



St Christopher's Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 10 10th December, 2020

PRINCIPAL:

Adrian Glasby

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:

Colleen Mahoney
Faith & Organisation

Denis Johnstone
Students, Staff & Community

LAST DAY OF TERM 4

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

URGENT REQUEST FOR 2021 PAYMENT FORMS:

New payment forms for 2021 were sent out over 3 weeks ago and were due back by the 27th November. We thank those who have sent their completed form in, however, we still have a large number left to be returned.

We would appreciate it if you could arrange to have those forms returned to us as a **matter of urgency**.

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

Thank you.

Dianne Marks
Office Manager

Dear Parents

Farewells:

Next week we will be saying goodbye to Josie Pratt who has been a valued member of the STC family for the better part of 16 years. Josie's main role with us has been as a reading intervention teacher. I wish to thank her for her passion, dedication and enthusiasm in working with students and giving them the valuable gift of reading. We will all miss her bright and bubbly personality and great sense of humour. My best wishes to Josie as she joins her husband, Jack, in retirement.

Roslyn Ambali will also be leaving us and we wish her well as she prepares for the birth of her third child next year. I particularly thank Ros for helping us out half-way through 2019 and the great work she has continued in 2020. Ros's hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed and she will always be welcome back at STC.

Maternity Leave:

Kate Jacobs will be going on maternity leave. We wish her all the best for the safe arrival of her second child.

Welcome Back:

Next year we will be welcoming back Vanessa Djopa-Kristo, Angela Richardson and Sophie Robinson from maternity leave. We also welcome back Tegan Senior from extended leave. Good to have you back ladies!

A BIG THANK YOU:

Firstly, I would like to thank all our STC staff for their hard work, dedication and flexibility in such a difficult year. Our staff have managed to maintain their enthusiasm, zest and devotion to teaching in the face of difficult circumstances. I am particularly proud of the way we have stuck together as a team, had each others backs and managed to provide an excellent education despite the many ever-changing rules and protocols for this year.

A sincere thank you to our parents/carers. This year, more than any, you were called to do things that were far beyond the norm. Thank you for your trust in our school and your teachers and for working together with us.

To our students, well done on completing a year that you will never forget. Your ability to continue working and to be resilient, visible learners capable of never giving up is something for you to be proud of.

2021 Staff:

Attached to this list is list of teaching roles for 2021. One of the main changes you will notice is extra staff and extra hours being given to help students in Maths and English. We look forward to seeing the results this will gain.

On this Tuesday your children will find out their 2021 teacher/s. This is a new and exciting opportunity for them.

Regards
Adrian Glasby
Principal

2021 TERM 1 START DATES:

FRIDAY JANUARY 29: Years 1 to 6
Monday February 1: Preps - 10am Start

**R.E. NEWS:**

Dear Parents,

Graduation:

Congratulations to our Year 6 students on their Graduation this week. A massive thank you to Ms Zammit for co-ordinating the filming and the recording of the event for their families. I wish all of our Year 6 children the very best as they transition into high school and the next stage of their educational journey. We will continue to keep them in our prayers.

Grade 3 Reconciliation Unit

Our Year 3 children are to be congratulated on their amazing efforts with their Reconciliation Unit, culminating in their very special journals. As you know the children received the Sacrament in the last couple of weeks and have been finalising their reflections and work in their journal. Our Leadership Team will visit the classes to chat to the children, have a look at their journals and to ask them about the Sacrament. The children were able to talk about the meaning of the Sacrament and what it meant to them. The journals follow our year three children up into year four so that they can add more to it when they receive their First Eucharist.

Christmas Concert

Our classes have been very busy preparing their Christmas concert item. These will be shared via Seesaw to the families in each class. You will receive the concert item that your child/children have participated in.

A huge thank you to all of the teachers for their efforts with this and, in particular, Miss Elizabeth and Ms Zammit for helping with the technological side of things!

