



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NORTHCOTE

Newsletter, Tuesday May 4, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

School Photos

School photos will be taken **tomorrow**, May 5. All orders need to be online using your child's personalised I.D. code. If you have any issues or are unable to locate your child's personal I.D. please contact the office. The grade six students will also have their graduation photo taken on this day.

The children are to wear their **winter school uniform** for photos. This includes:

WINTER UNIFORM (Girls)

OR

WINTER UNIFORM (Girls/Boys)

School jumper

Winter pinafore

Blue shirt with peter-pan collar

Navy tights / Long navy socks (not white)

School jumper

Navy blue trousers

Long-sleeved blue polo shirt

Navy socks

(grey socks were previously listed and may still be worn)



WINTER TUNIC

BLUE SHIRT - to be worn with the tunic



WINTER POLO



NAVY BLUE TROUSERS

#note - image is the older style tunic - both are acceptable

Long hair (longer than shoulder length) needs to be tied back with school coloured hair ties and only headbands in the school colours are to be worn. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Parents Evening



ST JOSEPH'S LEARNER QUALITIES: Parent Evening - May 18 7:00pm

As a staff we have been working on building a language of learning, based on particular learning qualities that we consider an integral element of the teaching process. This language will be embedded in the language of our school. We determined that there are six qualities that we want our students to develop in order to understand themselves as a learner and enable them to explain 'where they are at' on their learning journey, 'where they are going' and 'how they will get there'. We strive for our students to become **determined, proactive, curious, creative, collaborative** and **self-aware** learners. This is our language of learning, and we have worked with a graphic designer to develop images that reflect these learner qualities.



Throughout Term One, our middle and senior students worked on developing work-shops that unpacked each quality, and described what a 'proactive' or a 'determined' learner looked like. Our Middle students presented these workshops to the junior classes and our Senior students will be hosting a whole school parent evening, at which they will describe each learner quality, and how they are implemented at St Joseph's.

The evening is for **all families from prep-grade six** (not just our senior parents) and will be held on May 18 at 7:00pm.

MOTHER'S DAY

I would like to wish all of our Mums a very happy Mother's Day. I hope that you are all spoilt (deservedly so.....) on Sunday and have quality family time with those whom you love.

At our Mother's Day Mass on Sunday I shared a poem with the congregation - I would like to share it again today...

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away...
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems...
It is far beyond defining it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation...
A many splendoured miracle we strive to understand
And another evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

Helen Steiner Rice



Breakfast

Our Mother's Day Breakfast will be held on Thursday May 6 and will begin at 7.45am in the MPR - staff will be supervising children in the school grounds so mums can sit back and relax (*in peace*). Please return your attendance slip asap.

Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day Stall will also be held on Thursday morning. There will be a plethora of items available for our children to purchase. Some of these are listed in the Social Club News in this newsletter.

Mother's Day Luncheon

Our Mother's day luncheon is fast approaching Friday May 7 is the big day!! For more information see 'Social Club News' in this newsletter.



COFFEE MORNINGS...

On behalf of the School Advisory Board we invite you to attend a Coffee Morning (rescheduled due to covid restrictions in term 1). This is a chance to catch up with parents in your child's grade/level and meet some members of The Board. An invitation with dates and details will be coming home with your child today - and the dates are on the newsletter calendar. All Welcome!!



A reflection: by Robbie and Matilda

on the Friday before ANZAC day we stood on the downball courts in front of the Australian Flag and paid respects to all of the soldiers who fought in WW1. ANZAC stands for the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

Many of the Seniors stood up in front of the whole school and read a speech about ANZAC day and why it is important to commemorate it. It is important to commemorate ANZAC day as it is a day to remember the sacrifice that many men and women made for our country. Chloe W and Harry S from Prep laid the wreath in front of the flagpole. we had a minute of silence to reflect and remember and listened to The Last Post. After the ceremony each class walked along the Memorial Garden and looked at the shrine and Gallipoli Rosemary.

we continue to remember the ANZACs and all that they did for our Australia. Lest we forget.



CALENDAR 2021

May						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
MOTHER'S DAY MASS 10:30am 2	3	Cross Country Training 8:00am 4	SCHOOL PHOTOS 5	Mother's Day Breakfast 7:45am Mother's Day Stall 6	Mother's Day Luncheon 7	8
9	10	NAPLAN 11	NAPLAN Cross Country Training 8:00am 12	NAPLAN 13	Walk to School Day 14	15
16	Preps Parent's Coffee Morning 17	Middle Parent's Coffee Morning 18	Senior Parent's Coffee Morning School Advisory Board 7:30pm 19	District Cross Country Event 20	Junior Parent's Coffee Morning 21	22
23	24	Dental Van onsite 25	Dental Van onsite 26	Dental Van Onsite 27	28	29
30	31					

June						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	INTERSCHOOL SPORTS Gala Day 9	10	DISTRICT SPORTS 11	12
13	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Queen's b.day 14	15	16	17	MIDDLE'S HOOPTIME 18	19
20	21	22	23	Chess Club Competition 24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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



