



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

- 26 School Photos
- 29-31 Lenten Prayer Service 10.40am daily

APRIL

- 1 Lenten Paraliturg & Assembly 12.30
- 1 Last Day of Term – 1.00pm Dismissal

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

PRAYER

Father of light,
in You is found no shadow of change
but only the fullness of life and limitless truth.
Open our hearts to the voice of Your Word
and free us from the original darkness
that shadows our vision.

Restore our sight that we may look upon Your Son
who calls us to repentance and a change of heart,
for he lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

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 fast approaching the last week of Term One and the last week of Lent. With Holy Week beginning this Sunday, Palm Sunday, we will take time next week to recall the events leading up to Good Friday and the crucifixion of Jesus. From Monday the students and teachers will gather in prayer every morning to focus on the significance of Holy Week in our lives. Our final gathering for Holy Week prayer will be next Thursday, Holy Thursday at 12.30 pm and parents are invited. Our final assembly will follow the prayer service and will include the drawing of the Easter raffle. Bookings can be made using this link. <https://www.trybooking.com/BQBSS>

This week students have celebrated the Sacrament of First Confession. This is an important time in their faith journey when they are able to experience and embrace healing through God's forgiveness.

Tomorrow, 26 March, the 2/3 and 4/5 classes will be sharing some of their Term One learning at our school assembly beginning at 2.50pm. If you would like to join us please make a booking using this link. <https://www.trybooking.com/BPWKD> Limited places are available as we are still maintaining Covid safe practices.

Each year we are permitted to have four school closure days for the purpose of staff professional learning and development. Planning for these days is consistent with our Annual Action Plan. While we would usually have one per term, we have scheduled two for Term Two. These days are scheduled for Friday 30 April, the second week of Term Two, and Tuesday 15 June. The focus of the first day is the Measurement and Geometry curriculum. The day is being led by the Numeracy School Advisor from MACS Eastern Region Office. The focus of the second day, 15 June, is Religious Education and this day will be led by our Religious Education School Advisor from the Eastern Region Office. Reminders will be sent closer to the days.

Have a wonderful weekend. If you are a follower of the AFL, good luck, may the best team/s win!

Warm regards,
Michelle

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Elite School Photography will be on site on Friday 26th March to take our annual School Photos. Order envelopes have been sent home with students together with sibling envelopes for those families with more than 1 child at the school. Order instructions are on the envelope. Please ensure all students are in full summer uniform.

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	Alexander Z	For always putting effort into his work and offering to help and include others.
2/3MS	Navkirat B	For accepting feedback and making a commitment to challenge herself with future learning.
4/5KM	Taine L	For being kind, helping people calm down and producing fantastic work.
5/6CG	Montell P	For being a good friend and keeping people company.

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

2/3MS Melbourne Zoo Snooze Camp Reflections...

Last week on Wednesday 17th March, the Year 3s and 4s went to the Melbourne Zoo for an overnight Zoo Snooze Camp. I felt scared about the camp because I was sleeping outside for the first time without my parents.

But after we arrived at the Melbourne Zoo, I was very excited. Due to Covid19 we hadn't been to the zoo or anywhere for a very long time.

I couldn't sleep well because there was a lot of noise such as trains, bats, lions, cars and talking.

My favourite part at camp was seeing the baby snow leopards. It was my first time seeing a baby snow leopard. I wished we could stay there for the whole time.

by Raymond



Last week on Wednesday 17th March the year 3s and 4s went on an overnight snooze camp and I felt very happy during our camp. After arriving we went on a night walk. On our night walk I saw a great giant elephant with a huge trunk. Then, we slept inside our small tents in groups at night time.

The next morning, we had toast for breakfast. During our next tour around the zoo I saw some small seals in a pond which was my favourite part of the tour.

