



NEWSLETTER

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THURSDAY 11TH MARCH 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

MARCH

- 14-21 Catholic Education Week
- 15-19 Open Mornings 9.00-11.00am
- 17-18 Yrs 3 & 4 Snooze at the Zoo Camp
- 18 Catholic Education Week - Lunch

PRAYER



God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.

ST PHILIP'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS TIMES

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

CONFESSION

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| Saturday | 10.00am-11.00am |
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PLEASE NOTE: SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS IS BETWEEN 8.40AM TO 3.45PM ON SCHOOL DAYS.

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Last week you received an invitation to participate in the Enhancing Catholic School Identity surveys (ECSI). At the moment there is a problem with the survey platform that is preventing access to the surveys. This is being attended to by the facilitators of ECSI and I will advise you when it is fixed so that you may contribute to the data collection. The data collected will be drawn upon for future planning for students' learning in Religious Education and faith development.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program commences this weekend for students who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Confession at St Philip's. They will celebrate the sacrament on Tuesday 23rd March. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 16th March. Further details regarding the Sacramental Program are available from the parish.

Next week is Catholic Education Week. The school will be open for tours each morning between 9.00 and 11.00 am. Flyers have been distributed to local kindergartens, child care centres and cafes inviting people to come along to see our wonderful learning spaces and facilities. If you know anyone who may be interested in coming to the school please let them know about next week. We all know word of mouth extends a long way and may encourage more visitors to our school.

As part of Catholic Education Week, students will be treated to a sausage sizzle on Thursday, 18 March. Many thanks to the volunteers who will be cooking the sausages. It is the generosity of the community that makes treats like these possible.

Next week classes will begin presenting at our weekly assemblies. I understand parents like to be part of our school assemblies and we will be able to accommodate 40 parents at each assembly while still maintaining covid safe practices. Next week the P/1 and 5/6 classes are rostered to present, followed by 2/3 and 4/5 the following week. Bookings will need to be made via Try Booking. Bookings will open tomorrow morning at 9.00am for next week's assembly and the code is BPPRR. As numbers are limited please be considerate and only book for the week your child is presenting so that parents do not miss out. Accompanying children under 5 years are welcome and will be counted. Upon arrival at the school for the assembly you will not need to sign in but have your name checked against the Try Booking register. The code for assembly the following week will be in next week's newsletter.

Warm regards,
Michelle

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.

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 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	Ivy P	For following the school rules, putting lots of effort into her work and including others in activities.
2/3MS	Jane M	For showing respectful behaviours, such as being a hardworking student who listens to her teachers and applies effort to her work.
4/5KM	Dom S	For working on his concentration in class and always being funny and friendly in and out of the classroom.
5/6CG	Lachlan N	For helping people in the class.

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;

Reconciliation: March 23, 7pm

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

PE NEWS

On Monday 1st March, I was privileged to be able to go and support Ashley and Rachel S as they represented St Philip's at the Division Swimming Championships. Rachel swam 50m backstroke and Ashley swam 50m breaststroke. Both girls showed grit and determination as they prepared for and swam their races.

Rachel placed 3rd in her U 9/10 race which was a really commendable achievement. Ashley placed 7th in her U 12/13 race. The girls were also supported on the day by both of their parents who were present. The St Philip's community is so proud of the girls! Congratulations to both!

Mrs Lang





Harmony Day

St Philip's is celebrating Harmony Day on Monday 22nd March. We are going to have a paraliturgy and dress up in the colour of orange or a traditional outfit from your culture. We are going to do some Harmony Day activities in our sports house groups.

The theme is Everyone Belongs, here is the song.

[Everyone Belongs](#) ← (song)

Harmony Day is when we celebrate everyone's differences, cultures and religions. It is a day we go back to our different histories and celebrate it.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony day and Harmony Week.

Even though the Torres Strait Islanders and the Aborigines have been living on this land, Australia has a whole lot of different cultures other than those two.

Australia has a variety of different backgrounds.

Italian, Greek, English, Vietnamese, Irish, Korean, Canadian, Croatian and others.

Harmony day is made to make a better future



By Xavier. B, Katarina. P, Bella. D, Rachel. G and Chloe. D

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

As part of Catholic Education Week the school will be providing lunch for our children on Thursday the 18th of March.

Lunch will consist of a Sausage in Bread and an Icy Pole.

If you would prefer to have your child bring their own lunch, please opt out by advising the office via email at office@stphilipbbn.catholic.edu.au by 3.30pm Friday 12th March.



TUCKSHOP NEWS

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.

Parents & Friends



St Philip's Families.

We are nearing the end of Term 1. We have the Easter raffle and now Hot Cross Buns for our fundraising this term.

Our next P&F meeting will be held the first week of Term 2 and we will focus on events and other fundraising ideas for the remainder of the year. So put your thinking caps on, would love to hear them.

Maria Ferrara

P & F Co-Ordinator

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Class Dinner – Save the Date

The first mums class dinner will be held on Wednesday 31st March. All classes will attend together, that way we can all meet mums from other classes. More information will be sent out next week once we secure a venue.

Cake Raffle

We still only have a few 2 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

Easter Raffle

We are 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 19th 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.

Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser:

Order forms were sent out yesterday. Hot cross buns cost \$8 for a 6 pack. Please return forms back by Friday 26th March.

Entertainment:

Receive a bonus \$10 or \$20 eGift card for Woolworths or JB Hi-Fi when you purchase a membership. Order via this link.

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

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

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

EMMAUS COLLEGE

Open Day – Thursday 25th March 3.45-6.30pm.

Join us at our Vermont South Campus on Open Day to see our school in action.

For tour bookings or more information, please visit our website.

www.emmaus.vic.edu.au

Years 7-12: 503 Springvale Road, Vermont South. Telephone: 9845 3211



Raising Resilient Kids

A Parents' Building Solutions 6-Week Online Program

Do you want to:

- Get a clear understanding of resilience and coping with life's set backs?
- Learn how to build resilience in your child?
- Learn strategies to help your child bounce back from adversity?
- Build a strong emotional connection with your child so they share more with you?

Program suitable for parents of children aged 5-12 years of age.

Join us for 6 weekly online sessions:

23 February to 30 March 2021

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 am

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.