EDUCATION IN FAITH

Mother's Day Mass



Last Sunday we celebrated our Mother's and all of the special people in our lives that do the job of Mothers, with our Parish community at the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Thank you to the Junior Grades who hosted this celebration. Thank you's must also be extended to our talented teachers who prepared our readers so wonderfully. Apart from a few nervous starters everyone was enthusiastic to participate, so thank you for being brave and brilliant. It was especially nice to see so many people celebrating in our beautiful Church, Thank you to Father Shabin for his guidance, thank you to Mary for sharing her 'Mum' thoughts and wisdom and thank you to the wonderful Saint Joseph's Parish Choir. Last but certainly not least, thank you to all of the families that attended and made this such a special day for our Mums and our children. Don't forget our famous 'Mother's Day Breakfast' Thursday 7.45am, hope to see you there.



Sacrament of First Eucharist.

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated at Saint Joseph's on **Sunday June 20th**. As you know this year, because of restrictions imposed in 2020, our celebration will look a little different. Traditionally we celebrate with the Parish community at **10.30am** Mass. Due to increased numbers and Covid restrictions we have added another Mass at **12.30pm**. I have sent home information notes asking for families to nominate which Mass would suit them best and also for an estimated number of guests that will be attending.



We are working under several conditions that we have to consider, in particular numbers that are allowed in the Church. The 10.30 Mass is shared with the Parish, which also restricts the amount of guests we can accommodate. At this stage we are suggesting that each candidate aims to include 5 family members. (Many families are attending with immediate family members only and then celebrating after the Mass with extended family and friends). As always if you would like to contact me, fehmer@sjnorthcote.catholic.edu.au. If your child is eligible to participate in the Sacrament and you have not registered him/her please contact me.

We very much appreciate the patience and flexibility of all involved as there have been a couple of unavoidable changes to the arrangements.

STUDENT WELLBEING

Congratulations to the students who received a
RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL
or RESILIENT AWARD
(Week 1)



HAYLEY, LEO,
AMELIA,
CHRISTOPHER,
SOPHIA,
SAMANTHA, LENNA,
LILLYANNE

Class Awards

Visual Art - Prep S

STEM - Middle A

P.E. - Senior S

Performing Arts - Senior L

Congratulations to the students who received a
LEARNER QUALITY AWARD
(Week 2)



**XAVIER, SOPHIA,
GRACE, HAMISH,
LUCAS, GENEVRA,
TILLY, XAVIER,
IMOGEN**

Class Awards

Visual Art - Prep A

STEM - Prep S

Performing Arts - Junior O

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS...

Creating St Joseph's Merri Nature Guardians

How well do you know your local creek? Do you know who your animal neighbours are? This year the Preppies at St Joseph's will develop their relationship with the Merri Creek and the many volunteers that care for it, with the creation of St Joseph's Merri Nature Guardians. We're still working on the details, the idea will be to get down



to the Merri Wetlands (just behind Sumner Playground) and creek a couple of times a year to learn more about our closest waterway and get 'hands on'. We'll slowly build up the program with the hope the rest of the school community (yes, that means parents too!) will join in.

Some of you already know the creek well, especially if you went to Batman Park Kinder. If you have ideas or connections for this project with the Merri Creek, please get in contact with Jane Ward (Elan's Mum) email: janekatrenward@hotmail.com



If you want to see for yourself the kind of thing the Preppies will get up to come along this Mother's day, the end of Sutch St Northcote, 10am to 12:30pm Sunday 9 May for a planting. The Friends of Merri Creek have regular planting and clean up days and bird spotting activities. Check out their website for details: <https://www.friendsofmerricreek.org.au/>

What's happening in Prep?



It's a very exciting time in Prep! We are starting to read and write independently and this week we took home our very first "home readers" !

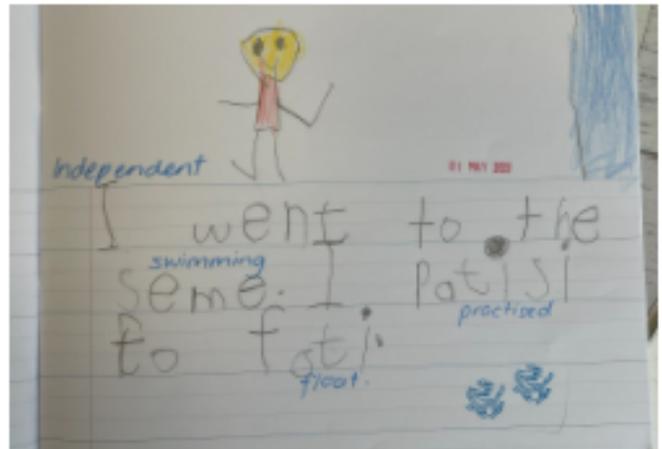


We've been busy learning "heart words" and how to stretch and blend the sounds in words.

