



NEWSLETTER

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THURSDAY 24TH 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

26 Family Picnic 6.00pm-8.00pm

MARCH

1 Division Swimming

2 Student Learning Conferences

8 Labour Day Public Holiday

14-21 March Catholic Education Week

17-18 Yrs 3 & 4 Snooze at the Zoo Camp

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

ASSEMBLY

Our next Assembly is on Friday the 25th February for students and staff.

PRAYER

Lord,
your commandment of love is so simple
and so challenging.
Help me to let go of my pride,
to be humble in my penance.
I want only to live the way you ask me to love,
to love the way you ask me to live.
I ask this through your son, Jesus,
who stands at my side
today and always.

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,

We have all heard the proverb 'good things come to those who wait' which explains the patience and persistence we demonstrate when we hope to achieve our goals or desires. Having had to cancel the family picnic twice, we have drawn on our patience and persistence and now look forward to coming together tomorrow night for the picnic. Tomorrow night is an opportunity for all of us, during Lent, to create space for conversations and for building relationships and sharing meals, as we consider the hope that is provided through the Resurrection of Jesus.

Our Student Learning Conferences next Tuesday, 2nd March, are a time for you and your child to discuss their future learning goals with their classroom teacher/s. Thank you to those of you who have returned information, as requested, to your child's classroom teacher pertaining to your child. This information helps to optimize the discussion during the meeting time. If you have not yet returned this information to the school we ask that you do so by Monday 1 March.

Wishing you all well for the coming week.

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.

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.

OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE VISIT

Tomorrow 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. 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 tomorrow night, 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

Unfortunately, due to an error by Hockey Victoria, we were unable to have our intended hockey clinic this week. I will see if it can be rebooked for later in the year. If your child is interested in playing hockey, you are welcome to contact me for some information about our local community teams. Hockey is a winter sport which begins in March.

Mrs Katie Lang

DISTRICT SWIMMING

Last Friday ten students represented St Philip's at the District Swimming Carnival at the Doncaster pool.



WELL DONE to Chloe G, Rachel S, Rachel G, Tara L, Ethan A, Jack A, Ashley S, Sam M, Stuart S and Trent G.

It is always such a pleasure to take our children to **Inter-School** sporting events. They all swam well and displayed great sportsmanship and support of one another. **Special Congratulations** to Ashley and Rachel S who will progress to Division on Monday.



The students were excited to see Mrs Worcester who came to support them. Thank You to all the parents who both transported and supported our students. We are so lucky to be part of such a great community.

A great day was had by all. We even had great weather!



Gabe Kinsman & Margot Gallacher



TUCKSHOP NEWS

First Tuckshop for 2021 is tomorrow, Friday 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

Parents & Friends



St Philip's Families.

This Friday night the family picnic night will finally go ahead after the 3rd attempt. The weather looks promising, but it might get cooler so don't forget your jackets. This is Melbourne after all!

This week we see Tuckshop resume. Thank you to Nicole George and Fiona McInerney for getting this up and running so quickly. I'm sure the kids are very much looking forward to it.

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



class rep will be in touch.

Class Lists – Return Info Pack Forms

Your class reps are eagerly planning the first class dinner for this term. But we can't send anything out until everyone returns the Info Pack that was sent out to confirm your details are up to date. Please ensure you return them **ASAP**. Once these are received, we can then get the updated lists and your

VIP Car Park Raffle

Final reminder to return your VIP car park raffle tickets by Friday 26th Feb. Extra tickets will be sold at the picnic night. The raffle will be drawn then. Good Luck

Cake Raffle

A reminder that you can now put your name down to bake a cake for the cake raffle online. We only have a few spots left to fill.

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

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

Please include your family name and ingredients.



Down Balls:

Tuckshop is back which means downballs can be purchased again. They will be for sale during lunch over counter for \$3



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<https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/9a27151>



Easter Raffle - Coming Next Week -

Easter isn't too far away. So to prepare for our annual Easter Raffle, we're requesting donations of Easter themed items and eggs to make up our famous raffle prizes. Boxes for donations will be placed in each class and at the office until the 18th March. We will then turn your generous donations into awesome & highly sought after prizes that will be raffled off at the final assembly for Term 1.

Further details for the raffle will be sent home next week.

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 Huppertz 5/6 – Theresa Breen		
Easter Raffle	Bridget Poole and Simone Bell		
Tuckshop Leaders	Nicole George and Fiona McInerney		

CAKE RAFFLE – Congratulations to Rosie W, winner of last week's raffle.

Community News

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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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.



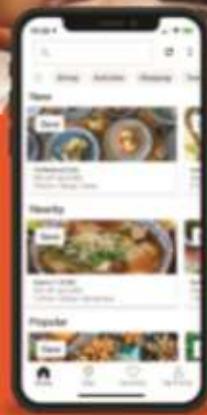
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