

## Calendar of Events

### APR

- Fri 13 **Assembly 4/5H**  
End of Term - normal  
finish time 3.05pm

*School Holidays 14 to 29 April*

- Mon 30 Pupil Free Day - OSHC**  
**is available**

### MAY

- Tue 1 to Fri 4 Junior Primary  
Swimming
- Tue 1 Morphett Vale Sacrament  
Program 5.30pm to 7pm
- Thu 3 "Cakes for Change" Stall  
4/5PM
- Fri 4 Assembly 4/5PM
- Mon 7 P&F Meeting 9am
- Thu 10 "Cakes for Change" Stall  
6/7RM & Rec S
- Emmaus Feast Day**
- Fri 11 Mother's Day Stall
- Tue 15 NAPLAN  
Morphett Vale Sacrament  
Program 5.30pm to 7pm
- Wed 16 NAPLAN
- Thu 17 NAPLAN  
'Cakes for Change' stall  
6/7MS & Rec DA

- Fri 18 **Assembly 1/2M**  
Walk Safely to School  
Day

### **Mon 21 Pupil Free Day**

- Thu 24 "Cakes for Change" Stall  
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- Fri 25 Start of Catholic  
Education Week
- Tue 29 Morphett Vale Sacrament  
Program 5.30pm to 7pm
- Thu 31 "Cakes for Change" Stall  
1/2MR

### JUNE

- Fri 1 Assembly REC DA  
**Early Dismissal 1pm**  
**(2pm Staff Mass @**  
**Cardijn) - OSHC**  
**available**

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# Canberra 2018



Thank you to the parents, staff and everyone in our community who supported our Middle School Canberra Trip this year.

Our Senior students learnt so much and had so much fun! But most importantly they have grown and matured in so many ways – they will never be the same! It was an experience of a lifetime!

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Here we are at the end of another term and I think everyone is well and truly ready for a break.

### Sports Day

What a fabulous day we all enjoyed last Friday! Congratulations to Coolock for winning the Spirit Shield and to Marin for winning the Sports Day Cup. A huge thank you goes to Amanda Fairley, our PE teacher, for organising all of the staff and children with their events and to our groundsman Peter Mensforth and his helper Don Fuller- the school looked amazing (especially the oval with new seating). I also want to extend my thanks to the P&F for co-ordinating and running the sausage sizzle, drinks and cake stall, I especially appreciate the work of Mel Lennard and Tathiana Powney in the lead up to the big day and all of the parents that helped out by taking a turn on the BBQ, Cake Stall or selling sausages – every little bit of help was appreciated. I am pleased to announce that we raised \$963.

### Staffing

As you would already be aware, our Deputy Principal, Gary Pascoe has been Acting Principal at St Bernadette's Catholic School this term, and you may also know that this arrangement has been extended for next term. During term two, Jen Houareau will be continuing in her leadership administration role however, Caroline Aro is unable to continue with her teaching commitment in the 4/5 class. I am pleased to announce though, that Amanda Fairley will be taking over this co-teaching role.

Many of you will know Amanda for her work as PE teacher across the school this term. Amanda is a fully qualified and dedicated Primary Years teacher, who already knows our school and these students. We are very happy to have her with us for more time next term. I thank Caroline for her work during this term and we hope to see her back sometimes as her family commitments permit.

In addition to this classroom role, I have asked Amanda Fairley to continue in her role as PE teacher across the whole school, for the rest of the year. While we don't know about Gary Pascoe's placement beyond term two, this decision affords our community greater certainty as we move through 2018.

### Ms Gurr's Holiday Reading Challenge

Holidays are almost here and of course a bit of down time is the perfect time to pick up a book! I will again be running my Reading Challenge over the holiday break. **The challenge is simply to read every day of the holidays.** To enter, students must read over the holidays and record their reading on the raffle tickets that come home today. The ticket proforma will also be emailed to all families in case any get lost before getting home. For the tickets to be valid, they must be signed by an adult. There will be a maximum of 17 tickets available for each student (because there are 17 days of holidays) and lots of prizes to be won. We will draw the winner of the Reading Challenge at our first Assembly back next term. I hope all our students (and their teachers and parents) read, read, read over the holidays.

### Playground

I have been assured that demolition on the old playground will commence next Monday. This will mean that students come back to school with a shiny new playground. Vacation Care students will see the work take place first hand and they will keep us up to date with a few progress pics on FB.

### JP Swimming

JP students will attend their annual school swimming lessons at the indoor Noarlunga Pool in the first week of school next term. All permission and money should have been returned. Please contact the office or child's teacher if you have any questions. Please note the office will be closed during the school holidays but open on our Pupil Free Day, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

I wish you all happy and safe holidays and I hope you enjoy some quality time with your family and friends.

God bless,  
Catherine

*From the APRIM*

### IN THE MIDST OF THE EASTER SEASON

Well, we may have finished eating our chocolate eggs and bunnies (some of us, perhaps), but Easter is much bigger than just one day. In our Catholic liturgical calendar, Easter is a season of time and we celebrate this time by sharing the stories of Jesus' resurrection. In fact, the Easter season is six weeks long!

No doubt, if we had been alive in Jesus' time we, like his disciples, would have been astonished by the miracle of his resurrection. "Jesus' Resurrection was about breaking out into an entirely new form of life, into a life that is no longer subject to the laws of dying and becoming, but lies beyond it – a life that opens up a new dimension of human existence."

