



NEWSLETTER

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THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2021



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

FEBRUARY

19 District Swimming

22 Tennis Clinics

26 Family Picnic

MARCH

2 Student Learning Conferences

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

ASSEMBLY

Our next Assembly is on Friday the 19th February for students and staff.

PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God,
you invite us deeper into your world, your people,
your Lent.

May this time be one of outward focus;
seeking you in those we often ignore.
Help us live a Lent focused on freedom,
generosity, and encounter.

Give us hearts hungry to serve you
and those who need what we have to give.

Amen

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,

How wonderful it was to see the students enter the school gates again this morning following three days of home learning. I appreciate the support of teachers and parents in enabling students to continue with their learning at home and to know that they are supported by everyone in the school community. The wellbeing of our students is integral to all aspects of their learning and development. I am encouraged by evidence of the ongoing support of students' wellness at St Philip's.

While we haven't begun the Lenten season in the way that we are accustomed, pancake making on Shrove Tuesday and coming together for Ash Wednesday Mass, we continue with our practices engaging in our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During the Lenten season, as we continue to grow in relationship with God, we are encouraged to reflect on our commitment to a way of life rooted in our baptism, to pray more deeply and to reach out to those in need. Lent is a time when we often go without something that we usually enjoy, expressing our strength and endurance. In the uncertain times we are currently living in, it can also be a time to embrace our ability to be more attentive in knowing that this is a time of doing, and also a time of being.

Wishing you all well for the coming weekend.

Warm regards

Michelle Worcester
Acting Principal

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup for 2021 will take place every Monday during the term from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Fr Arnold Centre (School Hall). All families with pre-school children are most welcome.

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.

TENNIS CLINICS

The second of the free tennis clinics for all students from Prep-Yr 6 will take place on Monday 22nd February at the Nunawading Tennis Club behind the school. All tennis equipment is provided, students need to wear or bring their runners. As parents have already provided permission for the previous two dates, please contact the school if you do not wish your child to participate.

HATS

Just a reminder to families that school hats will need to be worn by students outside throughout Term 1 as part of our school Sunsmart Policy.

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 1st 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.

PREP FAMILIES

A reminder to families with children in Prep that once classes begin for the school year the Preps will not attend school on Wednesdays until Wednesday 10th March which is the first Wednesday after the Labour Day Public Holiday on Monday 8th March.

PREPARATION OF CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

The preparation and celebration of sacraments is an important part of your child/ren's faith development. If your child was to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Sacrament of Eucharist in 2020 and was unable to do so because of Covid, you are encouraged to contact Fr Dillon to make arrangements for their preparation and celebration during this term. This would involve students currently in Years 4 and 5.

Further details regarding the preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Grade 3 students; Sacrament of Eucharist for Grade 4 students; and Sacrament of Confirmation for Grade 6 students will be forwarded when available.

STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

Student Learning Conferences (SLC) are scheduled for Tuesday 2 March, 2021. These will all be online. Details as to how to book your meeting time are included in this newsletter. This week you will also receive a document requesting information about your child to support the teachers in providing for their individual needs. The information may also support your discussions during the SLCs. Please return these forms to the school by Monday 1 March.

OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE VISIT

Next Friday, during lunchtime, the Principal, Registrar and Year 8 Student Ambassadors from Our Lady of Sion College will be visiting St Philip's to speak with girls in Grades 3, 4 and 5, and also the Grade 6 girls who will be going to Sion next year.

INFORMATION PACKS

Family Information packs have been sent home today. Could you please read through the pack and return the required signed information back to the school via the blue wallets. Please ensure your contact information is correct on the Student Information Checklists.

CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund is once again being provided by the State Government. Please read the attached flyer. If you require an application form please request 1 from the school office.

FAMILY PICNIC NIGHT - RESCHEDULED

All families are warmly invited to bring their own food and drinks and come along to our annual Family Picnic Night which will now take place on the school oval from 6pm on Friday 26th February. For new families to our school this is a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet and get to know people in the St Philip's community. In line with the school Child Safe Policy and Code of Conduct this event is one of the designated school events where responsible consumption of alcohol is allowed.

PE NEWS

Dear families,

We are excited to welcome the Hockey Victoria Roadshow to our school!

Students are being given the fantastic opportunity to try out the exciting game of hockey on Tuesday 23/2 during their PE classes! They will learn the skills of the game through exciting game-based activities suited to every year level and ability.

Hockey Victoria will be sending their amazing Participation Officers to our school to provide an engaging, fun, and safe hockey experience for everyone.

At Hockey Victoria they pride themselves in providing an enjoyable experience for every student.

If you enjoy the sessions during school, you can continue with your hockey experience by joining a local Hookin2Hockey program www.hookin2hockey.com.au or join in an U/8 + program. With programs all over Melbourne you can find a local program that will suit your schedule. Our local clubs are at KBH, in Box Hill or Doncaster Hockey Club, in Doncaster.

Mrs Lang

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Kiara Z, Eliza R, Zara R, Zoe D.



Parents & Friends



St Philip's Families.

Unfortunately, we were unable to run Shrove Tuesday this year. I hope you were able to enjoy making pancakes at home. Thanks to Paula Sutherland for supplying the recipe that we use for Shrove Tuesday.

The Easter Raffle will be our next fundraising event. This will be drawn on the last day of term. Stay tuned for further information in the coming weeks.

Attached to the newsletter is the minutes from the P&F meeting held last week.

If you have any ideas for future fundraising or activities, please email me pandf@stphilipbbn.catholic.edu.au or call me on **0411 255 176**

Maria Ferrara

P & F Co-Ordinator

VIP Car Park

Reminder to return your VIP car park raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn very soon. Stay tuned.

Cake Raffle

A reminder that you can now put your name down to bake a cake for the cake raffle online. We still have a few spots that need filling.

