



NEWSLETTER

St Justin's Parish School

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Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Family and Friends,

I believe I speak on behalf of everyone in our school community when reflecting on the fact that this has probably been one of the most challenging school terms of our lifetime.

I want to acknowledge the incredible work of our parents who have supported their children in the context of the flexible and remote learning environment. The fact that many parents are working from home while juggling the daily learning program, has not been lost on the leaders and staff at St. Justin's, and for this commitment we are truly grateful.

I am incredibly proud of the teaching staff and learning support officers who have adjusted to new ways of teaching and learning, and have similarly worked incredibly hard to ensure educational continuity and support for the wellbeing of the students in our care. All the while, they have been careful not to compromise the learning and welfare of their own children at home. From the feedback received, I know these efforts have been greatly appreciated by our parents who are facing their own work-life challenges.

Further challenges await us in Term 4, but I am hopeful that the future will bring a restful holiday break before the phased return to onsite learning that so many of us are eagerly anticipating.

Term 4 is important for every student, and our teachers will strive to deliver high-quality learning for everyone. Whether we're teaching remotely or face-to-face, our focus for Term 4 is on making sure that every student is supported in their wellbeing, learning and transition needs.

Subject to the advice of the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has announced there will be a staged approach for students to return to onsite schooling. As the return to onsite schooling is linked to the average daily case rate, we must continue to follow the restrictions and wear masks where required. We will also need to be agile, as dates and specifics may change in the coming weeks.

As we are a primary school in metropolitan Melbourne, the specifics of our return will be different from other schools in Victoria, so I am providing the following guidance, which is subject to change.

Saturday 19 September – Sunday 4 October

- *Term 3 school holidays.*

Monday 5 October – Friday 9 October

- *Term 4 remote learning will recommence for all students.*
- *The onsite supervision program that ran in Term 3 for vulnerable children and children of permitted workers will be available – please ensure that the principal is informed as soon as possible (Thursday of the week before at the latest) so that arrangements can be made.*

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From Monday 12 October

- ***Students in Prep to Year 2 will return to onsite learning.***
- *Following the advice of Victoria's Chief Health Officer, students at schools will receive a temperature check every morning, with thermometers provided by the state government.*
- *Parents and carers will be required to wear face coverings whenever they leave the house, including for school drop-off and pick-up*
- *All students from Year 3 to 6 will continue with remote and flexible learning until further notice. A date for the return of these year levels to onsite learning will be subject to further health advice.*

As onsite schooling resumes, we will continue to have in place strong measures to protect the health and safety of students, staff, families and the community. This includes staggering start and finish times, restricting parent access to school grounds, and continuing to emphasise hand hygiene and physical distancing where possible. If you, your child or a family member develop symptoms of fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, or loss of smell or taste, please get tested at a coronavirus (COVID-19) testing facility and stay home.

Additionally, St Justin's will be putting into place practices that will:

- *ensure children starting in Prep in 2021 can meet their new classmates and teachers and familiarise themselves with the school setting;*
- *enable the Year 6 students to mark the milestone of completing primary school;*
- *focus on the re-engagement of all students, the re-establishment of school routines and undertaking the steps necessary to prepare for and complete successful transitions into 2021; and*
- *work with secondary schools to support the transition process for Year 6 students.*

I will continue to provide updates when required and as specifics or changes are confirmed.

In the meantime, I pray that you and your families are holding up during this challenging time and look forward to better days ahead for all of us.

With my best wishes,

Patrick Torpey



Dates Ahead

TERM FOUR

Monday 5th October

(P – 6) Remote Learning re-commences

Monday 12th October

(P – 2) Return to school grounds

(3 – 6) Remote learning continues

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School Uniform

As we prepare to return to school next term, we might spend the holidays looking amongst the cobwebs for the school uniform. Academy Uniform, Springvale, is organising a click and collect option from next week, along with their home and school delivery option. Under the current circumstances, it might be difficult to replace any outgrown school shoes. Until we are able to move more freely around Melbourne, students are able to wear sports uniform. Please remember that school hats will need to be worn as we are in SunSmart season.

