



St Kevin's School Newsletter
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Our theme for this year is
ACT! EMPOWER! FLOURISH!

FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR TERM 1!

Dear Parents,

There are a couple of final messages we need to share with you so have decided to do one last newsletter for the term - albeit a mini one. I hope you are all keeping calm and caring for each other in these strange times. We are trying to keep things as normal as possible here at school for all our children's sake. We do not need to add to the worry and confusion so we will sustain our business as usual for as long as we can. One week to go! Let's hope we make it to the holidays.

Thanks to our PFA members who met on Wednesday. **Don't forget to put in your hot cross bun orders and bring back your Monster Raffle raffle tickets asap.**

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

School photos will go ahead on Thursday 26th March. **Children need to wear their full summer uniform including school shoes for the school photos.** Please ensure no nail polish or jewellery (other than simple sleepers or studs) are worn and hair ties/ribbons/headbands etc are navy blue, black or white only. Children may bring their runners and sports uniform and change into these for their sports lesson later in the day if it is their sports day.

Thanks for your support.



END OF TERM ASSEMBLY:

Our end of term assembly will go ahead next Friday at 1.00 p.m. however we will make it a shorter assembly and do it over the PA system, with children staying in their own classes. Parents are welcome to assembly in the library to listen to the assembly. We will still draw our Easter raffle and give out student awards etc.

CHILD SAFETY - DROP OFF REMINDER:

Please do not leave students at school unattended prior to 8.45 a.m. in the morning as there is no one on duty to supervise or care for them in case of an injury or accident. This is not safe practise and we urge any family needing to drop their children at school early in the morning to make use of the before school care program. Bookings can be made on 0400 756 785.

PLEASE READ: IMPORTANT MESSAGE

COVID 19 (CORONAVIRUS) UPDATES:

Please continue to ensure that you keep your children home if they are sick. We rely on all families to keep us informed about their own situation in regards to Covid 19 (Coronavirus) to ensure we can enact the appropriate response for our community.

Please ensure anyone returning from overseas or anyone in contact with someone returning from overseas self isolates for 14 days.

UPDATED CANCELLATIONS:



The following activities have been cancelled or postponed:

- All Catholic Education Week activities have been cancelled, which means our Year 6 children will not be attending the St Patrick's day Mass on Tuesday 17th March. They may be rescheduled at a later date.
- Basketball Victoria has suspended all matches until further notice including the primary schools competition - which means our 3/4 team will not be playing in the competition until further notice.
- Archbishop Comensoli has suspended all Confirmations Masses immediately, until further notice.
- Confirmation Commitment Masses scheduled for this coming weekend at St Kevin's have been cancelled (although regular Mass will still occur).
- Adult Sacrament night scheduled for 24th March at St Kevin's is cancelled - It may be rescheduled later in the year.
- TWILIGHT SPORTS
- In addition to the activities mentioned above - ALL Masses in all parishes have been stopped until further notice - this directive has come from Archbishop Peter Comensoli

Thanks to all our families and community members who are being so supportive and so caring of each other at this difficult time. There are so many wonderful stories of people sharing what they have with those that don't have the things they need - just in our community alone. This is the spirit of our faith alive and well.

This may be a helpful guide to share with family and friends:

COVID-19: IDENTIFYING THE SYMPTOMS

| SYMPTOMS | COVID-19 | COLD | FLU |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Symptoms range from mild to severe | Gradual onset of symptoms | Abrupt onset of symptoms |
| Fever  | Common | Rare | Common |
| Cough  | Common | Common | Common |
| Sore Throat  | Sometimes | Common | Common |
| Shortness of Breath  | Sometimes | No | No |
| Fatigue  | Sometimes | Sometimes | Common |
| Aches & Pains  | Sometimes | No | Common |
| Headaches  | Sometimes | Common | Common |
| Runny or Stuffy Nose  | Sometimes | Common | Sometimes |
| Diarrhea  | Rare | No | Sometimes, especially for children |
| Sneezing  | No | Common | No |

Adapted from material produced by WHO, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

For more information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)



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TERM 1 2020 DATES:

21st March Confirmation Commitment Mass 5.30 p.m. **CANCELLED**
22nd March Confirmation Commitment Mass 10.00 a.m. **CANCELLED**
24th March Senior Level (5/6) Mass 9.15 a.m.
24th March Adult Sacrament Night for parents of children making a sacrament this year
CANCELLED - MAY BE RESCHEDULED LATER IN THE YEAR
26th March School Photos
27th March Assembly 1.00 p.m. *will be a shortened assembly, conducted over the PA system with children in their own classrooms. Parents are welcome to assemble in the library to listen to the assembly.*
27th March Term 1 ends at 1.30 p.m.

TERM 2 DATES:

14th April Term 2 commences 8.55 - all students
14th April School Advisory Board Meeting 7.30 p.m.
15th April Easter Assembly 2.40 p.m. **TBC**
4th May PROPOSED School Closure Day TBC
5th May PROPOSED School Closure Day TBC

**All school dates are available on our school calendar on our website and on our school app. Please make sure you have downloaded our school app as we use it to send reminders and last minute details/changes for events to all families.
DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US AND LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!**

Our school app is finally up and running on apple devices. If you already had the app you will need to make sure that it has been updated to the latest version. If you don't already have it you can download it here:
St Kevin's Apple App - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/st-kevins-lower-templestowe/id875118272?ls=1>

The app will still continue to work on Android devices.

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Kindest regards

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