General News
Welcome back to school! We hope that you had a restful summer holiday. We have had a great start to the year and have enjoyed getting to know one another. We are looking forward to sharing the year together.

We look forward to meeting with all of you on either Tuesday 14th or Wednesday 15th February at the ‘Meet and Greet Parent Teacher Interviews’. If you require any assistance with setting an interview time online, please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

SFT and SRN will be celebrating their first class Mass for the year on Thursday 16th February at 9am in the Chapel. The theme of the Mass is Loving our Enemy. We would appreciate your attendance and we look forward to welcoming you to more of our class masses throughout the year.

Please ensure that a Late Pass is filled in for your child if they arrive at school later than 8.45am.
A note of explanation from a parent is required when a child has not attended school. Parents may inform the school via the school “Tiqbiz” app or alternatively there are absent slips in the school diary and at the office that you may wish to complete. We are required to keep records of why children are absent.

Uniform
All students now need to be wearing their school hats at play times, in accordance with our School Sun Smart Policy. If your child is not in correct summer uniform for any reason, a uniform pass and written note is required.

Jewellery (aside from plain sleeper and stud earrings) and nail polish are not permitted to be worn at school. Students wearing nail polish will be asked to take it off at school with nail polish remover.

Religion
This term we will be focusing on the weekly Gospel readings. Our teaching and learning will be centred around the messages in these weekly readings. Each of the Senior School classes will be preparing and participating in a class Mass which will be held at 9.00am on a Thursday in the Chapel. We would love to see you there!

Fruit Snack
At approximately 12.30pm each day, the Senior School sets aside time to have a fruit snack. Please send along a fresh piece of fruit or some vegetables, in your child’s lunch for this time. Thank you.

Diaries
Student diaries are a very important tool for communicating between school and home. Nightly reading is required to be recorded (title, duration and number of pages read) by the student and then signed by a parent. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that the diary is brought to and from school each day. However we would appreciate your support in reiterating the importance of this routine. Diaries are initialled by the classroom teacher each day.

Dates for the Diary:
Feb14th: Meet and Greet Parent Teacher Interviews
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Feb16th: SFT and SRN Class Mass 9am - Chapel
Feb16th: Parent Information Night—Cybersafety
Feb17th: Senior Chrome book unboxing day
Mar 1st-3rd: Senior School Camp– Forrest Lodge Farm
Mar 10th: School Closure Day—Staff PD
Mar 13th: Labour Day Public Holiday School closure
Mar 21st: Twilight School Sports 5pm
Mar 22nd: School Photos
Mar 31st: End of Term 1

Interschool Sport
All Senior School students will have the opportunity to participate in Lightning Premiership events throughout the year. In preparation for these events, all children will be assigned to a sporting team and mini tournaments will be run throughout the term. These practice tournaments will further enhance our teamwork, abilities, rules knowledge, co-operation and leadership skills.
Literacy

During Term 1 the Senior School children will be using a variety of reading and writing strategies to improve and strengthen their reading and writing skills. The literacy program allows children to work individually or in small groups with the teacher to meet specific needs. The Daily 5 structure for the reading hour will be operating in all senior classrooms and includes time for students to read to self, read to someone, listen to reading, work on words and work on writing. Throughout the Daily 5 students focus on reading comprehension, reading accuracy, reading fluency and expanding their vocabulary. We will also continue with our ‘Seven Steps’ writing program and will be focusing on the narrative genre and our Writer’s Notebooks this term.

Mathematics

This term in Mathematics we have begun by focusing on data collection, representation and interpretation and in the coming weeks we will be focusing on Number (place value, counting, addition and subtraction) and Measurement (length, perimeter and temperature). During Mathematics sessions, students will often be working in small groups targeted at their learning needs. Students have access to the Mathletics program at home and use of this is a great way to consolidate concepts taught at school.

Classroom teachers are available to meet after school, however it is important to make an appointment to speak with your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns. You can also communicate through the student diary or via email:

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We look forward to a successful and productive term.

Senior School Teachers:

Jen Finley, Janine Turner, Reena Naidoo, Erin Horman and Elizabeth Perri

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Senior School Production 2017

‘The Broken Kingdom’

Wednesday the 30th & Thursday 31st August
(Term 3)

7pm at Cranbourne Community Centre