These are uncertain times and can be stressful for both adults and children. Ensure you're giving yourself time to relax and unwind, take some time to reflect on how you're feeling.

Things to do:

It's time to get ready to come back to school! We are looking forward to seeing everyone again. Here are some things you can do to get ready. This will be different for each family, and depend on the age of your child. Here are some examples:

- ◇ Find school clothes
- ◇ Make sure school clothes are washed
- ◇ Find school shoes and school bag
- ◇ Get up at the normal school wake-up time
- ◇ Eat breakfast at the normal time
- ◇ Help make lunch
- ◇ Pack school bag
- ◇ Drive past school at the usual drop off time for practice
- ◇ Talk about the plan for after school pickup
- ◇ Talk about what your child is looking forward to doing at school
- ◇ Ask them how they feel about going back to school

Going back to your family's normal school morning routine will be a powerful way to help them get back to school successfully.



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Baby News

Eve Zabic

This term Mrs Cleo Zabic and her husband Zeljko, were delighted to introduce Eve Zabic into the St Justin's community. Eve Zabic was born on August 5th at 5:48am, weighing a tiny 2.7 kgs and measuring 47cm in length. Eve is very much loved and looking forward to the day when she can meet the whole school community.



Lisa Phillips

Last week we said farewell to Miss Phillips. Miss Phillips and her husband James are expecting their first baby at the end of this month. Staff were able to gather virtually and offer some advice (not all will be of any use), guess the baby's name and share "beautiful" baby photos of themselves (some were easier to pick than others). We wish Miss Phillips, James and baby Athanasiadis all the very best.

Emailing issues

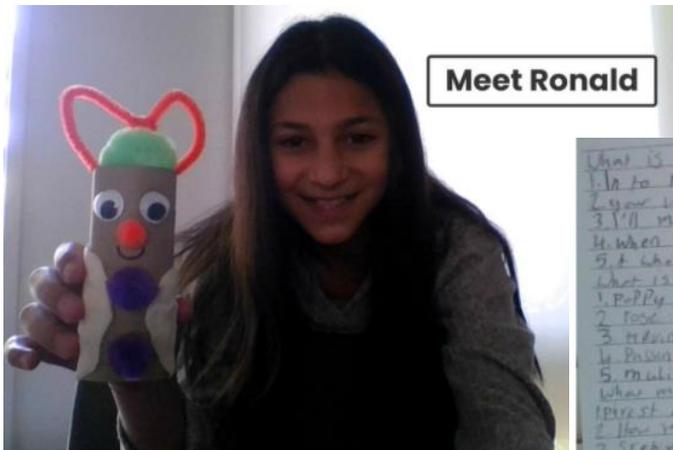
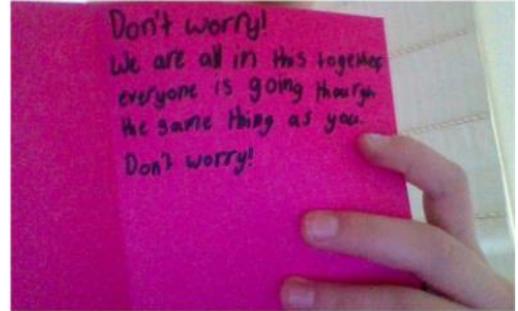
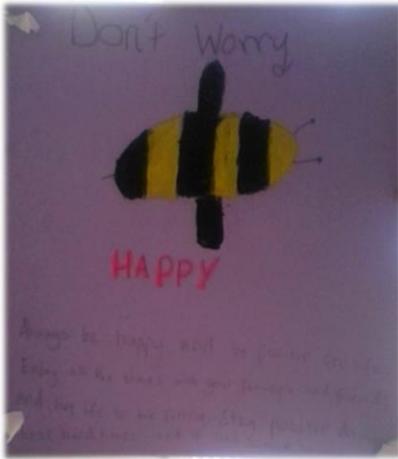
Recently the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV) upgraded our Email Security system, offering improved security and reliability. Unfortunately, this caused a minor issue with our ability to send bulk emails, which only became evident last week. Whilst the issue has now been rectified, it did cause some emails not to go out including the Newsletter. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Student Leadership Day