<https://volunteersignup.org/73WCL>

Cakes need to be delivered to the school office on the **Friday morning**.

Please include your family name and ingredients.



Entertainment has a **new** look, **new** app and **new** offers. Check out the flyer for special bonus offer for you and help our fundraising.

2021 P&F Committee:

P & F Co-ordinator	Maria Ferrara pandf@stphilipbbn.catholic.edu.au – 0411 255 176		
Secretary	Tanya Dennis	Sports Committee Leader	Matt McInerney
Class Reps	P/1 – Simone Bell 2/3 – Tanya Dennis 4/5 – Carlie Huppatz 5/6 – Theresa Breen		
Easter Raffle	Bridget Poole and Simone Bell		
Tuckshop Leaders	Nicole George and Fiona McInerney		

CAKE RAFFLE – Congratulations to the Davis family, winners of last week's raffle.

Some of our students enjoying pancakes from Shrove Tuesday.



TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop 2021

There are preparations in place for our school tuckshop to open, the first day of service for 2021 will be the 26th February.

Thank you to all our volunteers. We have just sent out the roster for term 1 to our volunteers so if you have not heard from us, then we may not have heard from you.

So if you're interested to join Tuckshop it's not too late, please contact either Nicole – 0409 253 863 or Fiona – 0439 860 240.

SPORTS COMMITTEE NEWS

Recruitment Drive:

A reminder to all the school families the Sports committee is always looking for new members.

For the new families to the school, the Sports committee plays a number of roles including the organisation of the Annual School Sports Day, assisting in the maintenance of the school grounds and organising social activities for parents to attend.

It's a great opportunity to get to know the other families at the school and a great way to help out and make a contribution to the school community.

If you are interested in getting involved or have any questions please email me on Matthew@mcinerney.tv or contact me on my mobile 0435091 831.

Regards
Matt McInerney

Community News

BLACKBURN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Football is back for 2021! Boys and Girls come and join the Blackburn Junior Football Club. Blackburn Football Club, the family club is one of the largest clubs in the EFL, with over 500 girls and boys playing football from Under 8 for Boys (Born 2013) and Under 10 for Girls (Born 2012). To Register to play in 2021: <https://blackburnfc.com.au/bjfc-registrations-now-open/>: or please email us at registrar.junior@blackburnfc.com.au

NUNAWADING TENNIS CLUB

Open Day – Sunday 21st February 10.00am – 2.00pm All welcome. 6 Lane Street, Nunawading.

Free tennis trials & activities - Win Full membership for 12 months.
20% off membership fee - Use the Ball machine - Test your Serve speed.
Contact Joe on 0409 585 319 for enquiries.
On arrival, scan the QRCode at the front gate
Face masks must be worn in the clubroom.
Clubrooms can only be used to wash hands & use of toilet

OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE

Open Day – Tuesday 16th March 2.15pm-6.30pm

Our Lady of Sion College warmly invites you to come and see how your daughter will embrace life at Sion. We look forward to welcoming you to our College.

Please visit our website to book. www.sion.catholic.edu.au

MITCHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Play AFL with the Mitcham Tigers in 2021!

Mitcham Junior Football Club is looking for more female players for our teams in the following age groups, and would love you to join us at the Tigers! All new Mitcham players get free club registration and a free Tigers hoody in their first season!

For further information about joining one of our teams and experiencing the fun of AFL in a supportive and inclusive environment please contact Will Goulding on 0401141076 or Megan Dodge 0418148070 - Registrar.mitchamjfc@gmail.com or Footyops.mitchamjfc@gmail.com

Ignite the passion for the game - Auskick – Walker Park, Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading.
Friday Nights 6pm-7.30pm commences 23/04/2021 – contact Craig 0408 536 539.



Book School Interviews Online

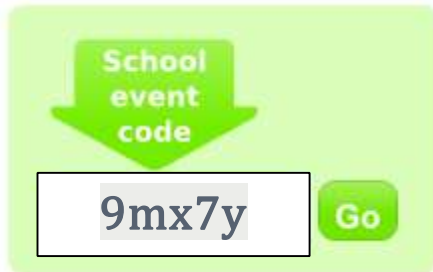
Dear Parents,

Student Learning Conferences will be held on **Tuesday 2 March** between **2.00 pm - 8.00 pm**. You can book meetings at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN: Thursday 18 February at 4:00 pm

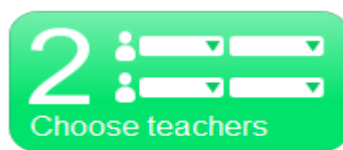
BOOKINGS CLOSE: Monday 1 March at 4:00 pm



Go to

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your schedule will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your meeting time - until bookings close.

Dear Parents,

Please book in for your Student Learning Conference (SLC) to be held on Tuesday 2 March between 2.00 pm - 8.00 pm. Meetings are strictly 10 minutes. If your child is in Year 1 to 6, they are expected to attend this meeting with you to share their learning and their goals. If you require more time, or you are unable to make a meeting on the scheduled day, please email your child's teacher/s to make alternative arrangements for a SLC on another day.

You can change your meeting booking any time prior to the closing date by re-visiting the website www.schoolinterviews.com.au and using the event code. If you wish to change your time after the closing date, please contact the school on: 9878 6501.

Kind regards

Michelle Worcester

Acting Principal



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- Learn how to build resilience in your child?
- Learn strategies to help your child bounce back from adversity?
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23 February to 30 March 2021

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Bookings: 9721 3646 or

parentzone.eastern@anglicarevic.org.au

Where: Join us live online via Zoom.

Cost: Free of charge for parents and carers in Melbourne's Eastern Region.

Bookings essential.

PARENTZONE

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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

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

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.



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