



NEWSLETTER

St Justin's Parish School

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Dear Family and Friends,

It is with much sadness this week that we heard the sad news that Father Michael Anthony Patrick Wheeler PE, passed away early Tuesday morning, 11 August 2020 at Epworth Hospital. He was aged 82 years.

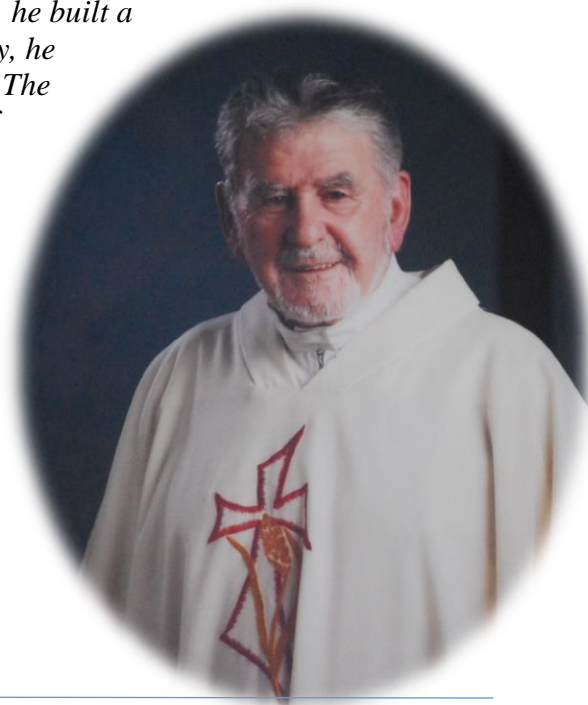
Fr Wheeler was ordained a Catholic priest at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne on 22 May 1971. He was appointed Assistant Priest at Belmont (December 1971 – March 1972), Collingwood (1972), Jordanville (1975), Manifold (1978) and Newport (1979). He was then appointed as Chaplain to the Repatriation Hospital, Heidelberg in 1981 and then appointed Parish Priest of the newly established parish of Wheelers Hill in 1986. In 2016, Fr Wheeler retired and was appointed Pastor Emeritus.

Fr Wheeler was Parish Priest of St Justin's for 30 years. In that time, he built a school, a Parish House and a beautiful Church. But more importantly, he built a Christ centred community, rich in love, care and compassion. The Archdiocese is most grateful for the untiring service to the Church of Melbourne of this kind and gentle man.

Fr Wheeler's funeral will be held on Monday 17th August at 11:00 am at St Justin's Parish Church. Obviously due to Covid-19 regulations, we cannot attend. However, it will be Webcast for us to view on Tobin Brothers Website. We can all be there in spirit.

'O God, listen favourably to our prayers offered on behalf of your servant and priest, and grant that Michael, who committed himself zealously to the service of your name, may rejoice forever in the company of your saints. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen'.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



Congratulations to our Preps who, on Monday, celebrate their 100 days as a special member of the St Justin's Community. I'm sure Fr Mick would be proud, as we all are. Whilst this year has been very different, please know that you are still as special to us as ever. We look forward to seeing you all again soon. I'm sure you'll have a great day on Monday – we'll be thinking of you all. Take care.

A BIG thank you to our four Prep teachers for organising a memorable day for our students.

Thanks to the Preps (and their families) for being a wonderful part of our community. We're really glad that you're here.

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History buried

WHEELERS Hill school children have buried a time capsule at their new parish church to be unearthed by their future counterparts.

The capsule, containing photographs, a church history and children's work, has been placed beneath the front entrance of the new St Justin's Church.

Parish priest, Father Michael Wheeler, said parishioners 50 years from now would see what the people of today did for them.

The long-awaited church is due to open in October.

For the past 10 years weekly mass has been held in classrooms at the adjacent St Justin's Primary School.

Fr Wheeler said parishioners raised \$100,000 towards building the \$450,000 church. The parish took out a loan to pay the difference.

The 300-seat church would be the central focus for all parish and school activity.

