



St Christopher's Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 7 19th November, 2020

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Adrian Glasby

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Colleen Mahoney
Faith & Organisation

Denis Johnstone
Students, Staff & Community

OPTIONAL PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

- WED DEC 9
- 12:00 FINISH

STUDENT FREE DAY
FRI DEC 11

LAST DAY OF TERM 4

- WED DEC 16
- 12:00 FINISH
- CASUAL CLOTHES

2021 TERM 1 START DATES

- FRI JAN 29
YEARS 1 TO 6
- MON FEB 1
PREPS
10AM START

Dear Parents,

We thank all of our wonderful children for the way that they showed reverence and respect in their classrooms during our Remembrance Day service last Wednesday. Our School Captains and Vice Captains assisted Mr Glasby and myself by reading prayers, reflections and The Ode over the PA system. We stood for the Last Post and paused for one minute of silence. Following the service, our School Leaders placed a wreath at the base of the school flag pole. Some of the classes visited the wreath during the day and stopped for a special prayer and reflection whilst others completed reflections in their classroom.



With the end of year fast approaching, we have a few special events and dates coming up:

Sacraments:

Our Year 3 children are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) in the next couple of weeks during class time. We ask that you keep the children in your prayers as they take this next step in their Sacramental journey.

Our Year 4 children have had their First Eucharist postponed until 2021. At this stage, no dates have been set for this Sacrament. We will advertise all Sacramental dates (including Confirmation) for 2021 as soon as we have them finalised. We thank you for your patience with this.

Graduation and Grade 6 Fun Day:

Information about the Year 6 Graduation has been sent out to parents and further information will be available closer to the day. This is going to be a live-streamed event with a recorded video to be sent out following the event. The celebratory fun day will be held on Monday the 14th of December.

Parent Teacher Interviews:

Don't forget that our Optional Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday the 9th of December. School will finish at 12pm on that day so that the interviews can take place at 1pm. Booking instructions will be sent out at a later date.

Christmas Concert Videos:

As mentioned in one of my earlier newsletters, our Christmas concert will look very different this year. The children will be preparing their 2020 Christmas Concert item in their own class and this will be video recorded. These videos will be sent out via the Seesaw app on Thursday the 10th of December, which corresponds to the original date set for the concert. Perhaps you might like to gather as a family that evening to watch your child's class video together.

School Closure Day:

Our school will be closed on Friday the 11th of December to facilitate planning and preparations for the 2021 school year.



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Christmas Dress Up Day, Step Up Day and SVDP Christmas Appeal:

Our wonderful friends at St Vincent de Paul, Airport West are again appealing for help to support those in need this Christmas. In what has been a challenging year for so many, we are hoping to continue our wonderful STC tradition of helping St Vincent de Paul at this time. On Tuesday the 15th of December (also Step Up Day) we will be holding a Christmas dress up day and are asking for a gold coin donation. In order to safely collect the money, there will be buckets of soapy water at the two front gate entrances on that day. Children will be asked to drop the gold coins into the bucket, then sanitise their hands and enter the gates.

End of Year:

Just a reminder that we finish at 12pm on Wednesday the 16th of December. This will be a casual clothes day (no gold coin needed).

What a fun and exciting few weeks ahead!!!

Kindest regards,

Colleen Mahoney.
Deputy Principal of Organisation and Faith.

OFFICE NEWS:

We are preparing to send home new payment forms for 2021, so please look out for them in your child's school bag.

Please note 2021 Schools Fees have not increased.

As we are in the process of changing to a new finance/administration software package and are still learning how to navigate this, we would appreciate these forms coming back as soon as possible to give us time to input them.

If you require any information regarding your account, please email finance@stcapw.catholic.edu.au

Thank you.

Dianne Marks
Office Manager

“AWAY” EMAILS

These email addresses are to be used when notifying the school of any student absence or early pickups due to illness, holidays, medical appointments or family reasons etc. They should also be used to convey any important information regarding your child. Should you experience any difficulties around using these emails, please contact the school office.

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**SWB @ STC Term 4 Week 7**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to have some more of our normal life return in the past few weeks. Being able to get to the Zoo (if you can get tickets), movies, catch up with loved ones and the return of junior sport have all been very welcome additions back into our lives. I hope you and your families have been able to enjoy the sunshine and the opportunities that have been opened up off the back of Victoria's terrific effort in suppressing COVID. This weekend my family were finally able to celebrate my daughter Zadie's baptism after it had to be cancelled in March, on the week of the first restrictions being implemented. It was really nice to be able to celebrate her with our family.

Transition Back to Onsite:

Once again our students are to be commended on the terrific way they have resumed onsite learning. We are finding minimal issues with students entering school independently now, even with our younger students. This has been a terrific side benefit of the restrictions that COVID has placed on us. The resilience and independence that has been developed across our student cohort has been wonderful to observe.

