



St. Philip's Vision - Modelling the teachings of Christ, St Philip's Catholic School community aspires to be a place of welcome that provides many learning environments to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.

## CALENDAR DATES

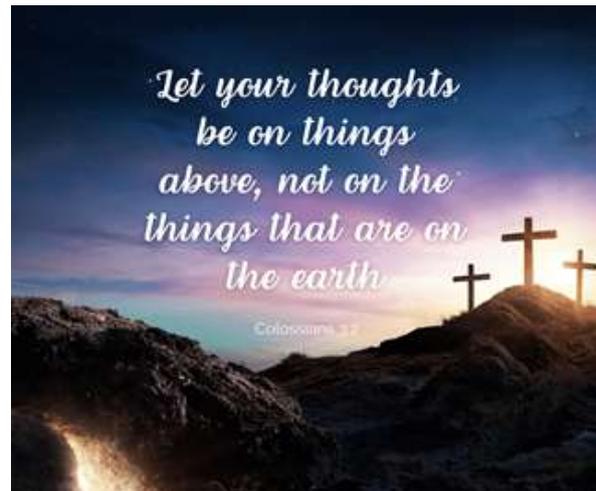
### MARCH

### APRIL

1	Lenten Paraliturgy & Assembly 12.30
1	Last Day of Term – 1.00pm Dismissal
2	Good Friday
4	Easter Sunday
19	Term 2 Begins 9.00am
25	Anzac Day
26-28	Yr 5/6 Camp - Rumbug
30	School Closure Day

**PLEASE NOTE: SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS IS BETWEEN 8.40AM TO 3.45PM ON SCHOOL DAYS.**

## PRAYER



*Colossians 3:2*

## ST PHILIP'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

### MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening	7.00pm Vigil
Sunday Morning	8.30am & 10.30am
Monday-Friday	9.00am

### CONFESSION

Saturday	10.00am-11.00am
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# From the Principal

Dear Parents,

We are grateful for the opportunities we have experienced this week gathering as a community in liturgical celebrations as part of Holy Week. Students' engagement in these celebrations supports their learning in Religious Education this term when they have focused on the significance of Holy Week and Easter in their lives. At this time we pray for those who suffer illness, face hardship and those who have been impacted by the recent floods.

As we reflect on the term, there is much to be thankful for. Students settled in well to classroom learning and routines. The focus on the Personal and Social Capability this term has supported them in establishing themselves as good learners who understand how to establish positive relationships, work effectively in teams and develop leadership skills. Other learning opportunities for students have included: first aid training; shoe-lace tying lessons for Prep to Year 2 students; and the 3/4 snooze at the zoo camp. Many students have participated in interschool sports with some progressing to district level, and students from the 3/4 level have celebrated the Sacrament of First Confession. In addition, a team of students from Years 5 and 6 have developed a student newspaper 'The St Philip's Press'. The first edition is out today in the blue wallets and this will be followed by future editions next term. I am sure all students are looking forward to Easter and the school holidays and some time for relaxation.

Thank you for the support you have all extended in different ways throughout the term. Wishing you all a happy and safe Easter and coming two weeks. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 19 April, for the commencement of Term Two.

Warm regards,  
Michelle Worcester  
Acting Principal

## SKOOLBAG APP

All relevant school related dates and newsletters can be accessed via the St Philip's Skoolbag App. If you have not accessed the app to this point it is available for all devices and is free. Simply go to the App store or Google Play and search for the Skoolbag app. Once the app is set up you will then be able to search on the app for St Philip's Primary School.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is away from school for any reason could you, please either ring the school on the morning of the absence or alternatively notify the school via the Skoolbag App. On the home page of the app press eforms. From this menu select Absentee Form. Fill in the form and sign at the bottom using your finger. Press 'Submit eForm'. The school office will receive a copy of this form which will be passed on to the relevant teacher.

Based on government attendance guidelines and our school policies on attendance we must advise parents/guardians of unexplained absences, on the same day as soon as practicable.

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The Before and After School Care program at St Philip's run by Youth Leadership Victoria begins for 2021 this Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Before School Care is from 7:00am-8:40am and After School Care is from 3:30pm-6:00pm. Parent Information Packs on the program are available from the school office. Bookings from 2020 do not roll over to 2021. To assist with rostering could you please go online to <https://ylv.com.au/online-oshc> and make your booking for 2021 ASAP.

## CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund is once again being provided by the State Government. Please read the attached flyer. If you hold a current Health Care Card you are probably eligible to receive the CSEF payment, please contact the office for further information if you are unclear. If you require an application form, please request 1 from the school office.

## Student of the week

Congratulations to the following students who have worked hard to uphold our values of respect for self, others and the environment.