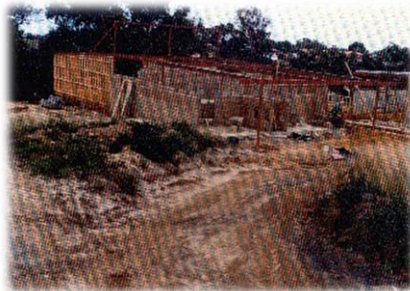
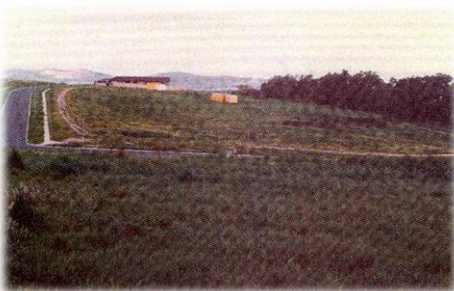
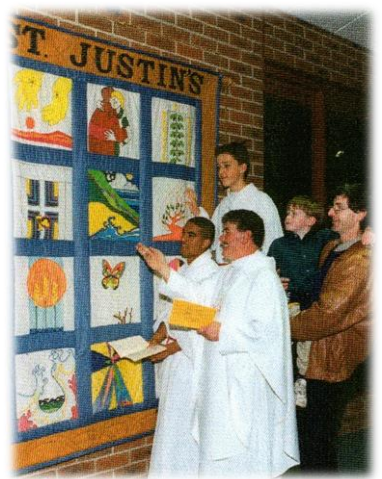
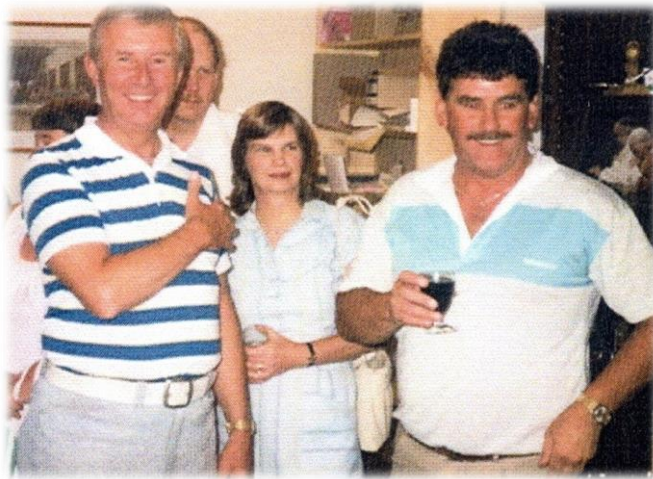


Father Michael Wheeler with schoolchildren Evan Lees, Adele Rullo and Annie Shelton: burying the time capsule at the new church site. Picture: DETLEV RUFF.



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MICHAEL WHEELER WING

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Feast of The Assumption - 15th August

The Assumption is when Mary, the Mother of Jesus, went to heaven. She did everything that God asked her to do. Her life and strong faith should be an example for us.

Mary was a beautiful mother to Jesus and to us all. May Mary's life guide us to be people of faith.



Let us pray together:

Help us to have faith like Mary. Lord hear us.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus was always the centre of Mary's life. May Jesus be as important in our own lives. Lord hear us.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.



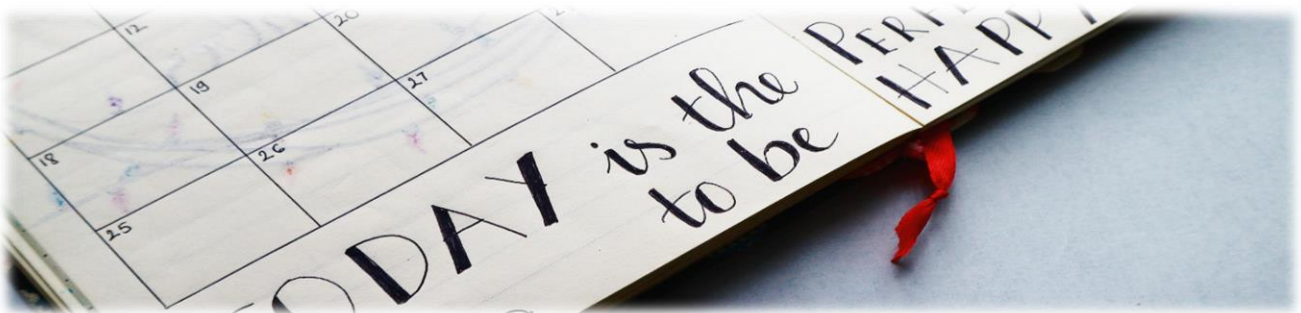
Mary's love and devotion supported Jesus throughout his life. Bless our own mothers who love and support us in everything we do.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Listen to these prayers Lord so that like Mary, we might find hope and comfort in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen.