During the initial period of transition back to onsite learning, the school and I took a "honeymoon period" approach to managing and redirecting student behaviour, giving students a chance to settle in to routines and rules before strictly adhering to our Behaviour Management policy. This proved to be an effective strategy as it gave students the opportunity to own their behaviour, acknowledge that they had slipped up and then implement better choices going forward, without having to enforce some of the stricter consequences in the policy.

But as they say, all good things must come to an end! As the students have had a good amount of time to settle back in, we will be expecting them to more consistently make good choices in their behaviour and accordingly, we will be implementing our Behaviour Management policy firmly again. I ask you, as parents and co-educators of your children, to have a conversation with your children about good behaviour choices at school and giving their best effort to finish of 2020 is a positive way.

Grade 6 Transition sessions Moonee Valley Council and CRC Nth Keilor High School Q&A:

Our grade 6 students had a terrific opportunity to discuss their transition to high school and ask any questions that they may have about this milestone event. Both Moonee Valley Council and CRC North Keilor generously devoted their time to running sessions with our grade 6 classes where our students received valuable information regarding the big move up to high school and were able to ask the burning questions that they had directly to the source. Thank you to both CRC North Keilor and Moonee Valley Council for the opportunity.

Students' early Language Development Speaker Session:

Moonee Valley Council are also facilitating a Speech Pathologist talk to parents, focusing on early language development.

Listening, understanding and speaking skills are important for good literacy. Meet local speech pathologist, Naomi De Nicolo, who has over 20 years' experience in paediatrics. Enjoy a reading of one of Speech Pathology Australia's Book of the Year winning books and find out more about how you can support your child's language and literacy development at home.

This event is for parents of children aged from prep to 8 years old. This program is made possible with the assistance of Speech Pathology Australia and the Australian Library and Information Association.

Free, bookings necessary.

A link to the program will be emailed to participants 1 hour before the event commences. This program requires participants to have an active Zoom account. To create an account, please visit: <https://zoom.us> and create an account.

If you are having issues creating an account, please call Moonee Valley Libraries on 9243 1900.

Book: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/meet-a-speechie-with-speech-pathology-australia-tickets-128069458197>

SWB @ STC Term 4 Week 7 (Continued)**Sunsmart @ STC:**

As the warmer weather continues to build and come more frequently, we need all of our students to be SunSmart.

Water Bottles:

Please ensure that your students bring their own full water bottles to school each day. This is very important as there are no functioning water drinking taps at school due to COVID restrictions. Each day students will have a place to take their own water bottles out on yard with them and take them back in after playtime.

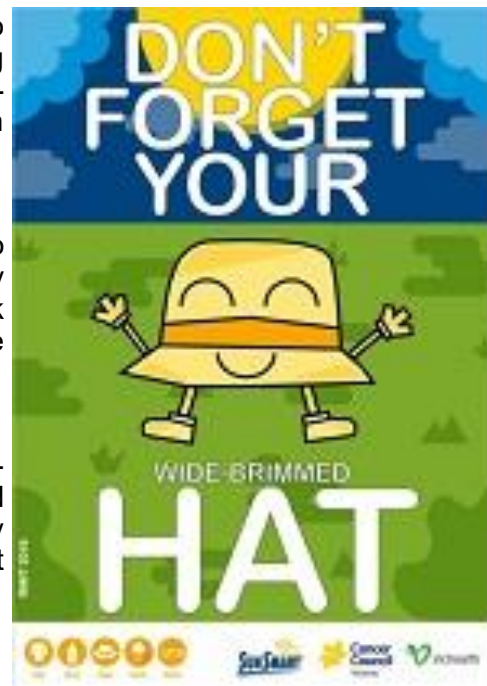
Hats:

Please ensure that your child has a St Christopher's school hat to wear. It's wide brim hat that provides the suggested shade and safety for students in schools - caps do not provide any protection at the back of the neck. If students are outside without hats, they will be sent to the COLA undercover area.

Sunscreen:

Students should be bringing their own sunscreen and applying it themselves to mitigate potential allergy and COVID issues. Please remind your children of this. Teachers will also give reminders during the day about applying sunscreen as required, along with our other SunSmart measures.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay connected,



