



St Christopher's Newsletter

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Term 3 ~ Week 3 ~ July 29, 2021

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Community

TERM DATES

2021

Term 3 2021
Mon 12 Jul
to Fri 17 Sep
(12pm finish)

Term 4 2021

Mon 4 Oct
to Thu 16 Dec
(12pm finish)

2022

Term 1 2022

- Fri 28 Jan – Thurs 7 Apr
- Tue 1 Feb Years 1-6 students return
 - Wed 2 Feb Preps start

Dear Parents & Carers,

School Return

Welcome back! We are very excited and happy to have our students back on site. A school just isn't a school without children in it and St Christopher's certainly isn't St Christopher's without our 700 + students learning, playing and connecting with their fellow students and teachers.

Please rest assured that we continue to enact many procedures to keep your children and our staff as safe as possible including extra cleaning, sanitising of hands, staff lunchroom bubbles, mask wearing for adults not in the act of teaching, limiting whole school gatherings and separate play areas for year level cohorts. In this latest lockdown we saw numerous schools shut down and we are doing everything possible in our power to limit the chance of this occurring here.

How are you going?

How did you and your family cope with this latest lockdown? Going through this again was tough. That feeling of here we go again, and feeling hard done by after Victoria had been through such an incredible amount of struggle this last year was a difficult one for me to wrap my head around. There was also a strange sense of familiarity with the process that was helpful, but not that welcomed. I used the time to hang out with my family, cook some tasty food, get some household jobs done and put in some training for my first attempt at a marathon run at the Melbourne Marathon in October. I know, sounds like madness to most but it's something that I can focus some positive mental and physical energy on and gives me something to try and accomplish.

These lockdowns will be a different experience for us all, and may well be different each time a lockdown is called (Let's hope there isn't any more!). Hopefully we have learned some good lessons about the healthy positive coping strategies that worked for us last time. Hopefully you were able to get in some exercise, stay positive, use the extra time to connect with your family and get some odd jobs done around the house. And if you spent this lockdown just riding it out and trying to keep your head above water, that's ok too. We all need to do what is best for ourselves and our families as we continue to face the challenges of this pandemic. Just know that if you are in need of some help, there are numerous avenues of support available:

- Beyond Blue: <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support/get-immediate-support>
- Mental Health Australia: <https://mhaustralia.org/need-help>
- Health Direct: <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/mental-health-helplines>
- Email me directly if the school can support you or your family in connecting with help: djohnstone@stcapw.catholic.edu.au

Remember the old mental health metaphor, we can't fit anyone else's oxygen mask (even our family's) if we haven't ensured ours is fitted first.

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NEXT STUDENT FREE DAYS 2021

- Mon Aug 23
(changed from Aug 20)
- Mon Nov 1

WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS
ONLINE ORDERING VIA QKR APP





Free E Safe online Webinars

The government's E Safety commissioner is running a webinar to help parents understand their children's online activity. I highly recommend that you register and attend this webinar. Your children are spending more and more time online and the technology moves so quickly that it can be difficult to understand the different apps they are logging on to.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

Taking a look at TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube

Join the **eSafety Commissioner's** expert education and training team for a FREE live webinar.

It is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8 - 13.

This webinar focuses on popular apps used by young people. It will include case studies, research, and targeted advice so you can support the young people in your life to have safe, enjoyable online experiences.

Register now

Monday 16 August 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Tuesday 31 August 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

[Register](#) or for more information please visit [esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)

Our teachers will take our students through a student focused webinar on Online Boundaries in early September.

Join the eSafety Commissioner's expert training team for a LIVE and FREE Virtual Classroom event for National Child Protection Week 2021.

Students will learn to:

- identify consent and permission in a variety of online settings
- define and practise setting personal online safety boundaries
- develop help seeking and reporting strategies.

