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Dear Parents/Carers

GOOD NEWS!

As you will be aware by now, St Aloysius College is celebrating 140 Years as a school on 20th June 2019. We do hope that you can join us in this wonderful celebration. St Aloysius continues the traditions of the school to celebrate Catholic life and support the mission of the Church. Our commitment to the Common Good is a key part of our Catholic life. We are always amazed at the tremendous efforts our students go to, to raise money for our Catholic charities. It is a testament to the generosity of our children and their families. The student participating in HCPT at Easter also raised £1800 to support this charity. For Lent alone, the school raised £576.72 which brings the year's total £3277.99 to date! Thank you to all.

As we move through the exam season, it is a good time to express our joy at our young people's success and talents. At half term, as has happened at Easter and weekends, early mornings and late evenings, additional support sessions were very well attended by our students. We wish them all well and we are grateful to the teachers and families for their support.

Supporting academic progress is a key focus of the school and it is wonderful to see the boys so engaged. Additional support for Year 10 has already commenced, including preparation for work experience. Years 10 and 12 benefit from support from 'The Big Alliance', providing mentoring and inspiration from successful high achievers in a range of industries including the Macquarie Group, The Guardian, Expedia and Kennedys Law. Year 9 and 10 students are also presently benefiting from the Upward Bound Project, working with a local university on Saturdays in support of university applications, as are our young carers who also value mentoring through the 'Teen and Toddlers' project.

There is much to celebrate in this talented and diverse community. We start by congratulating our Debate Mate students who qualified in the top 16 secondary schools nationally. Congratulations also goes to our athletics and track teams. The Year 7 and 8 teams both finished in first position and the Year 9 and 10 team came in second against some tough opposition, we are delighted with this great effort. These are all outstanding achievements and proves that hard work and persistence can go a long way!

Our students are fortunate to have access to the playing fields and the wide range of sporting opportunities at lunch time and after school. There continues to be great excitement about our visiting authors programme. Most recently, Dan Freedman, author of Jamie Johnson, has agreed to visit the school in July. It is good to see the boys enjoying reading and the time that prep has provided to support this.

Our students continue to look very smart and behave well in the community. Please remind your sons that they are not permitted to loiter in Archway or the surrounding areas after school. Please note that, given the warmer weather, for the remainder of the term, winter jackets will no longer be permitted on site. Students are welcome to wear a plain black, light rain coat which can be stored easily in their bags. If you are purchasing new coats this term, you are reminded that there is an official school black coat available from our suppliers, Rough Cut Casuals and that from September this will be the only coat permitted.

Please see below our key dates for this term.

Exam Week for Years 7,8,9 and 10	Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th June
Year 12 work experience begins	Monday 10 th June
Year 11 leavers Mass	Friday 14 th June
St Aloysius 140 th Anniversary Mass	Thursday 20 th June - Early closure (12.40pm dismissal with grab and go lunch for those who require it) Mass starts at 2pm at St Joseph's Church
INSET Day	Friday 28 th June
Summer Music Concert	Thursday 4 th July - 4.30-7.00
Year 10 work experience begins	Monday 8 th July
Year 13 leavers day	Wednesday 10 th July
Activities Day	Thursday 11 th July
Sports Day	Friday 12 th July
Last day of term	Friday 19 th July

Yours sincerely



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