In RE we are exploring creation stories from many different cultures. Last week we loved learning the story of Bunjil the Eagle, a creation story belonging to the Wurundjeri people. We created some beautiful Bunjil artworks to decorate the junior corridor. Watch this space!



Check out these amazing weekend recounts! These Preps have been working really hard to write the sounds they can hear in each word. If there is a sound you aren't sure about you can use "magic writing" which looks like a squiggle: ~~~~~.



This shows that you know there are other sounds in the word but you aren't sure how to write them yet.

CODING CLUB...

Lunchtime Coding Club is back in action. Here's our lunchtime code clubbers in action. The club usually meets on a weekly basis on Thursdays.

Who knows??

These young people could be the future of software and game developers.



FOOTY TIPPING AT ST JOEY'S

	TIPSTER	PTS	MAR
1	 MattyN	43	131
2	 ashlynhk	43	189
3	 msolivia	43	230
4	 Mary Kearney	43	311
5	 Zia George	42	168
6	 Damian Nakic	42	189
7	 Kats Family	41	170
8	 katnap	41	185
9	 Tommy Mayne	40	174
10	 Ethans heroes	40	194

What a shake up we have seen of the AFL ladder over the last two weeks. It has not made our tipping any easier!

Congratulations to everyone who has made the top 10 this fortnight. There is still a chance to make the leaderboard as there aren't many points in it.

Good luck for next round everyone!

Miss Angela

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS...

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Children will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for Mum, Grandma, or that someone special in their lives on THURSDAY 6TH MAY. The stall is held in the Multi-Purpose Room and will commence at 9.00am – each class is called one at a time to make purchases. Siblings attend the stall together. We have listed below just some of the items available – if you have any queries regarding the stall – please contact the school office.

- Lipgloss \$3
- Platters (assorted) with tea, cookies \$5 - \$10
- Jugs/Bowls \$5 - \$7
- Mug and Tea Packs \$5 - \$6
- Bath Bombs / Sponge Packs \$5
- Nail Polish Pack with Nail File \$4
- Foot Soak \$3
- Zip Purses \$6 - \$8
- Collapsible Silicone Keep Cups \$6
- Bamboo Keep Cups \$6
- Bamboo / Glass Drink Bottles \$8
- Assorted plants (some in decorative pots) \$4 - \$12
- Earrings \$5 - \$6
- Heat Bags \$7
- Yoga Bags \$10
- Decjuba Scarves \$12
- Assorted Chocolate Gift Boxes \$5 - \$6
- Hand Cream \$4



AND MUCH, MUCH, MORE!!!!

Exciting News!

**We are launching our
Learner Quality Birds**



You have received a V.I.P. Invitation

**Saint Joseph's Senior Students will be
hosting an information evening on**

Tuesday May 18

At 7.00 pm.

**This presentation is for the whole school community and is designed
to share our learning with all.**

Come join in the fun and meet the birds!

SANTA MARIA COLLEGE PRODUCTION - 2021

THE COMPANY

PRESENTS

THE 2021 SANTA MARIA COLLEGE PRODUCTION

THURSDAY 20TH MAY
& FRIDAY 21ST MAY

6PM & 8:15PM

SATURDAY 22ND MAY
1PM, 3:15PM & 7PM

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: CAROLYN MCCARTHY

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR: RUDY BAGO

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR'S ASSISTANT: JESSICA FANNER

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VOCAL DIRECTOR: ROCKY LOPREVITE

DANCE DIRECTOR: JAMES SHANNON

CREATIVE DIRECTOR: JASPER BAGO

spirit OF THE THEATRE

BROADWAY LIVES ON...

BENEDICTINE CENTRE
SANTA MARIA COLLEGE
50 SEPARATION ST NORTHCOTE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
www.trybooking.com/BPXEX



PARADE COLLEGE...

Family Tours are available on the following dates for Term 2.

Parade College - Term 2 Family Tour Dates

- Week 4 – Tues 11 May – Preston,
 Wed 12 May – Bundoora**
- Week 5 – Tue 18 May – Preston,
 Fri 21 May – Bundoora**
- Week 7 – Tue 1 June – Preston,
 Fri 4 June – Bundoora**
- Week 8 – Mon 7 June – Preston,
 Tues 8 June – Bundoora**
- Week 10 – Tues 22 June – Preston,
 Wed 23 June – Bundoora**

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

If you anticipate assisting on school excursions, helping out in the classroom or around the school in general please ensure that you have a current Working with Children Check. This can be applied for online, and if you are registering as a volunteer there is no cost involved.

MOBILE PHONES

Just a reminder that if your child brings a mobile phone to school it must be handed in to the office (for safe-keeping) in the morning before children go into class. Phones can be collected again at the end of the day.

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club is back onsite in Term 2. Enrolment forms are available from the Office.





**ACTIVE,
SAFE &
FUN!**



TRY HOCKEY TODAY
SPACES AVAILABLE FOR 2021



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