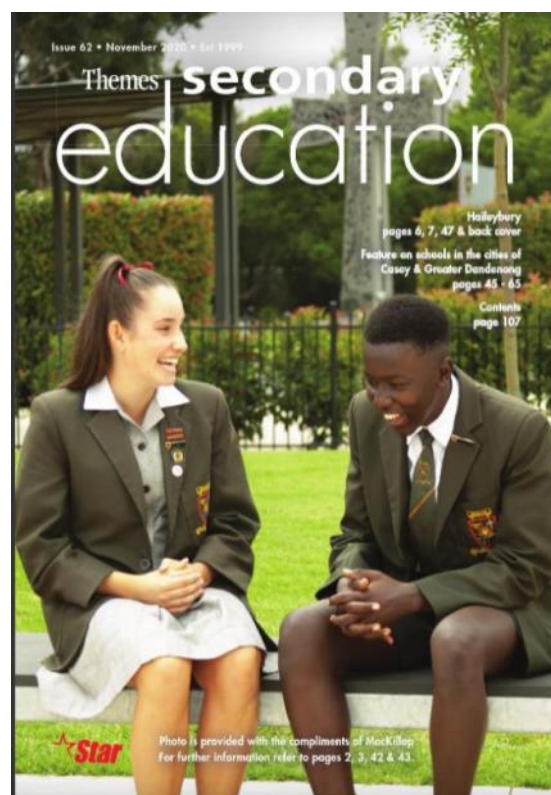
Denis Johnstone

Deputy Principal - Student, Staff and Community

Victoria School Guides

To assist your decision making in relation to your child's education for 2021 and beyond, please find below a link to the November 2020 edition of the Secondary Education Guide.

CLICK HERE:
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2021 College Tours

From Term 1 2021, onsite tours will resume

We will be releasing our 2021 College tour dates in the upcoming weeks. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter to be alerted to our Term 1 tour dates.

Book your place at columba.vic.edu.au



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LIMITED PLACES FOR 2021 ENTRY ARE
**CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
AT ALL YEAR LEVELS.**

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INFO@SCCMELB.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU
TO BEGIN THE ENROLMENT PROCESS.



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Play Cricket for the Snowdogs in 2020/21!

Junior Cricket at St Bernard's is back and better than ever!
Come and play cricket in a friendly, family environment where development and enjoyment is paramount.

St Bernard's offers **boys** and **girls** the opportunity to play:

Boys & Girls Cricket

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Boys Cricket

Under 12's

Under 14's

(inc a pathway into the

J.G. Craig Under 15 Competition)

Under 16's

(inc a pathway to senior cricket,
playing in the VSDCA)

Under 10's

Both play on Friday nights

Girls Cricket

Under 11's

Games are Wednesday evenings

Under 13's

Games are Monday evenings

Under 15's

Games are Wednesday evenings

For more information please visit www.stbernardsoccc.com.au or contact David Micallef at david.micallef@physiohealth.com.au



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Weekend of November 28 & 29 – 8.30am-3.30pm*

Weekend of December 5 & 6 – 8.30am-3.30pm*

Weekend of December 12 & 13 – 8.30am-3.30pm*

*COVID-Safe practices apply

AJ Davis Reserve Carpark
300 Fullarton Road
Airport West, VIC 3042

Enquiries: 0434 705 894



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CRICKET CLUB



2020/21 Junior Registration

OPEN NOW!



Please head to

<https://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?Id=402>

to sign up for the
West Saints in 2020/21
Up front cost of only \$20

*More information to come shortly



LIL' DEVILS CRICKET CLINIC

Keilor Park Recreation Reserve
Stadium Drive.
Keilor Park, Vic, 3042



- 5:30pm Friday Nights
- FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- Cricket Games and Fun
- Kids Aged 3-8
- Boys and Girls Welcome
- \$10 per week, per child

For more information, please contact
info@keilorparkcc.com.au or message
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KEILOR PARK SOCCER CLUB

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

AGES 4 TO 18 | GIRLS AND BOYS

Soccer is a great social and physical activity to get back into after lockdown.

FREE SESSIONS

As soon as restrictions ease, Keilor Park Soccer Club will be hosting free training sessions for our community each week – to get fit and active.

We welcome first-time and experienced players to join in the fun. You can bring a friend along, too.

We will be in touch with dates and times.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

or head to <https://bit.ly/3kcPqDE>
or shoot us an email with your details to football@KeilorParkSoccerClub.com.au

Address: Keilor Park Recreation Reserve, Stadium Drive, Keilor Park



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SOFTBALL BATTER UP

Softball Australia's national participation program, Softball Batter Up, is designed to be fun, flexible and engaging for children from kindergarten age to Year 6, focusing on fun activities while learning basic throwing, catching and striking skills.

Every registered participant receives an Official SBU Starter Kit to begin their softball journey.



KEILOR PARK SOFTBALL BATTER UP 2020/21

Venue: 81 Stadium Drive, Keilor Park, VIC 3042

Dates: 1 Dec 2020 - 2 March 2021 (8 weeks)

Times: Tuesday 5:30pm - 6:30pm Age: 4 - 8

Contact: Justin Zelones Ph: 0414 871 540

Email: president.kpsa@gmail.com

Register: www.softballbatterup.com.au

Cost: \$80.00

FULLY LOADED T-BALL

The perfect entry level game for kids as they learn the skills of softball through modified games.

Fully Loaded T-ball is designed to be a fun, inclusive and engaging program for boys and girls aged 8-12 using the **Game Sense** and **Change It** approach to teach basic throwing, catching and striking skills.

Fun and engaging with more player involvement from the first play.
Try it now!

New registered participants will receive a starter pack which includes a glove and ball.



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