



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NORTHCOTE

Newsletter, Tuesday August 3, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...



Welcome back to everyone after Lockdown #5.

Since the last newsletter we have experienced another lockdown, once again implemented remote learning and now returned back to school. It's wonderful to have our classrooms and corridors abuzz with conversations and laughter again, and to be a part of the energy and excitement that everyone feels after returning to school after a period of lockdown.

Again, I would like to commend the brilliant team of teachers we have here at St Joseph's for providing yet another highly engaging online learning experience for our students. Our Learning Support Officers, Steph, Katie and Maya have once again 'held the fort' at school ensuring that our students who were working onsite were equally engaged in their learning. Despite this being our fifth cycle of remote learning, the staff are constantly challenging themselves to ensure they are providing a rigorous learning platform that engages students and avoids 'ground-hog day' moments. They closely monitor children's enthusiasm and tweak the learning model according to student needs.

Thank you again to parents and carers for supporting online learning from home. We know this is not easy so we thank you all for your dedication and hard work with your children. I thank you for your patience, your kind words and support during these tricky times. Your encouragement and your positive attitude is greatly appreciated.

Throughout online learning we maintained close to 100% attendance - which is a credit to our students and families. Our students are brilliant at picking up and continuing on, and for this we are hugely grateful.

After lockdown #4 I had some interesting conversations with families about the effect of lockdowns on children's mental health. One of our parents provided me with the link to this article that provides some ideas about building resilience and coping with the upheaval that a lockdown can cause. I hope you find it helpful.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-06-27/school-refusal-covid-19-lockdown-children-mental-health/100246670>

Covid Guidelines

Under the new guidelines issued by The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria schools cannot have visitors onsite. Therefore parents can only come into the school buildings when absolutely necessary. We also ask parents not to gather on the playground before and after school and to remain 1.5 m apart and depart the school premises promptly, particularly in the afternoon. I would also like to remind parents and visitors to check in using the QR codes which are attached to the fence. Thank you to everyone who has already been following these guidelines to help keep everyone safe. Masks are still required to be worn by parents who come onsite indoors or outdoors.

Child Safety- Road and Traffic Safety

The issue of traffic congestion in and around the school at the end of the school day is one of extreme concern at the moment. The area outside the school gates is designated as a 'Kiss & Go' zone for 'dropping off and picking up' children between the hours of 8.30am – 9.00am and 3.00pm – 3.30pm. Stopping is only permitted for 2 minutes and you must remain within 2 metres of your car.



Unfortunately, we have parents parked in the area from 2.45pm each day – which makes it very difficult for parents who have instructed their children to wait in the area to be collected being unable to drive in to pick up their children. This then results in children having to weave in and out of cars double parked in James Street to reach their parents.

Please remember the area needs to be kept clear in order for parents to be able to drive in to collect their children and then drive out again quickly. Several parents have informed us that out of frustration they have contacted the City of Darebin to request the area be regularly monitored by parking officers.

Late Arrivals to School

With the return to onsite learning it is timely to remind parents and students about the importance of being at school on-time. Each day the first bell rings at 8:45am, and this indicates time for children to move to their classrooms. A second bell rings at 8:55am which signifies the commencement of classes. At the beginning of the day (8:45am-8:55am)

students are informed of the day's program, events and important instructions are often given. It's also a time for children to settle, so they are not beginning their learning feeling flustered or rushed. Students arriving late to school (after 8:55am) must enter the school building via the office in order to receive a late pass. Their late arrival may also disrupt the class they are in, as they get organised and for the day. I understand that there are often extenuating circumstances (trams on High St) which may cause delays, but your support in regards to this would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Lucas Amad in Middle K has been inspired to register as a fundraiser to support the cause - 'Jeans for Genes' Day'. He has asked the school to support him in this venture. The following is a message from Lucas:

Do you want to know why this Friday 6th August is so special?

It is Jeans for Genes day!

