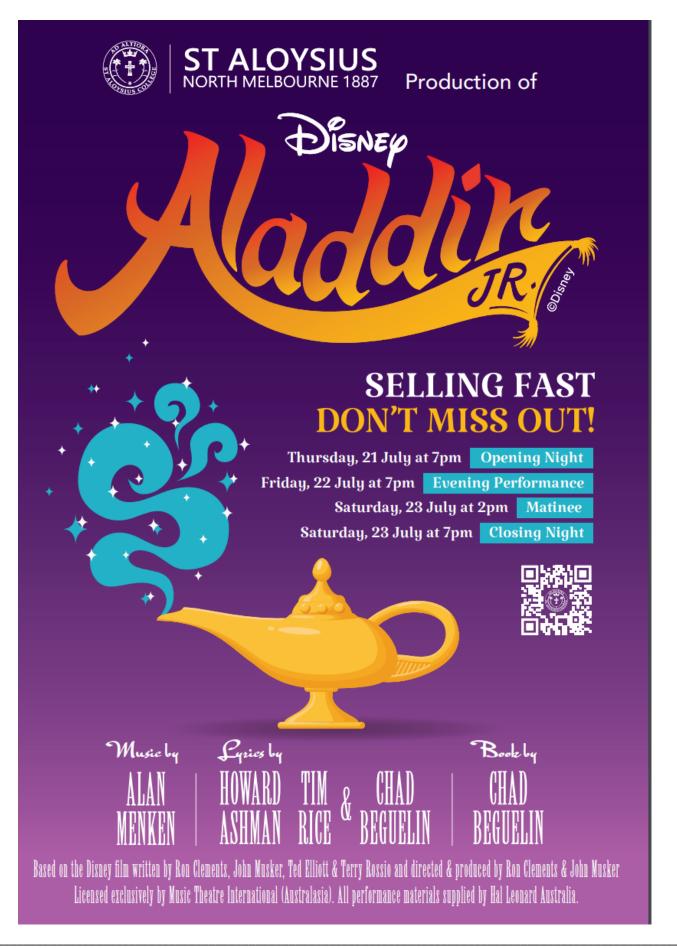
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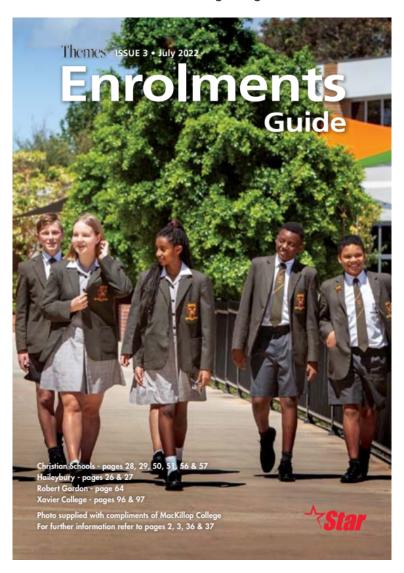
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## Victoria School Guides

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION - for parents**

In 2022 many parents will still need to make decisions regarding their child's education for 2023 and beyond.



To assist your decision making in relation to your child's education for 2023 and beyond, please find below a link to the 2022 edition of the Enrolments Guide.

#### **CLICK HERE:**

https://victoriaschoolguides.starcommunity.com.au/enrolments-guide/











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The group assessment workshop includes singing and movement activities and is designed to be a fun and positive experience. Following our visit, we will post a personalised report and further information about 2023 classes to you.



Register Online

Register Online or return the permission slip to school

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AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR	assessment (Please return to the front	office by Friday)		
Girl's Full Name	Date of Birth _		Grade	
School	Parent Full Name			
Address	Suburb	Postcode	State	
Email	Phone			
I give permission for my daughter to at	tend the group assessment for the Australian	Girls Choir		
Parent/Caregiver Name	Signature			