



St Christopher's Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 10 15th June, 2020

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**LAST DAY OF
TERM 2:
Friday, June 26
FINISH TIME:
12:00pm**

Dear families,

Our first week with all students back to school has passed by smoothly. Our students were really excited to return and have settled in even better than I expected. I wish to thank all of our community for contributing to this smooth transition, a special thanks to the parents for lining up and following social distancing rules. These protocols will continue to at least the end of term. I will continue to update you, especially in terms of what drop off and pick up will look like in Term 3 and beyond.

Just a couple of points to clarify

- The "away email" is no reply, so for example, if you send an email to book, a 2.30pm early dismissal, it will be recorded, but you will not receive confirmation. There is no need to ring school and check.
- Dismissal times prior to 2.30pm should only be done for special appointments that cannot be made outside of school time

Last week our teachers focussed on settling our students back into school. During the next two weeks the focus will move onto completing assessment of student's learning, teaching new concepts and preparing for Term 3.

Teachers will complete reports over the school holiday period and during the first week back of Term Three. These reports will be different from our usual reports, but will give you some feedback on how your students have gone, especially in the areas of English and Maths.

To achieve this

- Reports will be emailed to you on Friday July 31(end of Week 3 of Term Three)
- Parent teacher interviews will take place on Tuesday August 4 (Week 4 of Term 3). We will send you more information on how this will happen. School will finish at 12pm on Tuesday August 4 to accommodate all interviews

Friday August 14 is one of our planned School Closure Days. There is no school on this day. Our staff will be undertaking training based on the peaceful kids and peaceful parents programs we have been running at our school. This will focus on mindfulness, positive communication and helping students to deal with anxiety and control of emotions. This will be valuable learning for our teachers and help to have a positive effect on our students.

Best Wishes and stay healthy.

Adrian Glasby
Principal

NO CANTEEN FOR THE REST OF TERM 2 & ALL OF TERM 3.



Religious Education Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to have our school back fully with our Prep to Year Six students again.

Sacraments:

In the last newsletter I mentioned that we have not yet had any information about plans for Reconciliation and First Eucharist dates. At this stage we still do not have any more information about this, however we will begin next term with our Year Three children starting their unit on Reconciliation and the Year Four children starting their unit on First Eucharist. These units will be covered in term three regardless of when any Sacramental dates are set.

Our Year Six students will begin Term Three with the unit on Be the Change. This is the unit that usually follows the Sacrament of Confirmation and is focussed on social justice, however due to the Learning at Home Tasks, this was moved to next term instead.

Our Sacramental Workshop nights with Denise Arnel were cancelled for both Reconciliation and First Eucharist. We have been very fortunate to be able to book Denise to record sessions for our school instead of face-to-face workshops. We will share these with you next term.

Thank you again for all of your support and kindness,

Colleen Mahoney
Deputy Principal of Organisation and Faith.

Gospel Reading: THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR A - Sunday 14th June

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said. Jesus replied:

‘I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

The Gospel of the Lord.



Prayer

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord: whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

**WELLBEING @ STC TERM 2, WEEK 10**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone

Well done to everyone on the smooth way the students, staff and parents have transitioned back into onsite school. Thank you especially to all parents for working with us as we have had to change drop-offs and pickups and the presence of parents on school grounds. We really appreciate the support and kind words that our parent community has shown to all of our staff during the school closure period and during the return to onsite schooling.

To make drop-offs work even more smoothly please have your child ready to enter the school before you get to the school gate - school bag on, keep goodbyes to a quick kiss/hug and once your child is at the school gate please move on from the school entrance area as promptly as possible. This is particularly helpful for students who are reluctant to enter the school and/or separate from parents. As I have mentioned, students return to a calm state very quickly after they have separated from parents, it is just that initial separation that needs to happen as quickly as possible to help students move into the school. If parents linger and watch their children walk in, this may prompt students to turn around, look back, sometimes even head back towards the gate. I understand that it is hard seeing our children upset, but please be assured that we have multiple staff on hand to help students settle into school and be ready for the school day.

Due to changed conditions from COVID-19, we now have the junior school (P-2) and senior school (3-6) running on different timetables. This has been a huge challenge in organisation (thanks Colleen) and implementation. This essentially means that the juniors and seniors have different recess and lunchtimes an hour apart from each other.

We are trialling this change for Term 3, and so far we have seen some positive effects. We will continue to collect feedback on how this is working for our students as the term progresses.

Attendance

As we are now back to full onsite learning, all students are required to be back at school and learning with the exception of those with health conditions that make school attendance a potential risk. Students have missed out on some of Term 1 and most of Term 2 onsite learning with their teacher, so the opportunity of being in front of their teachers and learning from them is one that should not be missed!

Of course, if your child is sick, please keep them at home. This has always been standard procedure to reduce the spreading of germs but is particularly important during our current circumstances. Importantly, please ensure that you communicate with the school if your child or any close contacts are being tested for COVID-19.

A reminder on the procedure for letting us know about student absences, you need to email the away email address for your child's class (e.g. 1baway@stcapw.catholic.edu) and give a reason for your child's absence. This is important for our roll record keeping. If your child is experiencing anxiety about attending school post-COVID please discuss this with your child's teacher and they will be able to offer assistance.

One final point, you will not usually receive a reply from the away email addresses. They are automatically forwarded to teachers' emails so they can update rolls and organise attendance but no one physically staffs the away email addresses.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay connected,

Denis Johnstone
Deputy Principal - Students, Staff and Community

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD:



KICKIN' GOALS

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

Date: 18th July - 19th September 2020
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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- Saturday – 9am-12pm

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