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Don't forget that this coming Tuesday is our special Christmas dress up day for a gold coin donation. The money will be collected at the school gates in buckets of soapy water and the children can just drop their coins in as they line up to have their hands sanitised. The children will also receive an ice cream tub during the day which has been organised by the PFA (please remember to return the permission slips for this as soon as possible).

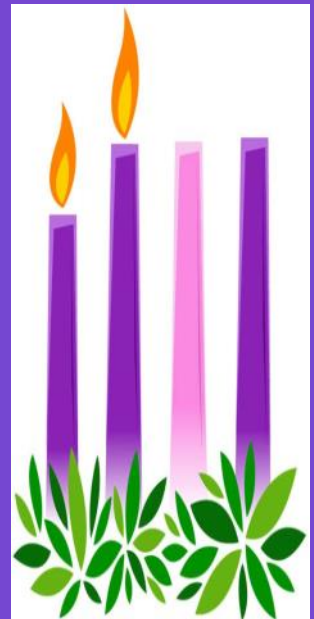
Have a wonderful end of the year and a very safe and blessed Christmas season,

Colleen Mahoney,
Deputy Principal—Faith & Organisation.

Prayer

Lk 3: 4 - 6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the
Lord,
make straight his
paths:
all people shall see
the salvation of God.
Alleluia!



READING: Gospel Reading from the Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

Mk 1:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**SWB @ STC Term 4 Week 10**

Dear Parents,

A farewell to a long-standing member of the STC community - Ron Chapman

The year 2020 has been filled with many unprecedented events and experiences for the entire school, local and global community. And as we approach the end of this eventful year, we have one more momentous occasion to mark - the retirement of our long-standing Lolly Pop man/Crossing supervisor: Ron Chapman.

Ron has been our school crossing supervisor for 18 years. Throughout all of those he has served the St Christopher's community magnificently, manning the busy Roberts Road crossing and keeping the children and community of St Christopher's safe when they cross the road.

In a previous life Ron, was the drummer for the Australian Band The Blue Echoes who enjoyed some record success on the Australian charts. See if you can pick which one Ron is!



Check out the band here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2lwbHFZJ5qY>

Ron has been a favourite of our school community for many years, dressing up and providing the children of St Christopher's with laughter and a smile on their way into and leaving school.

On behalf of the St Christopher's school community, I'd like to express an enormous thank you to Ron for his many years of service to the St Christopher's community and wish him all the very best on his well-deserved retirement.

If you see Ron on your way in or out of school, make sure you wish him well.

Thanks Ronny! We will miss you.

Kind regards,

Denis Johnstone
Deputy Principal, Students, Staff and Community



Term 1 2021

27 Jan	Wednesday	School Closure Day - staff onsite for training
28 Jan	Thursday	School Closure Day - staff onsite for training
29 Jan	Friday	Year 1 - 6 children resume school
1 Feb	Monday	Year Prep children begin school at 10am
3 Feb	Wednesday	No Preps at School
10 Feb	Wednesday	No Preps at School
17th Feb	Wednesday	No Preps at School
24th Feb	Wednesday	No Preps at School
4th Mar	Thursday	School Photo Day
8th Mar	Monday	Labour Day Public Holiday - no school
9th Mar	Tuesday	Sibling Photo Day
10th Mar	Wednesday	Open Day Sessions for Prep 2022 Tours
11th Mar	Thursday	Open Day Sessions for Prep 2022 Tours
14th Mar	Sunday	*Proposed Year 6 Confirmation Day (Subject to change)
18th Mar	Thursday	School Closure Day
19th Mar	Friday	School Closure Day
1st April	Thursday	12pm Finish for End of Term One (casual clothes)

"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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Are you a keen netball player, looking to join a new team, or a new player looking to develop your skills?

St Therese's Netball Club promotes fun, fitness and player development in an encouraging environment.

If you're interested in playing in the 2021 seasons, or for more information, please contact us via email on player.stnc@gmail.com



ST THERESE'S NETBALL CLUB

JUNIOR PROGRAMS

Girls and Boys Welcome!