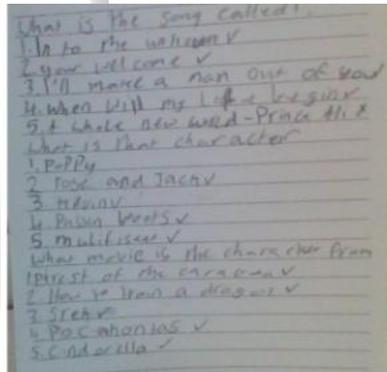
Monday was an exciting day for our Year 6 students. They had been planning these events for their fellow students for quite some time now and had a great time-sharing the activities with everyone.

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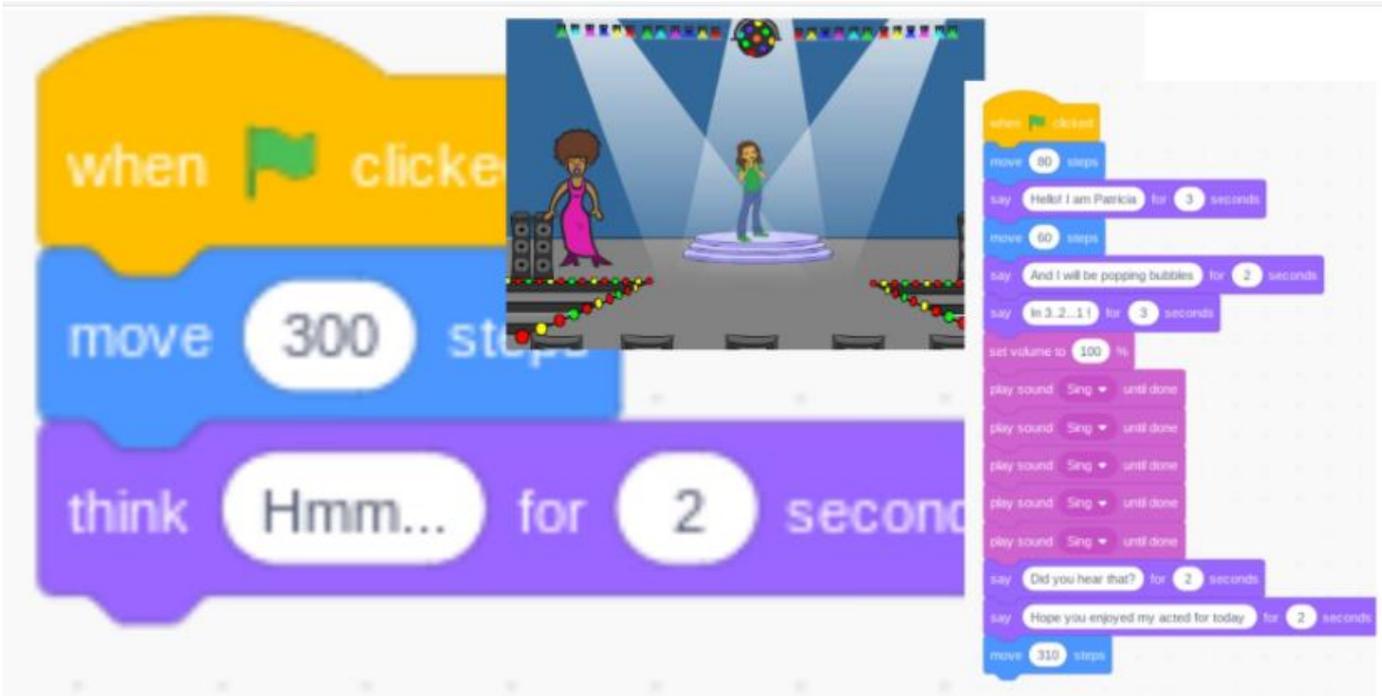
Meet Ronald