Afterwards we went back to our school in a big bus.

by Seth

Last week on Wednesday 17th of March year 3s and 4s went to Zoo Snooze Camp. I felt excited, delighted and anxious. When we got to the zoo, we met the people who were going to show us around. They took us to the place we were going to sleep and we unpacked. I had never slept in a tent before. Our tents were a creamy colour and were named after elephants that lived at the zoo. We were given lanyards so we would know which group we were in. In our groups we had to try and earn points by doing activities and answering questions about animals at the zoo, what they look like and how they live in the wild.

After dinner we went on a night walk to see some of the animals. My favorite animal was the kangaroos, we saw them jump and wrestle. Seeing all the different animals is what I enjoyed most about camp. I am very grateful that I got to go on camp.

by Zara



Wow the time had finally come! I felt so excited to be going to the overnight Melbourne Zoo Snooze Camp because it was my first time going on camp with my friends.

When we were looking at the animals at night, the zookeepers had a special red light so they didn't hurt any of the animals. My favourite was the squirrel monkey. I like it because they are small and they have a black head.

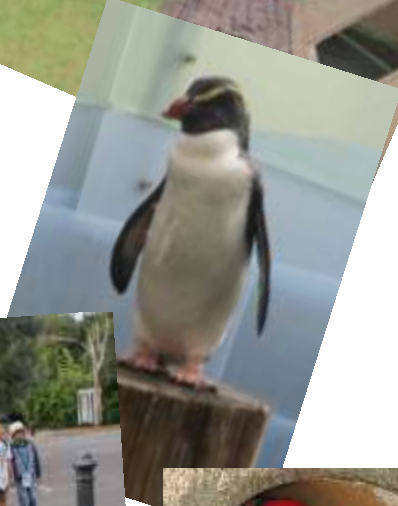
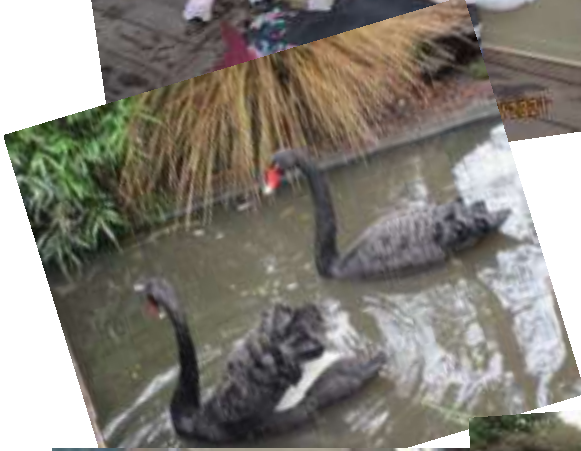
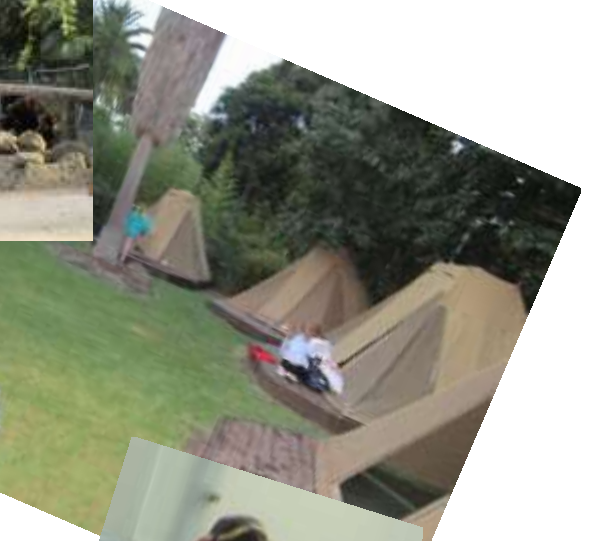
After we were done looking at the animals, we went back to the tents. We changed into our soft, comfortable pyjamas and went to sleep.

