



# ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NORTHCOTE

*Newsletter, Tuesday Nov 17, 2020*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents and Children,

Last week we celebrated Remembrance Day at St Joseph's. The children gathered in the yard, where we lowered the flag to half-mast, read an excerpt from 'In Flanders Fields', and listened to the Last Post before maintaining a moment of silence, which was followed by The Rouse.



I am constantly amazed by the behaviour of our children at such occasions. Their reverence and sense of occasion was, as always, respectful and appropriate. After the service in the yard each class walked silently through our Memorial Garden (along James St). Thank you to all of the children who participated



**Our Preps made poppy badges which they wore throughout the ceremony!**

## SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

December 7 will be a school closure day. The staff will be working onsite and will be planning for 2021.

## PREP ORIENTATION



This week we will have our first Orientation days for our 2021 Prep classes. We will be running three groups - details of which are below.

The children will be split into three groups and the orientation sessions will be held on:

Thursday Nov 19 - 9:30am (grp 1)

Friday Nov 20 - 9:30am (grp 2) & 11:45am (grp 3)

Thursday Nov 26 - 9:30am (grp 1)

Friday Nov 27 - 9:30am (grp 2) & 11:45am (grp 3)



Our current Preps will be supervised by Grace and will work in the Art Room..

## MUSIC PROGRAMME



Thank you to the families who have responded to our inquiries regarding the interest in an onsite music/instrument programme during school time. We have had quite a healthy response and are currently looking at our options as to the finer details of how this will be implemented next year. If you are interested and did not receive a note please let Carmel know.

## PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT - ST MARY'S THORNBURY

This week it was announced that Mr Chris Ray has been appointed Principal at St Mary's in Thornbury. Given that St Mary's and St Joseph's parishes are now combined, I would like to welcome Chris to our parish community. Chris is currently the Principal at Our Lady Help of Christians in Eltham.

## SCHOOL BOARD AGM

Our School Board will be holding the Annual General Meeting tomorrow night at 7:30pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom and can be accessed through the following link:

### SJN Ed Board AGM Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99655136329?pwd=bE82TW4vOUFZeVpKODd2cy8yYWFrUT09>

Meeting ID: 996 5513 6329

Passcode: 4DsWmy

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# CALENDAR 2020

NOVEMBER						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14P
15	2021 Prep Parents Information evening 16	17	Ed Board AGM 7.30pm ALL WELCOME!! 18	Prep 2021 Orientation Group 1 19	Prep 2021 Orientation Groups 2 & 3 20	21
22	23	24	25	Prep 2021 Orientation Group 1 26	Prep 2021 Orientation Groups 2 & 3 27	28
29	30					

DECEMBER						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - 2021 Planning 7	8	Ed Board / Social Club end of year celebration 9	Chinese Cultural Day 10	11	12
13	14	Graduation Mass (live streamed to families) 15	STUDENT FINISH Countdown 1:30pm 16	Staff Planning Day 17	18	19

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## STUDENT AWARDS...

Congratulations to the students who received a

## LEARNER QUALITY AWARD

Week 5



Sunny, Maya, Phoenix,  
Ruby, Ella, Sansa, Tya,  
Stella & Jacob

Week 6

Sarah, Jack,  
Zelinda, Elisa,  
Jasper, Billie,  
& Ned.



Art Class Award - Prep  
P.E. Class Award - Senior R  
STEM Class Award - Middle K



# What's happening around the school?

## QUARANTINE QUEST EXPO MIDDLE LZ

What an amazing morning we had. The children were asked to work and present on any subject they were interested and passionate about. These interests ranged from Heidi and Elisa's art, to Lillyanne's work on France and the French Language, to Willow's passion for the keyboard and Elliot's for guitar

riffs, to Phuong's knowledge of Vietnamese and Kyri's passion for computer games. Thank you to all the children who showed a great interest and love for their chosen Quarantine Quest. Well done.



# STEM SPOTLIGHT

This year STEM has concentrated on Science as well as Engineering and Design Challenges. This term the focus has been on computer coding. The children right across the school have been challenged to complete coding assignments ranging from coding a Dance Party and Minecraft Hour of Code to Remixing programs and games created by others using SCRATCH. These assignments have required great problem solving and collaborative skills as well as creativity and persistence.

Here are some children's thoughts on coding this term as well as some of our Preps in CODING MODE:

"STEM is really fun because of the coding. I made games and shared them on my SCRATCH account" by Daniel Persichilli

"I did the Minecraft Hour of Code and I found it challenging. My friend Layla Francis helped me solve some of the problems I found difficult" by Willow Alessio

"I did the Dance Party and I found it really fun and interesting because you can experiment with lots of different instructions" by Maria Parisis

"I like coding because I find it really easy to help other people so that they then can complete it " by Massimo Duric





# Spotlight on ART

The Visual Arts program continues to engage and excite at St. Joe's!! The children were developing their drawing skills throughout Remote Learning and are now diving into the art of sculpting and construction by means of Papier Mache. Everyone from Years Prep to 6 are learning curious skills such as building, shaping and decorating by the use of different medium.

Our Artspace has been filled with much joy, laughter and a general sense of fun and creativity!

Go Kids!!!!

Jenelle Thornton



## Parish News

The latest advice to schools states that, “consistent with advice on assemblies, schools should not hold whole school or year level liturgies. This is in keeping with advice from Victoria’s Chief Health Officer that schools must reduce mixing between staff and student cohorts. This minimises the risk of transmission between groups and aids containment in the event of a confirmed case”.

Our Parish Masses are live streamed every Sunday - please contact Maggie in the parish office [northcote@cam.org.au](mailto:northcote@cam.org.au) if you would like further information about this.



## General News

### SANTA MARIA COLLEGE - ENROL NOW FOR YEAR 7 2022 & BEYOND

We know that many families have not been able to visit our popular onsite Discovery Tours due to COVID-19 restrictions, however we encourage you to take a virtual tour located on our website. We also invite you to attend our Online Q&A Information Session on **Today**, 17 November, 5pm-6pm. Please register via our website. For all enrolment enquiries, please contact Mrs Kylie Lawtey, Admissions & Marketing Leader, on 9488 1630 or email [kylie.lawtey@santamaria.vic.edu.au](mailto:kylie.lawtey@santamaria.vic.edu.au)



**To discuss the possibility of enrolment for your daughter in Year 7 2022, please contact our Admissions & Marketing Leader, Kylie Lawtey on 9488 1630 or via email at [registrar@santamaria.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@santamaria.vic.edu.au)**