Dates Ahead

Saturday 15th August

Monday 17th August

Friday 18th September

Feast of the Assumption

Fr Michael Wheeler's Funeral

100 Days of Prep

Term 3 finishes

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Google Meets

Thanks again everyone for your support of our Google Meets (GM). Google Meets are an important part of our online learning and just like on-site learning, we have a number of expectations. Listed below are a few reminders which we ask students to follow:

- Only enter a Google Meet at the required time, as directed by a staff member. These are usually at 9:30am, however smaller groups will have GMs throughout the day.
- Ensure cameras are on, at the commencement of the GM
- Microphones are only turned on when directed by the teacher
- Use the chat bar appropriately
- Students should be ready for their meetings:
 - dressed appropriately
 - no eating
 - device on a stable surface, preferably a desk or table and chair, not the floor
 - background noise and interruptions kept to a minimum wherever possible - it's often hard to compete with vacuum cleaners, etc.

ONSITE ATTENDANCE

As you would be aware, the Victorian Government announced that, on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, regional and rural Victoria will move to Stage 3 restrictions and metropolitan Melbourne will move to Stage 4 restrictions to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

For most of us, this has had huge impact on our places of work, including St Justin's. Despite the fact that staff have been issued with a Permitted Worker Permit, we are still operating with a skeleton staff on-site, with maybe only three to four staff members on-site at any one time.

The criteria for students that can attend on-site has changed as follows:

- children whose parents are permitted workers.
- vulnerable children in out of home care, children known to child protection and other agencies and children the school identifies as vulnerable.
- children with a disability who also fit one of the above two categories.

If you or your child fits the above criteria, please let me know principal@sjwheelershill.catholic.edu.au by **Thursday of the week prior to students needing to be at school.**

Please email EACH Thursday, even if the same days are required for supervision - this will ensure that adequate supervision can be provided.

CAMP Australia

Those requiring the services of Out of School Hours Care (OSHC – Camp Australia), either Before School Care: 7:00am-8:45am and/or After School Care: 3:30pm-5:30pm (please note new time), are asked to book via Camp Australia the week before or let me know. Whilst **Camp Australia are happy to continue the service, they will operate on a needs basis only.** Any issues please let me know.



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Kitchen Garden Program

Our final week for the Year One kitchen garden program and we have some beautiful photos to share from students who have been creative at home.

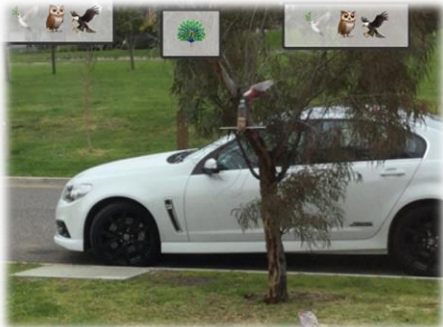
Amelia made a crafty wreath.

Tyson harvested broccolini for his fried rice.

Stefan also made a garden wreath.

Lux shared a video on Seesaw of birds eating at her homemade bird feeder and shared her garden craft decorations.

Thank you to these students for getting into the spirit of the kitchen garden program and sharing your photos.



This week the students will be shown a video on how to make falafel and flatbread. This cuisine is inspired by the countries of the Middle East. The students will also learn a bit about the food and culture of the Middle East.

In the garden the students were encouraged to use natural materials from the garden such as twigs, flowers, leaves to make garden craft. As you can see from the examples provided we have some very creative students in Year One.

