



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

JULY

- 23 Coffee & Chat Morning 9.00am
- 23 Design & Technology Showcase 2.pm-2.45pm
- 23 Assembly – Mrs Bird - Farewell
- 26 Grandparent's Day
- 27 Winter Sports Gala – Yr 4-6
- 28 Coffee & Chat Morning 9.00am
- 30 School Closure Day

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

PRAYER



God our Maker,
 Thank you for the communities in which we work and live.
 Thank you for the community that is Your, Body, the Church.
 Fill us with Your Spirit today so that, as one, we reflect on your light and love to each other and to the world.
 In Christ we pray,
 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

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

We welcome everyone back for Term Three. We have had a good start to the term with everyone settling back in to daily routines and classroom learning. We pray we can continue in this way in the midst of the current climate and covid restrictions. Our covid safe plan is continually updated. Any visitors to the school are required to use the QR code to check in upon arrival. All visitors are required to wear masks when they are onsite.

Next Friday we will farewell Dionne Bird at our School Assembly. This will be a special time for the community to gather to thank Dionne for the many years of commitment and dedication she has extended to St Philip's. We are however restricted in the number of guests we can accommodate for this special moment. Bookings can be made via Trybooking using the code:

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

Student progress portfolios, and Term Three Overviews will be sent home next week. The portfolios provide you with insight into the various stages of your child/ren's learning. We encourage you to engage in conversation with your child/ren about the progress they have made in all areas of their learning.

We are also offering families the opportunity to share in celebrating students' learning in the classrooms next Friday from 2.00 pm until 2.45 pm. During this time students will showcase their learning in the Design and Technology curriculum. Please see details regarding this later in the newsletter.

I remind you of our School Closure Day on Friday 30 July. The focus of our day is Mathematics. This day precedes further professional learning our teachers will undertake this year. During the remainder of this year, teachers in all levels will engage in further learning to develop their mathematical understandings and pedagogy as we maximise students' learning opportunities in Mathematics, and other areas of the curriculum. This ongoing professional learning has been designed and will be facilitated by MACS' Mathematics Team.

Wishing you all a happy and safe weekend, and week ahead.

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.

Community coffee & chat

Dear families,

Being able to gather with others is an important part of our community. To enable this, we invite you to pop-in to our 'community coffee & chat' mornings in the Fr Arnold Centre. Everyone is welcome. This is a chance for a chat with old friends, and a chance to meet new friends.

Friday 23rd July - 9.00am
Wednesday 28th July - 9.00am



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Belinda L, Xavier B, Tara L,
Sam M, Ashley S



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	Rosie W	For being a caring friend to all, following the school rules and sharing her special pens with everyone.
2/3MS	Elise C	For concentrating, doing her best work and persisting with solving Math problems.
4/5KM	Chloe G	For being responsible, caring, helpful and kind. For looking on the positive side of things and being humorous.
5/6CG		

VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

Please remember to log your completed books onto the website using the following VPRC link
<https://vprcidentity.eduweb.vic.gov.au/account/login>

All books completed also need to be manually recorded on the checklist and handed into the school office once you have completed the correct amount of books so we can validate your participation.

Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

Community News

OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE

Is your Daughter completing Yr 5 in 2021? Applications to start Yr 7 in 2023 at Our Lady of Sion College close on Friday 20th August 2021.

We warmly invite you to join us at one of our scheduled tours held throughout the year during school terms. Dates are as follows:

Talk & Tour Mornings: 9.30am-11.00am - Friday July 23 – Monday 16th August

Monday 11th October – Thursday 18th November.

Visit our website: www.sion.catholic.edu.au to book.

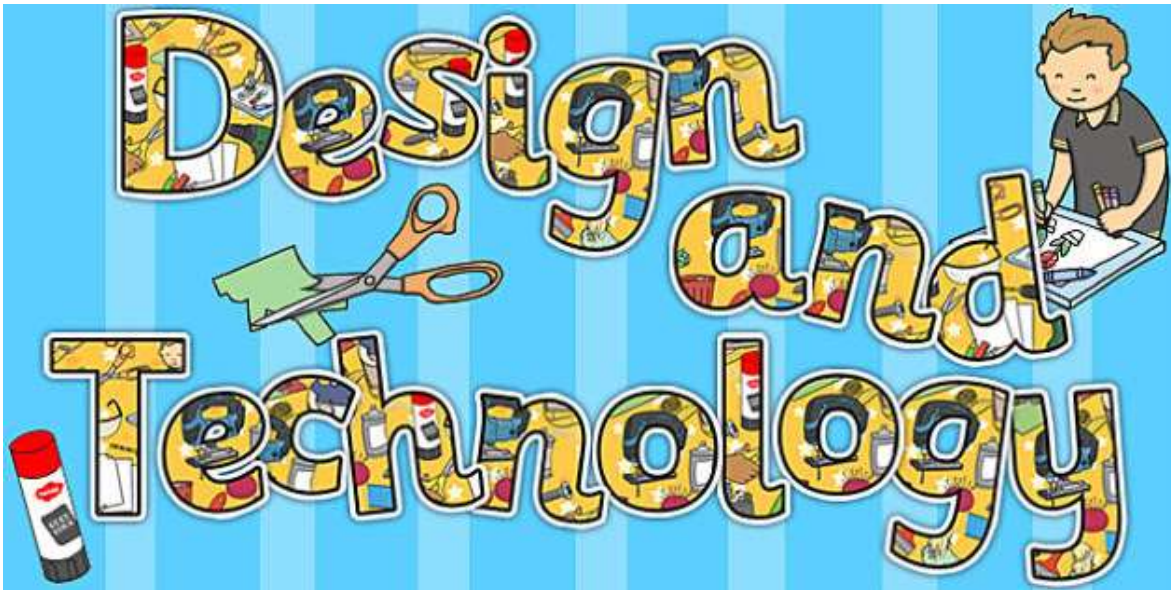
TUCKSHOP

The Tuckshop/Canteen is open tomorrow and every Friday going forward for lunch orders and over the counter orders at lunchtime only.

