



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NORTHCOTE

Newsletter, Tuesday June 15, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Remote Learning

Remote learning at St Joseph's has once again been a huge success. Thanks to our brilliant staff and supportive families who continue to 'pull it together' in these trying times to ensure that our children are continuing to engage in robust learning programs. I would also like to acknowledge our wonderful Learning Support Officers, Steph, Katie and Maya, who worked onsite each day with children whom, due to extenuating circumstances, attended school during lockdown. The support that they provided these children was outstanding and is a testament to their commitment to our dedicated learning community.

Our students once again demonstrated just how resilient they are, by their consistent attendance during lockdown and their positive and 'we've got this' approach. They managed the online platform with (relative) ease and confidence and participated wholeheartedly in the remote learning lessons.

Missing Computer Chargers....

Thank you to everyone for returning the devices that were provided to students during this last lockdown period. Unfortunately we are still waiting for 14 computer chargers to be returned. PLEASE check to see that the charger you borrowed has been returned as it will be a rather costly venture to replace all the missing ones.

School Closure Day

Our scheduled closure day for this week, June 7 did not go ahead due to the COVID lockdown and has been **rescheduled for the first day of term three - Monday July 12**. The focus for this closure day is The Zones of Regulation – a whole school approach to student wellbeing.



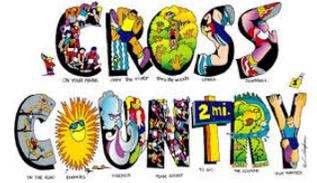
Learner Qualities

Thank you to the families who attended our Learner Quality Evening in May - we were lucky to squeeze the evening in before lockdown! As a staff we determined that there are six qualities that we would like our students to develop in order to understand themselves as learners and enable them to explain 'where they are at' on their learning journey, 'where they are going' and 'how they will get there'. At this information session our senior students presented a brilliant evening, where they facilitated various workshops demonstrating each Learner Quality, and we launched our 'Learner Quality Birds' that represent each quality. We have since had banners made displaying the birds. These banners are hanging in the upstairs and downstairs corridors - so once COVID restrictions have lifted please come in and have a look.



Cross Country

Congratulations to Parker Jamieson and Zahra Lania for competing in the Divisional Cross Country Championships. Parker and Zahra were in the top 10 in the Northern District and certainly 'did St Joseph's proud'!! Well done girls.



Sustainability/Community

Please see the Sustainability section of this newsletter for some exciting information about the gardening project that has commenced at the James St entrance.

A Day in May

Unfortunately we have also had to postpone our Day in May (in June) fundraiser. We will reschedule this for later this term or early term 3.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Latest Arrangements.

As many of you know the celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist was scheduled to take place this Sunday June the 20th. Outfits had been organised, special guests had been invited and arrangements had been made. **BUT** as you know we are living in the time of a global pandemic and if it has taught us anything, it is the fact that we have learnt to be flexible when it comes to making any type of arrangements.



Last week when the lifting of the lockdown restrictions was announced we were informed that the celebration of Religious gatherings was limited to 50 people. With this information in mind and in consultation with Father Shabin, the decision was made to reschedule the celebration to a later date. We have decided to split the numbers over a two week timeframe in an effort to ensure that we are able to have as many guests as possible for each celebration.

The new dates are:

Sunday October 17: 12pm - Year 4 Students

Sunday October 24: 12pm - Year 5 Students.

We are hopeful that things may be more normal by this stage. We appreciate your understanding in the matter and as always if there are any issues that you would like to discuss do not hesitate to contact me at fehmer@sjnorthcote.catholic.edu.au



CALENDAR 2021

June

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
13	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Queen's b.day 14	15	16	17	MIDDLE'S INCURSION 18	19
20	21	22	23	Chess Club Competition 24	END OF TERM 2 Chn dismissed at 1:30pm - Casual Clothes Day 25	26

July

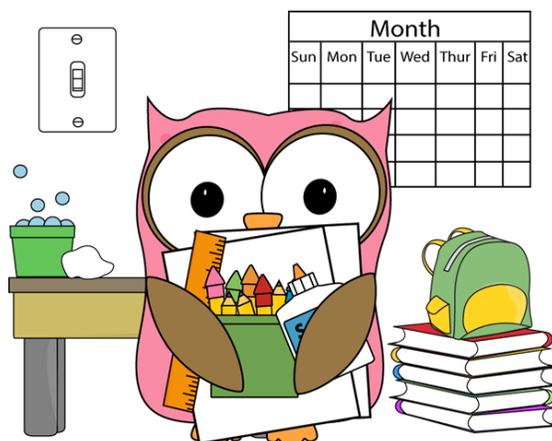
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
11.	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY 12.	13.	Middles' Hooptime 14.	15.	16.	17.
18.	19.	20.	Senior's Excursion to CERES School Advisory Council 7:30pm 21.	22.	23.	24.
25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	31.

Please click below for the 2021 calendar.

This calendar includes term dates, and special events such as sacramental dates, camp dates and other major events.

The calendar will be regularly updated as new events arise.

2021 CALENDAR



SUSTAINABILITY NEWS...

Edible Garden Project:

We have engaged the services of 'The Edible Garden Guys', a recently established local business. After discussions with our Sustainability Leaders, they have embarked on creating an Edible Garden. The area near the front gate of the school has been set up with two garden beds built and filled by the 'Edible Garden Guys' in preparation for the planting of herbs and vegetables.

Once established all produce grown will be delivered to DIVRS (Darebin Information Volunteer Resource Service) a not for profit volunteer driven organisation that delivers free services and programs including food for vulnerable populations in Darebin, thus helping to reduce financial crisis, social isolation and barriers to accessing community information.



Our hope with being able to produce fresh herbs and vegetables is that we may in some small way help to alleviate the fresh food shortages that face the more vulnerable members in our community.

At the moment we only have in place two garden beds – our hope is that we may create a more child friendly space where children will happily tend to the garden and use it as a learning experience to grow their own vegetables.

Next term as a focus in Visual Art the children will create displays to make an appealing garden area. With this in mind we are asking if we could have donations of old car tyres, garden pots suitable for painting, clothing and stuffing to make scarecrows and any other items you feel would be suitable to make an appealing garden area.



STUDENT WELLBEING

Congratulations to the students who received a
RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL
or RESILIENT AWARD
(Week 5)



Udayhan, Akshara, Sienna, Ethan, Yasmin, Klara, Nikita

Class Award:

Stem – SS & SL P.E. – JO

Visual Arts & Performing Arts – MK

GENERAL NEWS

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Year 7 2023 Enrolments close on 20 August 2021. Book a **Talk & Tour** and talk to us today about Academy's application process.

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SANTA MARIA COLLEGE

Key Enrolment Dates for Year 7 2023

20 August 2021

Applications for enrolment in Year 7 2023 close

26 August & 4 September 2021

Family Interviews

22 October 2021

Offers of places to prospective Year 7 2023 students posted

12 November 2021

Final date for families to accept offers made

Limited places still available for Year 7 2022

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the enrolment process, please contact;



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