1 in 20 kids faces a birth defect or genetic disease, like cancer, cystic fibrosis and life threatening disorders. That's the equivalent to 1 child in every class!

Jeans for genes day aims to raise money for the Children's Medical Research institute for research into gene therapy to find cures for genetic diseases, so kids can concentrate on having fun, and being kids!

If you would like to help us raise some money, feel free to wear your jeans to school on Friday! We will be collecting a gold coin donation.

If you would like to support Lucas you may wear jeans to school on Friday (Aug 6) and bring a gold coin donation - this will be collected by your classroom teacher.



EDUCATION IN FAITH

Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation

At this stage religious gatherings are restricted to 1 person per 4 sqm or up to 100 people indoors. Our celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist has been rescheduled to:

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Sunday October 17: 12pm - Year 4 Students

Sunday October 24: 12pm - Year 5 Students.



Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday November 13: 5.30pm - Year 6 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



PARISH NEWS...



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Would you like to become a Catholic or learn more about the Catholic Faith?
Do you need to make a Sacrament of Confirmation or First Communion as an Adult?

Then join us for an Inquiry Night on **Wednesday 25 August at 7pm**
in the Presbytery at St. Mary's

Please call Mirella 0408 470 114 for further information .  

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE LEVELS...

PREPS - 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

Last Thursday the Preps celebrated 100 days of school. We had a whole day of activities about the number 100. We practised counting to 100 and explored what 100 looks like in many different ways. We made a chain with 100 links and built towers with 100 blocks.



“We wrote a story about what we will be doing when we are 100 years old” (Zara H.)

Here are some of the things we think we might be doing when we are 100:

- When I am 100 I will go to the pool (Elan)
- When I am 100 I will be a typewriter and do crosswords (Arya)
- When I am 100 I will be working at the stable (Harry)
- When I am 100 I will do gardening (Sofia)
- When I am 100 I am going to ride a Great Dane (Leo)
- When I am 100 I will be in the garden (Peter)

“We were so proud of being at school for 100 days! We hope everyone is proud of us too!” (Sophia K & Arya)

“We made fairy bread using hundreds and thousands.” (Peter)

“We got to dress up as old people like we were 100 years old” (Leo & Zara G)

“We made a crown that said *We are 100 days smarter*” (Elan)

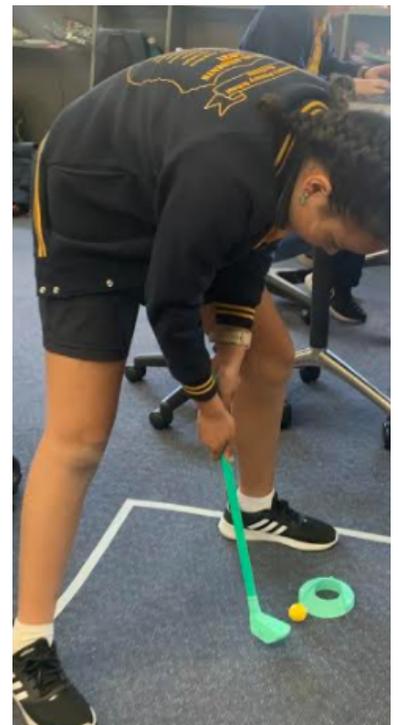




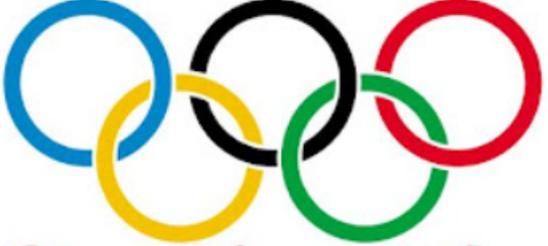
SENIOR'S 'MINI (weird) OLYMPICS'