Throughout history, Jesus has been transforming lives and drawing people to greatness. Today, Jesus is WITH US ALWAYS, challenging us and strengthening us to be more. We can know that what Jesus offers is TRUTH simply because of how his presence and his call to love enlivens our relationships, brings us to wholeness and gives us a happiness that never goes away.

Now, what would we have been thinking if we were one of Jesus' followers on that first Easter day? "....they were simply overwhelmed by the reality, but after their initial hesitation and astonishment, they could no longer ignore that reality. It is truly he. He is alive; he has spoken to us; he has allowed us to touch him, even if he no longer belongs to the tangible in the normal way."



The cross becomes a symbol of new life, of transformation, of restoration and of Jesus being with us always. How will you experience this new life in your family? How will you learn more about the dream God has for your life?

*(Adapted from Prin-Scripts 2012- All Quotes from "Jesus of Nazareth" by Pope Benedict XVI)*



**PROJECT COMPASSION**  
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### SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION IN 2018

We hope you have received your family's Project Compassion Box. These boxes are a very tangible way for us to donate those loose coins that, once added together can mean a lot to a charity like Caritas. You may like to think of a fun way to engage children in this giving. Any families who do use these boxes for donations can return them to the front office by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April (Last day of term.)



## 2018 MORPHETT VALE PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAM

The Sacrament Program began in early February.

This program is especially for children 7 years of age and older who would like to continue their spiritual journey in the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of **Confirmation** and **First Holy Communion**. The Sacrament Program will be held fortnightly on Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm - 7:00pm in the Morphett Vale Parish Hall, during school terms only.

These dates include:

**Term 2:** May 1st May 15th May 29th June 12th June 26th

**Term 3:** July 24th Aug 7th Aug 21st Sept 4th Sept 18<sup>th</sup>

**Term 4:** Oct 16th Oct 30th Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

Contact the parish office for more information or to register your child by phone: 8326 1555, via email ([mvparish@internode.net.au](mailto:mvparish@internode.net.au)) or by visiting their website (<http://www.morphettvalecatholic.com/>)

## BAPTISM

God calls each of us to a closer relationship with God where we can gain clarity, fulfillment and true happiness. It can be hard to hear this call and there is certainly enough noise to distract us. But when the time is right, something opens us to a deeper understanding and we are transformed. May we each take time to listen more closely to God's call. What awesome things has God got planned for you?

There have been a number of parents and families asking about Baptism in the parish and seeking baptism for their children. The parish is certainly here to support families on this very important stage on their faith journey. If there are any other families interested in baptism, please contact the parish office on 8326 1555 or visit the website: <http://www.morphettvalecatholic.com/> . I may also be able to answer any of your questions.

## RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

Adults who are interested in Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion prepare and celebrate through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA.) In the Morphett Vale Catholic Community, the program begins in the second half of the year and the sacrament is celebrated on Easter Saturday the following year. If anyone is interested or just wants to find out more about the program, please contact the parish office on 8326 1555 or visit the website: <http://www.morphettvalecatholic.com/> . I may also be able to answer any of your questions.

God Bless,

Paul Mensforth

APRIM (Assistant Principal –Religious Identity and Mission)

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# CLUB ROCK

For students with disabilities (siblings welcome to attend)

DANCE • SING • ACT • HAVE FUN!

4:30-6pm at the Burnside ballroom, 401 Greenhill Rd,  
Tusmore

2018 DATES:

March 16

April 13

May 11

June 15

July 27

August 17

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 7

**Free Event  
for under  
18s**



Down Syndrome  
South Australia  
Learn Grow Thrive



**variety**  
the children's charity

## Fee Reminder

Fees for 2018 should now be finalised unless you have a direct debit in place or have seen me to make other arrangements.



Reminder statements will be sent out shortly.

If you feel you may be eligible for School Card, please see the office.

If you have any queries or would like to make an appointment please contact Vickie Richardson.

## Jottings from Joy

# **ADVANCE NOTICE** **Free Parent Workshop Week 4 Term 2** **What to do when** **children press your buttons**

This workshop will assist parents/carers:

- Identifying triggers
- Understanding what is behind their child's behaviour
- Learning how to defuse the behaviour and find new behaviour management strategies



**Venue:**  
Emmaus Catholic Primary School  
2 Todd St  
Woodcroft

**Date:**  
Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018  
**Time:**  
1.45-3pm

**FREE CRECHE AVAILABLE**

**Bookings essential, please contact Centacare on 8215 6700 or [registrations@centacare.org.au](mailto:registrations@centacare.org.au)**



## Pupil Free Day - 30th April 2019

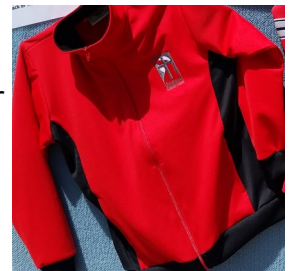
A reminder, Monday, 30th April is a Pupil Free day - OSHC is available on this day. The booking sheet will be sent with the newsletter today. If your child has not attended OSHC previously you will need to complete an enrolment form.

Accounts are emailed to each family. For further information please contact Vanessa on 0438 444 714 or via email [oshc@emmaus.catholic.edu.au](mailto:oshc@emmaus.catholic.edu.au).

### UNIFORM COMMITTEE

As we commence a new year, we are looking for parent representatives to join our uniform committee. This group of parents meets once a term during the day, with the Principal and the Lowes' representative to ensure our students continue to wear smart uniforms that can withstand the usual wear and tear.

If you are interested, please email an expression of interest to Catherine Gurr - [cgurr@emmaus.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cgurr@emmaus.catholic.edu.au)



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