With Spring almost upon us it is an exciting time in the garden. We can see blossoms on the trees and you can feel the weather changing slightly, although those cold winter days can be hard to shift. Daffodils are popping up in gardens after a long sleep and there is hope in the garden beds with signs of growth. I encourage all Year Ones to continue to be active in the kitchen and especially the garden where much joy can be found.

Year Five students will be undertaking the kitchen program from next week. The focus will be on recipes from countries within Asia to complement their inquiry unit. We look forward to seeing their creations in upcoming newsletters.

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Chicken Coop

Our chicken coop is ready to receive its new residents - Mr Di Iorio has been very busy creating a beautiful home and today their nesting boxes were included into the coop.

Thankyou Mr Di Iorio



National Science Week runs from 15 August until 23 August. This is a great opportunity to reflect on the role science is playing in managing the COVID pandemic through research, testing, data collection, doctors, nurses, etc. Why not spend some time being thankful for scientists and their impact on our lives? You could research famous scientists throughout history or visit the following website and conduct some science experiments at home.

Visit the website:

<https://www.scienceweek.net.au/> and try out some of the DIY home experiments.

See the website **Silly Science with Simon**.



Keep Australia Beautiful

Keep Australia Beautiful Week is held late August each year to raise awareness about the simple things we can all do in our daily lives to reduce our impact on the environment and encourage action.

The unprecedented events of 2020 means we're taking a different approach to Keep Australia Beautiful Week this year.

Protecting ourselves from the spread of COVID-19 has led to drastic changes to the way we live – from staying at home more to increasing our hygiene practices.

However, there are some unintended consequences of this new lifestyle, especially when it comes to the waste we're producing.

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Items like single-use food and beverage containers, face masks, hand sanitizer and gloves are in high demand. All with the potential to end up as litter in our beautiful country.

The good news is we believe we can all work towards a litter-free Australia from the comfort of our homes with some simple tips to prevent rubbish ending up in the environment.

This year the theme is *Litter: Prevent the Spread*

Litter Facts

- 95% of the litter on beaches comes from suburban streets through the stormwater system. Litter, such as cigarette butts, plastic bags and other plastics harms animal and marine life in a variety of ways:
 - through polluting the water they live in
 - when these items are mistaken for food
 - when creatures get caught up in plastics and get injured or even strangled
 - breaking down into microplastics (less than 5mm) which are persistent and difficult to recover
 - Litter can cause blockages in the storm water system and flooding
 - Litter can be dangerous to people particularly when it involves items such as broken glass, needles and syringes
 - Litter may be a fire hazard
 - Litter makes an area look dirty and uncared for and attracts more litter. Littered areas are not pleasant to be in and are less likely to be used by people. In contrast, people are more reluctant to litter clean areas.
 - Litter is a direct financial cost to local and state governments, and consequently to the community
 - Litter is one of the most visible signs of pollution and waste of resource
- From VLAA Litter Factsheet 2014*

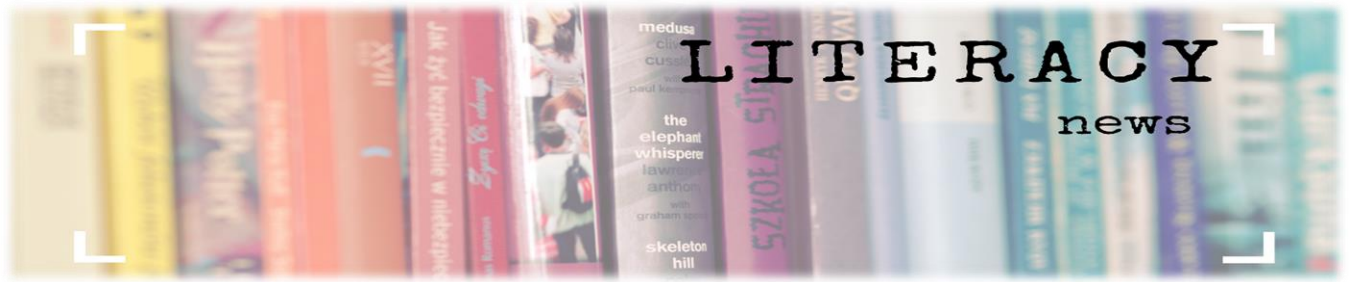
What can we do?