On Friday, 30th of July, the Seniors competed in a mini Olympics including a series of games such as Cup Stacking, Mini Golf, Car Racing, Typing, Basketball, and much, much more. We were split into teams of 3 or 4 and the games BEGAN!! Everyone in each group was given a number 1,2,3 and 4. Once everyone had their number we found out that all of the 1s were on a team and the 2s were on a team and so on. We had to play against the people that we had chosen to have in our mini-groups. Whoever earns the most points receives 3 points on the points sheet. Second place receives 2 points, third place receives 1 point and 4th place receives no points. When the timer rings, each group rotates in a clockwise rotation to the next activity. Once each team had participated in every activity, the teams counted up their scores and gave them to the teachers. The activities were amazingly set out and for that, we thank the Senior teachers, Miss Lauren and Miss Sophie, who did a great job in organising and improvising during the events. The whole Senior Community is extremely thankful for their amazing ideas and new ways to entertain us. By the end of the Mini Olympics, we were all so tired and yet so happy to have done this activity!

by Huong, Chloe L and Molly






Go For The
GOLD!!

CALENDAR 2021

August						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	School Advisory Council 7:30pm 11	12	13	14
15	16	Senior's Excursion to CERES 17	18	19	20	21
22	BOOK WEEK 23	District Athletics 24	Book Week Parade 25	26	27	(Proposed) Trivia Night 28
Father's Day Mass 10:30am 29	30	31				

September						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			School Advisory Council 7:30pm 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	P/T Interviews P-2 / Student Led Conferences 3-6 8	9	Responsible Pet Program - Preps 10	11
12	13	14	15	16	END TERM 3 Students dismissed 1:30pm 17	18

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



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

During these challenging times we all need a bit of a hand every now and then. If you know someone who is struggling they may like to check out these services.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

DAREBIN EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF AND SUPPORT SERVICES DURING COVID-19



Emergency Food Relief

If you need assistance to access food relief and essential items, you can find a local service that can assist you with grocery vouchers, food parcels and pre-made meals. For more information, see the [Darebin Emergency Food Relief and Support Services](#) during COVID-19.

If you'd prefer to speak to someone, you can find the help you need with Council's Community Navigation Service. Call us on **8470 8888** and ask to be connected to the Community Navigation Service, weekdays from 9am to 4pm. Alternatively email covidsupport@darebin.vic.gov.au

DIVRS Fresh Food Program at EPCC

Darebin Information Volunteer & Resource Service (DIVRS) is continuing to provide fortnightly fresh food parcels to Darebin residents on low or no income, or in financial need. Fresh food bags will be distributed to residents in pre-packed produce bags outside the East Preston Community Centre, in the carpark. The [DIVRS Fresh Food Program](#) is held from 10.30am to 12pm every second

Wednesday at the East Preston Community Centre (August sessions will be held on the 4th and 18th). **Eligibility: Darebin residents on no or low income, or in financial need.**



For more information contact DIVRS by calling 9480 8209 or emailing adminofficer@divrs.org.au

FOOTY TIPPING AT ST JOEY'S

	TIPSTER	PTS	MAR
1	 Kats Family	118	615
2	 MattyN	113	527
3	 ashlynhk	113	607
4	 Zia George	112	522
5	 KaelanWebb12	111	555
6	 JET2012	111	627
7	 steph30	111	632
8	 Tommy Mayne	110	606
9	 Mary Kearney	109	776
10	 Damian Nakic	108	592

With only 4 rounds left on the AFL fixture, it is more important than ever to do your research and get a perfect round of tips! A perfect round gives you a bonus point! There are not many points between the Top 10, who will take the top prize?

The AFL competition is only getting started in a race to finish in the Top 8 for a finals

spot!

Good luck to your team.

Miss Angela

GENERAL NEWS

THE CITY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



"We would love to show you our school"



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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APPLICATIONS FOR YR 7 2023 FOR CURRENT YR 5'S CLOSE ON 20 AUG 2021



PARADE COLLEGE
PARADE
FENETE TRADITIONES



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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