i did the Music Quiz



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Another school term completed and what an adventure it has been! Let's take a minute to look back at all the amazing things we have achieved this term, pat ourselves on the back and say "WELL DONE!" It has been hard, the challenges have been daily but the positives have shone through - children have shown dedication and commitment to their learning and achieved some amazing results - these are lifelong skills they are learning now, which can only set them up for a positive and exciting future.

Mrs Herbison

**WE ARE SO
PROUD OF YOU**



Miss Harvey

Take some time these holidays to reflect with your children on their successes this term, ask them what they enjoyed about learning from home in Term 3 and what they found challenging. Set some goals for Term 4 - these might be learning goals or personal goals. Discuss how they can go about achieving these goals when Term 4 begins.

The upcoming holidays will no doubt contain their own challenges - we are still unable to leave our homes and do all the things we love doing in Spring in Melbourne, however we are lucky enough that parks will be open and we can get outside for longer with our family to enjoy the beautiful sunshine. If things start to feel a bit tedious and your family is looking for something fun and a little different to do, below are some suggestions for holiday activities that are sure to bring joy for everyone!

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Building an indoor cubby or outside tepee
- Scavenger hunts
- Puzzles, Card games and board games
- Gardening or pick and press flowers
- Paper plane making – turn it into a competition
- Scavenger hunt in your yard – **Nature Play SA** have some resources to use for scavenger hunts and outdoor play
- Make Sock puppets – a few socks, big buttons, needle and thread or glue, then put on a play
- Chalk art – draw, write, on concrete – your driveway, a path – share a positive message with your neighbourhood
- Listen as David Walliams narrates some of his stories from **“The Worlds Worst Children”** Series (free during COVID-19)
- [Phillip Island Penguin Parade](#)
- [National Gallery of Victoria - Kids](#)
- [ACMI](#)
- [Mt Burnett Observatory](#)
- [Fun School Holiday Activities in Melbourne – September 2020](#)
- [Melbourne Aquarium](#)
- [Melbourne Zoo](#)

We hope you have a wonderful holiday break, we are so looking forward to seeing you all (hopefully in person) when Term 4 begins!

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Mr Farrelly



Mrs Wood



P&F Meeting

On Tuesday we once again had our (virtual) P&F Meeting. Thank you for those who came along, it really does help when all years are represented as we understand that there are so many different needs for different students/classes. If you want to be involved and take part, stay tuned for our next meeting in Term 4, details will be in the newsletter.

Virtual Disco

Thanks to all the staff and parents who got on board for our first Virtual Disco, we hope you enjoyed yourselves. Rest assured we will absolutely be working hard to organise a proper real live disco, if and when restrictions allow us to.



What a term it has been, our first complete term of home schooling. Awesome job to everybody for making it through and fingers crossed, restrictions are able to be eased for term 4! We have been sad not to be able to undertake all the events that we normally would have been able to, we thank everybody for their understanding and assure you that we are hard at work trying to “pivot” and find some other ways of doing things.

Remember, everybody is still part of the St Justin's community and do stay connected. If there are any issues or concerns and you can email us at pnf@sjwheelershill.catholic.edu.au

Take care of yourselves and enjoy the break whatever way you can.

P&F Committee

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Our final week of the term has arrived, and probably just in time I'd say!. Thankfully, we can look forward to warmer weather, longer nights and perhaps enjoy some more freedoms. There is so much to be grateful for - especially as Spring is upon us.

Though it can be challenging schooling from home, I want to say a huge thank you to the year 5 students who have continued to show resilience and enthusiasm for the Kitchen Garden program, supported by their families as they made the recipes shared with them this term. To those students who designed and created self-watering systems, again a huge thank you for your efforts.