Roster:

16 July	Jo Corbett, Maria Andrews, Bernie Simms
23 July	Nicole George, Carlie Huppatz, Natalie or Michael Davis

St Philip's Primary School presents



Celebration of Learning

When: Friday 23 July at 2p.m.

Where: Every classroom.

COVID GUIDELINES

Please ensure that you use the QR Code as you enter the school and sign in at the Office. Should further government restrictions affect this event, the Celebration of Learning will be adjusted accordingly.

Parents & Friends



St Philip's Families,

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you had a well-rested break and if you travelled, that your plans were not too affected.

We are halfway through the year, already!!!

We look forward to continuing our fundraising and event efforts this term.

Maria Ferrara

P & F Co-Ordinator

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Cake Raffle

Term 3 roster is now open. Please note that we still need to fill this week. If you can sign up that would be fantastic.

[HTTPS://VOLUNTEERSIGNUP.ORG/RE88F](https://volunteersignup.org/re88f)

Family Portraits – Bookings now open

We hold a family portrait fundraising day every 2 years. This is an opportunity to update your precious family photos. It will be held on **Sunday 15th August**, on the grounds of St Philip's. It cost \$30 to book the session and you will also receive a High Res Digital Print of one photo. Great packages will be available if you would like to purchase other or all your photos.

Bookings are now open, click on the link and follow the prompts.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-philips-school-tickets-161180582461>

School Disco

The school Disco will be held on Friday 20th August. We are still in the process of securing a DJ for the night. More details to come.

Entertainment:

Receive a FREE upgrade when you purchase a single city membership and an extra month for FREE! As a bonus, anyone who purchases an entertainment book also goes in the draw to win a QLD holiday for 4.

Click to order your membership => <https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/9a27151>

Upcoming Dates:



15th August – Family Portrait Day

20th August – School Disco (Term 3)



NCCD Information Sheet for Parents, Carers and Guardians

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) On School Students with Disability

What is the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data?

Schools must now complete the *Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)* every year. It counts the number of students who receive additional adjustments or “help” at school because of a disability. The NCCD helps governments plan for the needs of students with disability.

Who is counted in the data collection?

To count a student in the NCCD, schools must think through some key questions:

1. Is the student getting help at school so that they can take part in education on the same basis as other students?
2. Is the help given because of a disability? The word ‘disability’ comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA) and it can include many students.
3. Has the school talked to you or your child about the help that they provide?
4. Has the school kept records about the help they provide, the student needs and the reasons that the student needs this help? The school will need to keep copies of tests, student work, assessments, records of meetings, medical reports or other paperwork and information about how the student’s learning is moving along over time.

Once the school decides that the student should be counted in the NCCD, they then choose a disability group and one of four levels of help that has been given to the student.

What does the word ‘disability’ mean in the NCCD?

In the NCCD the word ‘disability’ comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA). There are four types of disability that the school can choose from: sensory, cognitive, social-emotional and physical.

Many students that need help at school can be counted in the NCCD. For example, students with learning problems, e.g. specific learning disability or reading difficulty (sometimes called dyslexia), health problems (e.g. epilepsy or diabetes), physical disability (e.g. cerebral palsy), vision/hearing loss and social-emotional problems (e.g. selective mutism, Autism Spectrum Disorder, anxiety).

Letters from doctors or specialists can be very helpful for schools as they plan how to support students with their learning. Schools do not need to have these letters before they can count a

student in NCCD. Teachers can use all that they know about the student's learning and the records that they have collected over time to decide if a student can be counted in the NCCD.

What sort of help does the school give students?

Students need different types of help at school. Some students need a little help sometimes while other students need a lot of help nearly all the time. The type of help given depends on the needs of the student. The help can include changes to the school buildings or grounds (e.g. ramps or things like special desks or chairs), extra teacher help in classes, special learning programs, changes to the work they give the student or extra adult help.

How will the NCCD be different this year?

All schools have been counting students in the NCCD since 2015. The government will use the NCCD data as part of the funding to schools.

What will the school need to know about my child for the NCCD?

Schools work together with families to understand the needs of each child. It is helpful if families give their child's teacher a copy of any letters or reports they have. The letters or reports will help the school understand the child and the help that they might need. Letters from doctors, psychologists, speech pathologists, doctor, and occupational therapists etc. can be very helpful for schools. These reports along with information that the teacher has (i.e. school based tests, your child's work and learning plans) helps the school to understand and meet your child's needs.

What happens to the NCCD data? Who will have the NCCD information?

Each school principal must check the NCCD data in August of each year. The school will give the information to the Catholic Education Office. The school will work with the Catholic Education Office to make sure that the NCCD data is OK before they give the data to the government. The government will not be given the names of any students or any letters or records. Please ask your school for their privacy policy if you need to know more.

Does the school need me to agree with them about counting my child in the NCCD?

Amendments were made to the [Australian Education Act 2013](#) and [Australian Education Regulation 2013](#). Schools do not need you to agree to let them count a child in the NCCD. You cannot ask the school not to count your child.

Where can I find out more?

Please contact your child's school if you have further questions about the NCCD and/or refer to the national [NCCD Portal](#).