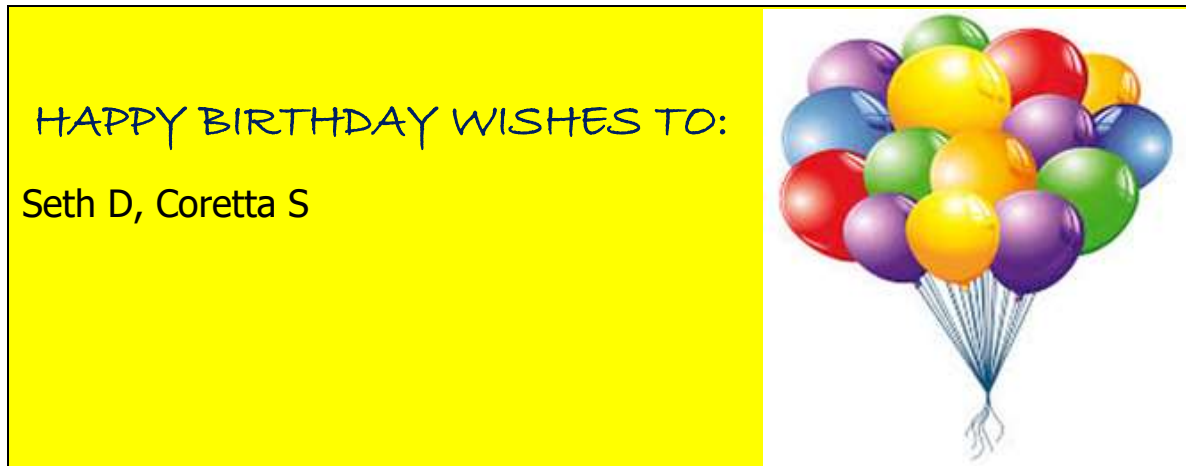
by Navkirat

When we arrived at the Melbourne Zoo for our overnight camp, we were put into groups. The groups were called Tasmanian Devil, the Orange Belly Parrot, the Hollywood Mouse and the Green Tree Frog.

I was in the Tasmanian Devil team. We did games and quizzes too with the zoo keepers Jenny, Mozz and Annie.

After dinner, I was sleepy but felt GREAT about going on a the night walk. I loved seeing the Tasmanian Devil, because I peeked and saw it going to sleep. It was cute. I liked the male lion because it was fierce and massive and it was a male lion! The lion was on a huge branch and a minute later the lion roared. We slept in tents and they were name after an elephant. The tents were called teepees. We could stay up for ten minutes and then go to sleep. by Jane





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

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

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 23rd April.

To find out more about the criteria and application process visit whitefriars.vic.edu.au/scholarships

Parents & Friends



St Philip's Families.

We only have 1 week of term left so don't forget your Hot Cross Bun orders and raffle tickets. Our first mum's dinner will be held on Wednesday 31st March at The Coach in Ringwood. This will be a great evening where we can finally get together. Please reply to your Class Reps by Friday 26th March. We hope to see you there.

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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ST PHILIP'S

Mum's Dinner

This is a great opportunity to catch up and meet new mum's!!

Wednesday 31st March

Venue: The Coach, 33 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood

Time: 7pm

Please RSVP by 26/3 to your Class Rep's:

Simone (P/1): 0450 781 299	Tanya (2/3): 0411 656 229
Carlie (4/5): 0418 359 473	Theresa (5/6): 0419 632 850

Cake Raffle

Thank you everyone for volunteering to bake this term. Term 1 is now full. New roster will be released next week.

Easter Raffle – Donations required – Extended to 26th March

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 26th 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:

Friday is your last day to return the order forms. If you need another form, please contact the office. Hot cross buns cost \$8 for a 6 pack. Please return forms back by Friday 26th March.

Your orders will be distributed to your children on Wednesday 31st March. Just in time for Good Friday.

Down Balls:

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

Entertainment:

Click on image to purchase your entertainment membership.



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.