This term the year 5s have made food inspired from Asian countries and this week we finished up with Chinese Lettuce Wraps - San Choy Bau (there are many variations on spellings).

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Gavin



Gavin



Grace



Leah



Anton



Monique



Gian



Sophie



Monique



**World Habitat Day
5 October**

World Habitat Day is celebrated annually on the first Monday of October. That will be the first week back in Term 4. The event focuses on the state of human settlements and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter. It is also intended to remind the world that we all have the power and the responsibility to shape the future of our cities and towns for future generations. The **theme of World Habitat Day 2020** is Housing For All: A better Urban Future, and the Global Observance will be hosted by the city of Surabaya in Indonesia.

"Solutions begin with small steps individuals can take to alter the way our cities function. We must reduce the amount of waste we produce, and, at the same time, start seeing it as a valuable resource that can be reused and recycled, including for energy." — UN Secretary-General António Guterres.

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With the interruption this year due to COVID-19, perhaps we can use this event to focus on our own shelter - our own homes. This provides an opportunity to redefine needs and wants. We can discuss water consumption, energy use, waste management, food sources etc. Is there something as a family we can do to positively impact the way we function within our own home for the benefit of the future? You might like to conduct an audit of the way you live in a particular area, eg water usage. Is there a way we can preserve water, or reduce the amount of waste of this valuable resource?

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Marine Ambassadors

The weekly i-chat sessions have continued and so much learning has occurred over the term about all things related to our marine environment. I urge you to visit the Dolphin Research Institute website for more details about the program and the issues they tackle (pardon the pun!!).

<https://www.dolphinresearch.org.au/>

Year Four Students

Next term the Kitchen Garden program commences for the year 4 students. We will be focusing on creating recipes suitable for healthy school lunchboxes. It will be a busy time in the garden with the beautiful Spring weather.

Enjoy a nice break outside in the garden where the simple things in life provide such big rewards. Even though playgrounds have been opened there is and has always been nature's biggest playground available all year round with limitless opportunities for imaginations to grow and develop.



I leave you with this from NaturePlay Australia with some fantastic ideas on how to spend time in nature these school holidays:

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TIME IN NATURE HAS NOT BEEN CANCELLED

25 THINGS TO DO IN SOCIAL ISOLATION

Nature Play

- 1 Camp out overnight in your own backyard! Pitch a tent or sleep under the stars.
- 2 Start a nature journal - sketch or paint leaves, fungi, flowers or other nature finds.
- 3 Collect leaves and make a nature crown or necklace. Pointy leaves are perfect!
- 4 Try star gazing - what's the first star you see in the night sky? How many can you count?
- 5 Make a "campsite" in your backyard with a cubby (try and make it waterproof) and pretend campfire.
- 6 Get on your bikes or scooters and head out for a family ride, around your neighbourhood.
- 7 Plant out the vege patch with seasonal vegetables.
- 8 Go on a photo safari. Choose a subject (or colour scheme) and see what you can "capture".
- 9 Go geocaching around your neighbourhood! if you've never tried a digital treasure hunt before, visit <https://geocaching.com.au/> to learn more.
- 10 We're going on a bear hunt! Place a teddy in your front window so passersby can see them. How many can you see in your neighbourhood?
- 11 Get artistic with sidewalk chalk. Draw a hopscotch or rainbow on the footpath outside your house!
- 12 Use a notebook to press nature treasures. Collect leaves or flowers, and write notes to remind you of when and where you found them.
- 13 Discover more fun ways to play outdoors. Download the free [Nature Passport app](#) to get started.
- 14 Break out the card & board games. Snakes & Ladders, Monopoly, UNO and Pictionary: let's play!
- 15 Learn a new skill. Who in your family can teach you how to knit, sew, bake, garden or build?
- 16 Go on a bug hunt! What creepy crawlies can you find in your very own back yard?
- 17 Create a "boho" picnic experience in your backyard - use couch cushions and floor rugs, with bedsheets hung off your swing set as a canopy.
- 18 Learn how to service your scooter or bike. Check for damage, punctures & give it a good clean.
- 19 Create a living tepee. Fasten together sticks or bamboo & plant a climber (peas or beans).
- 20 Cook on backyard fire pit. Snags in a frypan or toast on a toasting fork. And who can forget the toasted marshmallows? (Check for fire bans first!)
- 21 Go on a family bushwalk. Be sure to check for any park closures before you go.
- 22 Write a letter. Find out your friends' addresses, write to them, or send a picture you've drawn.
- 23 Try cloud watching. Can you see animals or shapes? Tell a story about them as they float across the sky.
- 24 Cook together. Make jam or preserves using seasonal fruit. Design your own label for your jam.
- 25 Try mindfulness. Choose a spot outside to spend 5-10 minutes each day. What sights & sounds do you experience? Do the change from day to day?