P/1N	Zoe C	For including others, following the school rules and putting lots of effort into her work.
2/3MS	Austin L	For being respectful and including others in games. For helping others, as well as concentrating on getting his work done.
4/5KM	Anastasia C	For always listening, helping and encouraging others.
5/6CG	Stuart S	For being funny, kind and helpful. For trying his hardest in tennis and for having a good sense of humour.

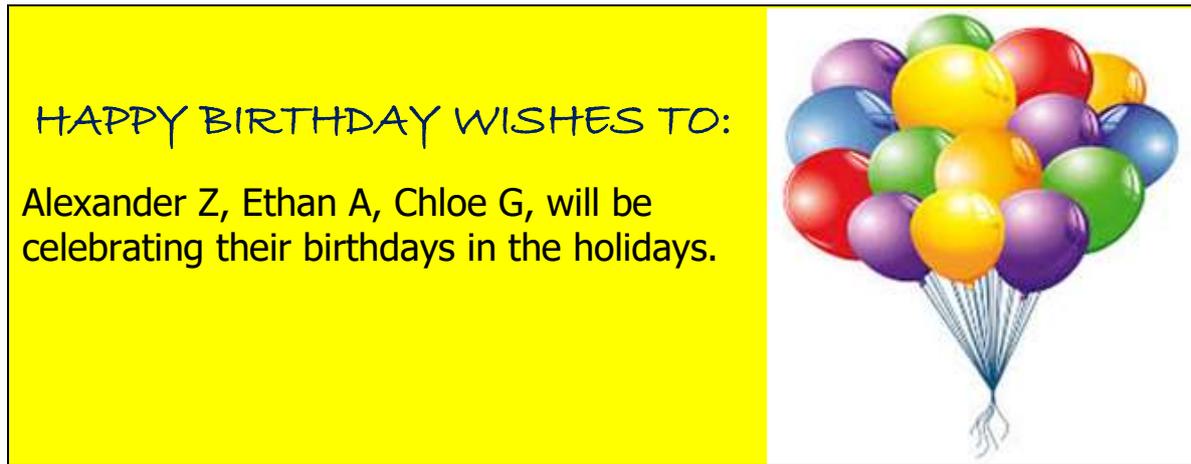
## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

At St Philips, the Sacramental Program will be Parish based. Students wishing to participate in the program will need to go to the Parish website and register their interest. Students will prepare for the Sacraments through their Religious Education classes in school and classes run by the Parish Catechesis leaders.

The dates for Sacraments this year are; First Eucharist: May 16, 8.30am or 10.30am  
Confirmation: July 22, 6.30pm

Details of this year's Sacramental Program, including the dates for the Catechesis sessions are now available on the St Philip's Parish website.

Gabrielle Carter  
Religious Education Leader



## Community News

### **NET-SET-GO PROGRAM**

All boys and girls from grades one and above are invited to try out Rosellas netball club Net Set Go program which runs on Mondays throughout terms 1 and 2 from 3.45 to 4.30pm at St Luke's primary school, 46 Orchard Grove, Blackburn South. It is an introduction to netball and leads to playing in a team in a Monday afternoon fun competition at Sportlink in Vermont South.

Feel free to come and try it out for free. Contact Sonya O'Farrell for more information on 0416 126 476 or at [sonyaofarrell@gmail.com](mailto:sonyaofarrell@gmail.com)

### **KAREN LI TABLE TENNIS HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

5-9 April 2021 10.00am-1.00pm - For ages 6-12 all skill level welcome. Cost \$60.00

6-16 Joseph St Blackburn North. Coach Karen Li 0469 603 606 or Solomon 0430 653 688  
Email:karenlitabletennis@gmail.com

### **WHITEFRIARS CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR BOYS**

Fr Noel Kierce, O.Carm Scholarship- 2022 applications now open.

This scholarship recognises outstanding achievements in the arts, sport, leadership and community service. Application close Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

To find out more about the criteria and application process visit [whitefriars.vic.edu.au/scholarships](http://whitefriars.vic.edu.au/scholarships)

# Parents & Friends



## St Philip's Families.

Well, that's the end of Term 1. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and hope you enjoy this time of reflection and rest.

Last night we held our first mum's dinner at The Coach in Ringwood. It was a fun night and great to see some new faces.

Thank you to everyone who ordered our first Hot Cross Bun fundraiser. We raised a total of **\$106**.

I also want to thank Simone B and Bridget Poole for organizing our Easter Raffle this year. The prizes look amazing and wish everyone luck.

**Maria Ferrara**

**P & F Co-Ordinator**

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## P&F Meeting

Our next P&F meeting will be the first week back on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April @ 7pm. So put your thinking caps on, would love to hear them.

## Cake Raffle

Thank you to everyone who baked a cake in this terms cake raffle. Term 2 online volunteer form is now open.

<https://volunteersignup.org/3EMT3>

## Entertainment:

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## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