All students: Organise a clean-up of an area in your own backyard/house with your family. Share a photo of your cleaning up efforts and of the beautiful environment.

Senior students: COVID-19 has increased the amount of paper towel, wet wipes, masks and other waste materials being used by the community. What does this make you wonder? How can we Keep Australia Beautiful with the overflow of waste products?



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Author's Choice

Lockdown Poem

How dare you, Corona, keep us locked up inside. This deadly virus, that has gone statewide.
It is so sad that people have lost their life. My God Victoria, we are in such strife.
No school, no friends, nothing to do. This world has gone crazy, we're wearing masks too.
I know a six week lockdown isn't much fun, but I know our families will get this job done.
To end this short poem I have one thing to say, STAY HOME and STAY SAFE, to keep
Corona away

Chiara D

The Year 2020

The year 2020 hasn't been great,
And we really have to look for things we don't hate!
With unprecedented bushfires to start off the year
And now stuck in lockdown as ordered by our Premier
Due to the deadly pandemic of Covid-19,
We've only been able to communicate through our screens.
With the concern of our health and safety,
We understand we need to follow these new rules daily
Now while we entertain ourselves with the little things,
We have to check up on everyone and everything.
We continue to pray for those in harsher situations
And continue to be grateful for what we have without hesitation!



By Chloe

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Stage 4 restrictions have been difficult, we can't deny that, and it has been quite easy to slip into negative thinking patterns and just feel 'down' about what is going on. The realisation that online learning is school for this term, and children won't be back in the classroom with their friends seems to have hit home for most kids and this has been quite difficult for some of them to reconcile. Below are some handy tips to help keep your spirits up, for both adults and children. While it has been, and will continue to be, a challenging time in the coming months, it is important to take a minute to look around and appreciate all the incredible things we do have - this time we get to spend with our loved ones truly is a blessing (even though it might not always feel like it!)



LIVE NOW.
MAKE NOW ALWAYS
THE MOST PRECIOUS
TIME. NOW WILL
NEVER COME AGAIN.

— CAPTAIN JEAN-LUC PICARD

Without even realising, we can find ourselves slipping into “What’s going to happen tomorrow? Next week? Next month?” thinking patterns, and while thinking about the future is inevitable - and also wise - it’s also important to acknowledge the here and now. It may seem like the world is full of negative news but there are still so many amazing things happening, we just have to stop and look a little bit harder.

HOW CAN I DO THIS?

- Practice mindfulness or meditation. [Smiling Mind](#) is a wonderful Australian-designed app for all ages.
- Master the art of distraction - go for a run, chat with family and friends, bake a cake - concentrating on these tasks will help to shut out the ‘future thoughts’ and allow you to enjoy your present moments.

[Windows](#) is a lovely and uplifting story of how people have come together during this pandemic. It tells the story of five children from different parts of the world who connect and find strength in one another during this troubling time from the safety of their own windows.

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St Justin's Fair On The Hill – Saturday 7th November 2020

After a great deal of consideration, it is with much sadness that we announce that this year's Fair on the Hill has been cancelled for 2020. The good news is that a new date has been set for 2021 – Saturday 6th November 2021. Already rides have been booked, sponsors have committed and Animal Farm are on board. The other good news is that we now have more time to consider how we might be able to help out – I'm sure there's room there somewhere for a craft stall.

Thanks to our sponsors who have already committed to our 2021 Fair.

2021 Current Sponsors



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INTERACTIVE LIVE CHAT

OUR LIVE CHAT SESSIONS
WILL BE HELD ON:

JULY
Thursday 23 July 11.30am
Monday 27 July 11.00am
Wednesday 29 July 9.30am

AUGUST
Monday 3 August 11.00am
Monday 10 August 2.00pm
Wednesday 19 August 10.30am

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.

Register now by visiting **www.shgc.vic.edu.au**

For further queries, please contact Stefanie Perri, College Registrar and Community Relations & Development Manager
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