Green & Gold Day Celebration

A welcome distraction has been the Tokyo Olympics with Australian athletes representing our country really well so far. To get behind them and support them, as well as bring a bit of fun and spirit to school, we are supporting the National Green and Gold day. We encourage all students to come to school dressed in our Olympic colours of Green and Gold and support our team as they compete in Tokyo. Teachers will complete some Olympic themed activities with their class on the day.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay connected,

Denis Johnstone
Deputy Principal - Students, Staff and Community





R.E. NEWS:

It was so wonderful to see the children return to on-site schooling this week. The sounds coming from the playground are a welcome change to how quiet it has been in the past two weeks.

First Communion

During this latest lockdown, we were scheduled to begin our First Communion masses with the Year 4 and 5 children. Unfortunately, we had to postpone four of the masses at that time. Many parents have been able to book in for other weekends, but as most of the bookings are now taken, we will add some more dates soon. We will need to co-ordinate with the Parish Office and with Fr Peter, so we will let you know once we have been able to make the arrangements.

This coming weekend we have a group of Year 4 and 5 children presenting for their First Communion at the 5pm mass on Saturday afternoon. We wish them all the very best as they prepare for their special day. Parents, please remember to send your child's stole with them to the mass. Parents must QR code check in and follow all of the rules around social distancing. This is a Parish Mass, so please remember to sit in household groups only.

Grade 6 Be the Change

Thank you to all of the families who have donated items for our Be the Change unit. We are continuing to collect donations of the following items:

- Dog leads, collars, toys, bowls, pet coats, pet jumpers, or any other items suitable for dogs in a rescue
- Used sunglasses and eyeglasses
- Preloved and new books for Primary aged students
- Blankets
- Bread tags

Thank you to all of the year 6 children for their efforts in their groups. The children are currently working on their journals, which will showcase their efforts to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to make a difference. It will be a record of their plans, goals and achievements with their Be the Change Unit. Following the completion of the unit, the children will be presented with their Confirmation certificates.

First Reconciliation

Due to the postponement of some First Communion masses and the need to prioritise new dates for those that were moved, there are no new dates set for the First Reconciliations at this stage. We will let you know once they have been organised.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Colleen Mahoney,
Deputy Principal - Faith & Organisation.

Prayer

Mt 5:7-8

**Blessed are the
merciful, for
they shall
receive mercy.**

**Blessed are the
clean of heart,
for they shall
see God.**



READING: From the gospel last Sunday - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Jn 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.'

There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SCHOLASTIC Book Club

ISSUE 5 - OUT NOW!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 3! Issue #5 from Scholastic Book Club is now available to order. (They have printed the wrong date on the catalogue but rest assured it is Issue 5 2021!)

Your ongoing support of this program is much appreciated.

For every Book Club order placed, Scholastic gives back 20% of the order to STC to spend on books for our library!

Purchases can be made **online only** - orders close by **Mon 2nd August**.
Due to COVID-19 restrictions no cash or cheque payments are accepted at school.

To place an order you will need to have already registered for "LOOP"
- you can Register or Sign in using this link:

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

For those of you unfamiliar with how Book Club works there is a handy guide for you to access here - Parents' Guide to Book Club

Many thanks,

Kathleen Cefai J
Library Technician



This year the 2021 CBCA Book week runs from the 21st - 27th August with the theme "Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds". St Christopher's will be joining in the fun with a Book Week Dress Up Day on Friday, 27th August. On this day your child is invited to come to school dressed up in their favourite book character and participate in the fun activities of the day!

Kind Regards,

Naomi Martret
Literacy Leader

Kathleen Cefai
Library Technician

**STC SPORT NEWS:****Round 4: STC 2 vs St Therese's 3****14/5/21**

St Therese's of Essendon travelled out to Airport West to take on our students in round 4. Tight tussles ensued across all 5 matches with St Therese's getting the upper hand winning 3 to our two. Our football team lead for 3 quarters and were overrun in the last after a courageous effort put in by all of our students with special mentions to Zavier Obeid, Nickolas Vassallo and Jett Collivas all having great games. Our girls netball team suffered a big loss however our mixed team shone brightly with a come from behind win in the last quarter thanks Jayda Scarafilo scoring 21 out of 23 points. Our mixed volleyball team lost in straight sets however both only narrowly while our girls volleyball team had another win to keep their undefeated run going. Scores below:

Netball (Girls):	Lost by 22
Netball (Mixed):	Won by 5
Volleyball (Girls):	Won in straight sets
Volleyball (Mixed):	Lost in straight sets
Football:	Lost by 4 goals

Round 5: STC 2 vs Our Lady of the Nativity**21/5/21**

Round 5 was at home against OLN. We were the winners in mixed netball and girls volleyball while OLN took the points in the other ties. Our students represented the school with gusto and a beautiful day in Airport West. Scores below:

Netball (Girls):	Lost by 30
Netball (Mixed):	Lost by 17
Volleyball (Girls):	Won 2-1
Volleyball (Mixed):	Lost in straight sets
Football:	Lost by 7 Goals

Girls Football Carnival**26/5/21**

Our year 5/6 girls football team travelled out to Maribyrnong Park to participate in the Buckley District Girls Football Carnival. All of our students competed with grit and determination and the girls improved with every game they played. As a school we are very proud of them and the way they represented STC.

Well done girls.



Kind regards,

Michael Costello
Sport Teacher



“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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Step 3 Find our school
 Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children
 When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select 'Add student profile'

Add each child's details

Manage each child's details in Student Profiles

Order meals

Select a menu from our canteen

Tap the green box to view your receipt or to cancel an order

Select a date for a child and order a meal

Tap 'Repeat order' to copy all paid orders from one week to the next

Tap to change the date you are ordering for

Tap to change the child you are ordering for

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet

At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.



Where will you go?



Year 7 2023 Enrolment Applications

Closing 20 August 2021



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TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN GRADE 5

Here at Salesian College Sunbury we are proud of our relationship with our neighbouring schools and communities. We work together to provide a quality Catholic education to the young people of Sunbury and surrounds. We celebrate life and faith, prepare students to contribute positively, and provide opportunities to achieve excellence.

We would love to see you as part of our Salesian family.

Did you know that now is the time to apply for a place at Salesian College Sunbury in Year 7 2023? Applications are being accepted and close on Friday 20 August 2021.

[Visit our website, or click here to apply.](#) The online application form can be started, saved, and completed at any time. I invite you to visit our College website for all other information.

Our website also features a [virtual tour](#) where you can explore what makes us so unique and 'A Home that Welcomes'.

First round interviews for Year 7 2023 places will be conducted in early September and offers will go out in October. An interview booking link will be supplied to all applicants soon after the closing date.

If you require further information, please contact our College Registrar (details below).

Mark Brockhus
Principal - Salesian College Sunbury

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Year 7 2023 Scholarships

St Columba's College is committed to supporting the learning and development of all students. The College offers Academic Excellence Scholarships to prospective Year 7 students which cover full or part of the tuition fees.

Scholarship applications are now open for eligible Year 7 2023 students, visit www.columba.vic.edu.au/scholarships for more information or contact our College Registrar via email at registrar@columba.vic.edu.au



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KICKIN' GOALS

10 Week Program for 4-12 Yr Old Boys & Girls.
Incorporating FFA's Small-Sided Games

Date: 17th July- 18th Sept 2021

Day: Saturday

Time: 9.30 - 11am

Venue: Fairbairn Park, Ascot Vale

Program: \$220 (10 Weeks)

Gear: \$100 (Inc. Uniform, Ball, Bag, Shin Pads, Water Bottle and Certificate)

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LITTLE EAGLES SEMESTER 2



GIRLS & BOYS | JULY 17TH - SEPT 4TH



Keilor Park Soccer Club welcomes expressions of interest from boys and girls for Semester 2 of the 2021 Little Eagles program. We have excellent updated facilities, and exciting things planned – including a revised soccer program and experienced coaching team to develop our Little Eagles into Senior Keilor Park players.

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

If your little ones are excited to expand their skills from Semester 1 or keen to start their soccer journey, this is the time, all are welcome!

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