Net-Set-Go!

Net 5yrs +
(skills & drills)

Set 7-8 yrs
(skills, drills & modified comp)

Go! 9-10 yrs
(skills, drills & modified comp)

Training for all club teams is held on Monday evenings at Riverside netball courts, Newsom St, Ascot Vale

Games for our under 11 and under 13 competitions are played Saturday mornings



Find us on
Facebook

ST.C PNF CHRISTMAS FUN DAY

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER

STEP-UP DAY

CHRISTMAS DRESS UP

**GOLD COIN DONATION FOR
ST.VINCENT DE PAUL
CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

A FEW SURPRISES!





ST CHRISTOPHER'S 2021 STAFF LIST

LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Adrian Glasby:	Principal
Colleen Mahoney:	Deputy Principal - Organisation and Faith
Denis Johnstone:	Deputy Principal - Students, Staff and Community
Naomi Martret:	English Leader
Conchita Thomas:	Leader of Learning, Maths Leader

CLASSROOM TEACHERS

LEVEL	GOLD	BLUE	MAROON	WHITE	LSOs
Prep	Jane Maeland	Shauna Clarke	Stacey Nikolakis	Maddison Lane	Tiana Sheahan Helen Caruana Leanne Molloy
One	Gabriella De Francesco	Karen Lambertini Genevieve Lojko	Liana Decunto	Angela Rizzo Vanessa D-K	Liz Olsen Sara Rutowski
Two	Melissa Fowler	Leanne Cribbin	Luisa Nigro Ciaran McPeake	Melina Gentles	Helen Ciavarella Sara Rutowski
Three	Daniela Day	Yosie Beggs	Jessica Moore	Erin Spence Leah Kelly	Audrey Fambiatos
Four	Julie Boyer Ciaran McPeake	Mardi Ripper Nadia De Giovanni	Vanessa Mastramico	Julia Robinson	Janet De Luca
Five	Chris Baba	Gemma Trimboli Linda Mussel	Mark Talbot	Justine McIntosh Amy Wissell	Sandra Zoccali
Six	Chris Del Prete	Angela Richardson Sophie Robinson	Tegan Senior	Ashleigh Elmer	Deanne Torcutti

SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Michael Costello: P.E.	Jo Bono: Italian
Leah Kelly: P.E.	Elizabeth Moran: Music
Genevieve Lojko: Art	Sandra Harwood: Mindfulness

TARGET TEACHERS

Linda Mullen: Maths Target Teacher
Sonya Gerace: Maths Target Teacher
Deb Currie: English Target Teacher
Loris Stone: English Target Teacher
Lorna Stranieri: English Target Teacher
Fiona Rozario: Prep/One Support
Kath Saundry: English Target Teacher

MIDDLE LEADERS

Steph Zammit: ICT/Digital Technologies Leader OHS Coordinator
Ciaran McPeake: Learning Enhancement Leader
Justine McIntosh: Year 5 & 6 Literacy Leader Visible Learning Leader
Sonya Gerace: Year 5 & 6 Maths Leader
Linda Mullen: Year 3 & 4 Maths Leader
Elizabeth Moran: Learning Technologies Leader Choir Leader

SPECIALIST ROLES

Anna Liza Catingub-Raper: Psychologist	Kathleen Cefai: Librarian
Jo Lewis: Outreach/LSO Leader	Deanna Rossitto: Library Assistant

ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT STAFF

Dianne Marks: Admin Leader	Natalie Brooks: First Aid
Adriana McDonald: Principal's P.A.	Gavin Bonnett: Maintenance
Alison Neal: School Officer	Garry Brown: Maintenance
Dianne McKenzie: School Officer	Kathleen Bellmont: Cleaner
Jayne Sebastyan: School Officer	Judy Hennessy: Canteen
Mardi Agnew: First Aid	Cheryl McMahon: Canteen