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## Message from the Head of School

Penny Mullan

To our Springfield community

We have come to the end of the fourth week of this term without experiencing a full five-day week. In some ways this has been slightly disruptive, but at a school such as ours where something is happening almost every minute of each day, the time for pause has been most welcome.

Today is a significant day in the Matrics' calendar. After two covid interrupted years, the annual Matric Mass was held. The Matric Mass is a time when the Grade 12 students from all our local Catholic high schools come together. It is an opportunity to engage and form friendships across our strong network.

It is also a time when these students are reminded of the privilege and value of their Catholic education and how this makes them uniquely equipped to tackle all manner of challenges beyond the school walls.

Yesterday saw some confusion in the media about the amended health regulations and how these pertain to schools. A statement about schools being excluded from these regulations was reported differently to its original gazetted context. Suffice to say that the wearing of face masks, indoors, at schools is still mandatory for all persons over the age of six.

Society at large accepts that the Coronavirus in its many forms will be among us for the foreseeable future, but this should not stand in our way of functioning in an optimal way. Scientific evidence has shown vaccination to be safe and highly effective in reducing the risk of infection, in preventing serious illness when infection does occur, and vaccinated persons are less likely to transmit the virus to others. We encourage all eligible persons in our community to be vaccinated (and boosted) to keep ourselves and each other safe.

All are reminded of the Strategic review engagement that is planned for parents and past pupils on Saturday 7 May from 09h00 to 11h30 in the Music Hall. It will be wonderful to see you there as we envision the future of Springfield together.

To all the mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures, I wish you a wonderful Mothers' day on Sunday. You are all greatly respected, valued, and appreciated.

*"A mother's love is something that no one can explain  
— It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain.  
It is endless and unselfish and enduring, come what may,  
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away.  
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking."*

~ Helen Steiner Rice

**PENNY MULLAN**

Head of School



# Message from the Junior School Principal

Brandon Paulse

***Motherhood is life in its purest form***

*~Revathi Sankaran*

## ***Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of Springfield Convent***

During the Month of May, the Catholic Church and many other religions celebrate and honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus, for her special role in salvation history. Mary is one of the most important figures in Christianity, she is seen as the ultimate symbol of motherhood because of her virtues such as her modesty, faith and deep love for her child. In Christianity, she is not only the Mother of Jesus, but also the mother of all humanity.

This weekend as we celebrate Mother's Day, I would like to pay tribute to our Springfield Mothers, past and present, our Dominican Sisters and all our female staff who take on the role of Mothers during the school day. Motherhood has always been a sacred and noble vocation, but Mary raised it to even greater stature when she became the Mother of Jesus. Mother's Day therefore has a deep spiritual dimension. As the mother who is "blessed among women" (Lk 1:42), Mary gives us the clearest and most inspiring picture of what the ideal mother should look like, and every mother would be wise to take her cues from the one who excelled at motherhood like none other.

Mothers play a critical role in the family, which is a powerful force for social cohesion and integration. The mother-child relationship is vital for the healthy development of children. Mothers are not only caregivers, but they are also often the backbone of families.

As we celebrate Mother's Day and all the special people who take on the role of Mothers in our lives, I would like to venture and share a few thoughts on why mothers must be celebrated, not just on Mother's Day, but every day of our lives.

1. If it weren't for mothers, we wouldn't be breathing right now. If nothing else, we should thank them for that.
2. Mothers are the emotional backbones of the family. They provide the holding place for everyone's feelings and do their best to keep us from being hurt.
3. Mothers have the magic touch and kiss to help us heal our wounds, physical and emotional.
4. Mothers are forgiving—so forgive her in return. Perhaps nothing will be as valuable a gift to us as forgiveness. Real love is about mercy and forgiveness.
5. When you want to climb the tallest mountain, your mother will make your lunch for you. She is the one who will support your dreams when sometimes no one else will.
6. A mother's smile, when it is directed toward you, makes your day a whole lot better. All she needs is to know that she has helped you to be and feel your best. Say thank you often.

During this month of May, may we through the example of Mary, Mother of Jesus, model her virtues of faith, humility, generosity, modesty, love and responsibility so that it inspires us all to be beacons of light and hope to all we encounter in our Springfield Community and beyond.

On behalf of the Springfield Staff, we wish all our mothers a very happy and blessed Mother's Day. We also remember all Mothers and special women in our lives who have gone before us.

**BRANDON PAULSE**

Junior School Principal

# School News

- Strategic review engagement that is planned for parents and past pupils on Saturday 7 May from 09h00 to 11h30 in the Music Hall.
- The next Springfield Blood Clinic will be held on Tuesday 17 May 2022 from 10h00 to 15h00. Venue Music Annex. Please diarise this date. Your one donation can save up to 3 lives!
- The Music School Quarterly Concert takes place on Tuesday 17 May at 18h00.

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