NHBPC JUNIOR CRICKET PROGRAMS

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLASTER PROGRAMS

This season our Club will be running three Cricket Blaster Programs.

JUNIOR BLASTERS

(Boys and Girls)

This is an entry level program for boys and girls aged 5-7 years old that introduces them to the game of cricket. All the equipment is provided.

MASTER BLASTERS

(Girls Only)

MASTER BLASTERS

(Boys Only)

The Master Blasters program is recommended for children aged 7-10 years old and is for children with basic cricket skills who can bowl with a straight arm over 14 metres. Every child gets a chance to bat, bowl and field. All equipment supplied.

JUNIOR CRICKET

Our Club will be fielding Junior Teams in the following age groups this season:

13 & under All Girls

(The all-girls cricket games will be played on a Wednesday Night.)

Under 11

Under 13

Under 15

Under 17

The under 11, 13, 15, & 17 games will be played on a Friday night commencing at around 5.00pm.

To register for any of the programs or for any further information please visit our Club website at:

nhbpcc.vic.cricket.com.au

OR

Contact Emidio by email at emidiopug@optusnet.com.au or on 0407 766 562

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INTERACTIVE LIVE CHAT



Please register to join us in an online interactive Live Chat with our Principal, Christopher Dalton and members of our leadership team. Gain insight into our College community and have your questions answered.



OUR LIVE CHAT SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON:

Tuesday 8 September 10.30am
Wednesday 16 September 10.30am

Monday 5 October 5pm
Tuesday 6 October 10.30am

Register now by visiting

www.shgc.vic.edu.au

For further queries, please contact
Stefanie Perri, College Registrar and Community Relations & Development Manager
registrar@shgc.vic.edu.au or on (03) 9568 5488



Dear Parents and Guardians of Grade 5 Students,

Nazareth College is aware that many of you have not had the opportunity to visit our campus, in person, due to the ongoing situation.

The closing date for applications for enrolment for Year 7, 2022 is fast approaching, Friday 9 October 2020.

With this in mind, we wish to extend an invitation to you to visit us virtually.

Our Virtual School Tours are held via Zoom and include:

- A Welcome Address from the Nazareth College Principal – Mr Sam Cosentino;
- A Community Video featuring students, parents and teachers;
- A Q&A opportunity with Mr Cosentino and other key members of staff.

Virtual School Tour Date:

September

- Tuesday 8 September at 5:00 pm
- Wednesday 9 September 2:00 pm
- Thursday 10 September 10:00 am

October

- Monday 5 October at 12:00 pm
- Tuesday 6 October at 7:00 pm
- Wednesday 7 October at 5:00 pm

To register to attend please click the link below:

<https://www.nazareth.vic.edu.au/enrolments/virtual-school-tours/>

Each Virtual School Tour runs for approximately 1 hour.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to Nazareth College virtually.

Yours sincerely

Mr Sam Cosentino
PRINCIPAL