



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

APRIL

- 25 Anzac Day
- 26-28 Yr 5/6 Camp – Rumbug
- 30 School Closure Day

MAY

- 3 St Philip's Day – Mass 9.00am
Sausage Sizzle Lunch
- 4 Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30am
Mother's Day Prayer Service 9.00am
- 6 P-3 Collingwood Children's Farm Exc
- 7 Mother's Day Stall

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

PRAYER



Risen Christ,
 you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh
 hope:
 strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
 and fill us with your peace,
 to the glory of God the Father.
 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,

Welcome to Term Two. The students have settled in well to school routines and their learning. We gathered as a community on Monday to celebrate the Resurrection, marking the commencement of the season of Easter. This gathering led us in to a time to reflect on the joy and thanksgiving we receive through our faith.

We are now in a time of transition with regard to school uniform. As we experience a range of temperatures and weather conditions at this time, either summer or winter uniform may be worn this week and next week. From Week Three all students should be wearing their winter uniform. Details about our school uniform are attached to this newsletter.

Tomorrow ANZAC Day will be the focus of our School Assembly. We will commemorate through prayer acknowledging the significance of Sunday, 25 April. Gladys Liu will be with us for this commemoration and to present our new flags. Parents are welcome and can use this link to book in.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BQRLV>

Final preparations are being made for the 5/6 camp next Monday. The three days the campers have at Camp Rumbug in Foster is a time for them to learn to respond to personal challenges, develop their self-reliance and independence. School camp is also a time for students to strengthen their relationships with each other, and with their teachers.

I know all students look forward to the canteen on Fridays for lunch and special treats. The wide range of food to buy is very tempting for students, and reasonably priced. In maintaining healthy eating habits however, students will be discouraged from buying multiple packs/servings of items. Their teachers have also reminded them that they are only to buy for themselves, and not for others.

We appreciate the engagement of all our families and the way you all support the school in different ways. We had a fruitful discussion at P&F this week; we have a freshly mown oval; the canteen has been restocked.

Consistent with the change in governance, and Catholic Schools now being part of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), is the formation of the School Advisory Board (SAB). We recently received the Terms of Reference for the SAB and will be forwarding information to families within the next week. This will include information about how the SAB will function and the process for applying to become a member.

Enrolments are now open for 2022. Enrolment forms are available via email or from the office for families of children who will be commencing school next year.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Warm regards,

Michelle Worcester

Acting Principal

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.

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	Riccardo G	For always trying his best to listen and including others in activities.
2/3MS	Jesse K	For concentrating on his work and helping others.
4/5KM	Kushampreet G	For being a kind, understanding and well-mannered class member.
5/6CG	Xavier B	For completing a good presentation on his inquiry project.



Community News

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



NEW webinar: eSafety's guide to parental controls

Register for the free webinar, eSafety's guide to parental controls, for parents and carers from the eSafety Commissioner.

The webinar will look at how parents and carers can set up devices and apps to help kids and young people stay safe online.

It will cover:

- the benefits and limitations of parental controls
- how to set up iOS and Android devices for safety
- how to set up popular games and apps like YouTube and oblox for safety
- using family tech agreements and other parenting strategies to manage online risks
- how eSafety can help when things go wrong.

This webinar will include practical tips, demonstrations and advice.

To register, visit: esafety.gov.au/parents.



St. Philip's Great Book Swap

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Monday 24th May from 2:30pm, Year 4/5KM will be holding The Great Book Swap.

The Great Book Swap is where you donate a book then you can purchase a book with a gold coin. If you want to buy a book you don't have to donate a book, but if you want to purchase a book you'll need to pay \$1 or \$2. On Monday 24th May from 2:30pm, Year 4/5 is going to spread all the donated books on tables in our classroom and we are going to be like shopkeepers. Each class will come to our classroom and you can choose one or more books and donate a gold coin for each book. Adults can also come to choose a book they want to buy.

If you buy a book, that money will be used to donate to the ILF which stands for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. The ILF writes and publishes books and runs programs to inspire aboriginal communities to tell and publish their own stories in the languages they choose.

Parents are invited to attend from 3:30pm and the books will be set up for you in the breezeway outside the school hall. Please choose books that you don't read anymore. Please donate the books by the 21st May.

Kind regards

Anastasia C, Chloe G, Rachel S and Sophie K





Parenting Information Forum

Supporting Parents, Grandparents and Carers



DADS TOOLKIT - IMPORTANCE OF FATHERS IN CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (FATHERS & CARERS OF CHILDREN AGED 0-10 YEARS)

Presented online by Laurie Arrowsmith is a ParentZone group facilitator, parent, counsellor, and parent coach.

Are you a Dad looking to add parenting tools and tips into your toolkit?

Do you want to learn strategies to develop your relationship and communication with your children?

Whitehorse Council invite you to join ParentZone for this FREE relaxed webinar to learn the tricks of the trade - that is being a Dad!



PARENTZONE

DATE	Wednesday 28 April 2021
TIME	7pm-8.30pm online via Zoom
BOOKINGS	Registering your attendance is essential. Please book online on Council's website www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/events/dads-toolkit-2021
OTHER INFORMATION	To request additional access support including interpreting please contact Council's Parenting Resource Officer on 9262 6175 or parentresource@whitehorse.vic.gov.au



Children's Counselling

EACH Youth and Family counselling Team

Provides **FREE** counselling support to children aged 0 to 12 and their families who live, work, study or play in the City of Whitehorse.

Counsellors can assist with issues relating to (but not limited to):

- Parent and child relationships
- Parenting
- Social and Emotional wellbeing
- Grief and Loss
- Anxiety and Self Esteem

Our counsellors provide support via Telehealth:
Phone and Video Conference Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

To discuss or make a referral to the EACH Youth & Family Counselling Team

Please call: **1300 003 224** or
Email: youthandfamilyvic@each.com.au



Check us out on Facebook @ Each Youth & Family
www.facebook.com/groups/eachyouthvic/

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SCHOOL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS**BOYS:****Summer-**

- Black leather lace-up school shoes, navy socks, navy shorts.
- Light blue polo shirt with St Philip's Crest.
- Maroon hat: bucket, legionnaire's or wide brimmed.
- Maroon windcheater with St Philip's Crest.

**Winter-**

- Black leather lace-up school shoes, navy socks.
- Long navy pants (either elastic waist or zipper & button).
- Light blue skivvy or light blue polo shirt with St Philip's Crest.
- Maroon windcheater with St Philip's Crest.

**GIRLS:****Summer-**

- Black leather lace-up school shoes.
 - Poly cotton dress (maroon/navy/white check) with white or navy socks
- or
- Navy skort with light blue polo shirt with St Philip's Crest with white or navy socks.
- Maroon windcheater with St Philip's Crest.
 - Maroon hat: bucket, legionnaire's or wide brimmed.
 - Maroon or navy blue hair accessories.

Winter-

- Black leather lace-up school shoes, white or navy socks, or navy tights.
 - Blue and maroon checked Pinafore or long navy pants (either elastic waist or zipper & button)
- Or
- Navy skort, light blue skivvy or light blue polo top with St Philip's Crest
- Maroon windcheater with St Philip's Crest.
 - Maroon or navy blue hair accessories.

PLEASE NOTE:

Elastic sided boots are not accepted as part of the School Uniform.

All removable items of clothing must be clearly labelled with your child's name.