



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
- 19 Yrs 3 & 4 Whitefriars Experience
- 23 District Summer Sports
- 26 School Photos

### APRIL

- 1 Last Day of Term – 1.00pm Dismissal

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

## PRAYER

Lord,

It is only you  
who can read and understand  
the language of our hearts,  
only you who can translate our 'sorry'  
into the prayer we would have prayed,  
if we had the words within us.  
Then you forgive,  
and having forgiven  
surround us in an embrace of love,  
drawing us close to your heart,  
as it was always meant to be.  
Thank you, Loving Father,  
that you listen to hearts,  
as well as voices  
Amen.

## 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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# From the Principal

Dear Parents,

We are grateful for the opportunity to have been able to gather as a community for different events during Catholic Education Week this week. The 3/4 students enjoyed their overnight stay at the Melbourne Zoo; we had a sausage sizzle thanks to the help of parents; and tomorrow parents are able to join us once again at our school assembly. Our students' sense of belonging is strengthened through these opportunities of social connectedness.

Next Friday, 26 March, the 2/3 and 4/5 classes will be sharing at our school assembly beginning at 2.50pm. Bookings can be made via Try Booking using this link. <https://www.trybooking.com/BPWKD> Bookings can be made tomorrow from 4.00pm. We are still restricted in the number of parents we can accommodate at assembly while following our covid safe practices. As such only 40 tickets will be available. Accompanying children under 5 years are welcome and will not be counted. Upon arrival at the school for the assembly you will need to have your name checked against the Try Booking register.

The Enhancing Catholic School Identity survey (ECSI) platform is still unavailable. I will let you know when the surveys are accessible so that you can contribute to the data collection.

Next Monday is Harmony Day. Harmony Day is when we celebrate cultural diversity and focus on respect and inclusiveness. Students are invited to wear either cultural dress or something orange on Monday.

Have a wonderful weekend and week ahead.

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 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.

## 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	Zoe D	For being a kind and caring friend to all. Zoe always has such a positive attitude towards learning. Keep it up!
2/3MS	Raymond G	For being a hard worker who concentrates on his tasks especially his narrative writing. He listens to the teacher and is a fine role model for his peers. He is always willing to offer assistance to others. Well done!
4/5KM	Thomas W	For being funny and inclusive and for making people laugh.
5/6CG	Molly M	For trying hard with her work and for doing the right thing.

**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



## 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

## Italian

**"Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom."**

Ciao a tutti!

It is great to be back with the students enthusiastically engaging in Italian classes. All classes have explored Carnevale one of the largest festivals in Italy investigating the concept of Carnevale and why and how it is celebrated.

We welcomed five very confident Prep students last week to the Italian classes as they joined the Year 1 students.

The Year Prep/1 class were introduced to our Italian class mascot- **"Chirico il Koala"** who will be learning Italiano with us on our learning journey throughout the year. The students were very excited to meet Chirico who will be encouraging the students to engage in Italian as much as possible in class and on the playground.

Saluti,  
Signora Neill





HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:  
Matilda B, Jesse K.



## Year 7 @ Whitefriars

On behalf of Whitefriars College I would like to acknowledge your support and thank you for the vital and valuable work you have done in forming the students from your community who have commenced their time at our College.

They are wonderful young men who have started the year with great interest, energy and enthusiasm. I am particularly grateful for the way you have walked with us through the transition process, especially through the challenges of 2020, which has been an important element of their successful start at Whitefriars. I am very grateful for the generosity and time you have given to building the relationship between our two schools and I look forward to continuing to develop the mutually beneficial bond between us for the benefit of our young people and the broader provision of Catholic education in our area of Melbourne.

I wish you all the very best for this exciting year ahead.

Mr Mark Murphy  
Principal

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*Belong. Believe. Become.*



**Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser:**

Order forms have been sent out. Hot cross buns cost \$8 for a 6 pack. Please return forms back by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

**Down Balls:**

Tuckshop is back which means downballs can be purchased again. They will be for sale during lunch over counter for \$3.00

**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

**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)

**EMMAUS COLLEGE**

Open Day – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.emmaus.vic.edu.au)

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

**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](mailto:karenlitabletennis@gmail.com)

## 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.

