



NEWSLETTER NO.40
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2018.
FINAL EDITION

SPECIAL NOTICES:

- **2019 Start Dates For Students:** Students from Grade 1 to Grade 6 will commence school on Wednesday 30th January 2019. Prep students will commence on Monday 4th February 2019.
- **St Ambrose Community Carnival Saturday 16th March 2019.** You may have noticed a large billboard at the front of the school that was erected yesterday to advertise next year's carnival. We ask that you please ensure that this date is well and truly marked in your family calendar. It's a fantastic day and your support, attendance and generosity ensures that the day is a success.
- **Beginning of Year School Mass (Ash Wednesday) – 6th of February 9.30am.** This year's Beginning of Year School Mass provides us, as a Parish community, with the opportunity to present teachers with their classroom candles as well as witness their commissioning as educators of our students. The commissioning of our staff, reinforces the school's commitment to you as parents that we will nurture the Spiritual and Educational needs of our students so that they, in turn, foster a life-long love of learning and a deep relationship with their God.
- **Child Safety / Parent Helper Course –** There are two courses offered at the start of next year for parents wishing to assist in the classroom and / or on excursions. At St

Ambrose, we place a high priority on the safety of our students. Your participation in this course ensures that you are aware of your responsibilities when working with children and the conduct expected when interacting with them. The first two dates being offered are Tuesday 5th February at 9.00am with Monday 11th February having the option of a 9.00am or 2.30pm session. A CareMonkey form will be sent out in the first week of school inviting you to nominate a date & time if you wish to participate.

- **2019 Parent Teacher Interviews – Tuesday 19th Feb and Thursday 21st Feb** will be conducted after school from 3.45pm. Details regarding booking times will be communicated via CareMonkey.
- **Canteen Manager / Educational Support Officer Position:** We are currently advertising for a person to be employed by the school as both an Educational Support Officer and Canteen Manager. If you are interested, or know of someone that may have those special qualities that makes them an ideal candidate, please apply via the CEVN website <http://www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Positions-Vacant> We hope that operation of the canteen will commence from Monday 18th February next year.
- **Uniform Shop Opening Times:** The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 29th January from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

Schedule of Events for Tomorrow Wednesday: 20th December

9.30am	End of Year Mass
10.30 – 11.00am	Recess
11.00 – 1.00pm	Normal classroom activities.
1.00pm – 1.50pm	Lunch recess
1.50pm – 2.00pm	Line up and move to hall.
2.00pm	End of Year Award Ceremony Following award ceremony, Grade 6's move to oval with all other classes following. Grade 6's form a circle, with grades gathering around them. Once all gathered, a special blessing takes place. The bell will ring at 3.30pm.
3.30pm	End of year dismissal.



Dates for the Diary

Week 1

Monday: 28.01

- Australia Day – Public Holiday

Tuesday: 29.01

- School Office open from 8.30am till 4.00pm
- Staff officially commence.

Wednesday: 30.01

- Grade 1 to Grade 6 Students Commence
- 2019 Prep Interviews By Appointment

Thursday: 2.02

- Prep Interviews By Appointment
- Staff Meeting 3.45pm – 5.15pm

Friday: 3.02

- Prep Interviews By Appointment

Week 2

Monday: 4.02

- School Organisation Meeting – 8.10am – 8.30am
- Prep students begin First Day.
- Preps school day: 8.45am till 12.30pm

Tuesday: 5.02

- Child Safety Parent Helper Course – 9.00am

Wednesday: 6.02

- Ash Wednesday
- Prep Break Day
- Beginning of Year School Mass 9.30am (Whole School) St Ambrose Parish Church
 - Class Candles Blessed
 - Student & Staff Blessing

Thursday: 7.02

- Staff Meeting 3.45pm – 5.15pm

Friday: 8.02

- ONWZ Principals Network Meeting

Week 3

Monday: 11.02

- School Organisation Meeting – 8.10am – 8.30am
- School Assembly 2.55pm
 - Introduce new staff
 - Safety
 - Expectations
- Child Safety Parent Helper Course – 9.00am & 2.30pm

Tuesday: 12.02

- St Ambrose Family Care Cooking Session – 9.00am in Parish Hall Kitchen
- Parent Teacher Interviews: 3.45pm – 7.45pm

Wednesday: 13.02

- Prep Break Day
- Emergency Displan Practice

Thursday: 14.02

- Staff Meeting 3.45pm – 5.15pm

Friday: 15.02

- Northern Region Deputy Principals Network Meeting

Week 4

Monday: 20.02

- School Organisation Meeting – 8.10am – 8.30am

Tuesday: 21.02

- Parent Teacher Interviews: 3.45pm – 7.45pm

Wednesday: 22.02

- Prep Rest Day

Thursday: 23.02

- Parent Teacher Interviews: 3.45pm – 7.45pm

POTENTIAL CODE RED DAY SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of extreme fire danger and a **CODE RED** day being called, the following provides information as to how we, as a school will act and communicate with you.

The decision to close will be confirmed by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than **1.00 pm the day prior to the closure**. Once we have received confirmation of the closure we will contact you directly via email and SMS before the end of the school day to confirm this. You are urged to check the Department of Education and Training website for updates, school closures will be posted to the Department's website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

Please note that all of our school bus routes will also be closed; services will resume when the school reopens.

I realise that the potential closure of our school may result in you having to make alternative arrangements for your child, but the safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. **Given the predicted weather conditions, we urge that your child is not left at home unattended or in the care of older children.**

If you know of other parents who, for any reason, may not be aware of the school's potential closure, please contact them to help ensure they are aware that the school may be closed.

You should also explain to your child and family members that our school may be closed. **For safety reasons, no staff will be on-site if the school is closed.**

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

