



NEWSLETTER

St Justin's Parish School

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Dear Families and Friends,

Advent

This Sunday we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent, lighting the first candle, the candle of Hope. For many, Advent is a time of waiting for Christmas. But if Advent is a time of pointless waiting for Christmas then we've somehow missed the message. Rather than just waiting, Advent is about reminding ourselves that we have a job to do: working together to help create God's kingdom here on earth. What does this mean for each of us?



Confirmation

Congratulations to the senior students from St Justin's Parish Community who this week, received the Sacrament of Confirmation at one of our two Masses – 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The Masses were celebrated by Fr Andrew, whose support is always greatly appreciated – thank you. Thanks also to our wonderful staff for their support, especially our Religious Education Leader, Mrs Leanne Snell and our Year 6 staff and Parish Team – Mrs Lucy D'Angelo, Mrs Wegmann, Mr Snelling, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Cedro, Jeanne Bernard and Elizabeth Anderson for all their work in preparing our candidates and their banners. Thanks also to our families and friends for your ongoing support for our children as they continue on their faith journey.



'The Show Must Go On' - St. Justin's 2021 School Production

Only a few more sleeps to go until the 'The Show Must Go On'. The students have been rehearsing their dances since they have returned to school and the main cast are attending extra rehearsals during lunchtime and in the afternoons in preparation. Whilst this year our production will be filmed, it's a very exciting time and we can't wait.



Face Masks

A reminder to all families to please supply face masks for your child / children if required. Also, a named zip lock bag would be very helpful during our Production rehearsals & filming next week, Thank you for your cooperation.



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Parents & Friends Committee Nominations

The P&F meets 2 to 3 times per term to plan and coordinate ways to support St. Justin's through social & fundraising activities. We have emailed all families today an invitation to nominate for Executive and Non-Executive positions on the P&F Committee. Positions that are vacant for 2022 are: Chairperson, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer & Class Reps. You will find a nomination form attached to the letter and these need to be returned by Friday December 10th, 2021.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Thanks to everyone for supporting our annual St Vinnie's Christmas Appeal – we have gathered much which will be distributed to many needed and appreciative families.



Prep 2022 Transition

Last night we held our second Prep 2022 Parent Transition Night. It was facilitated by Mrs Carley McGauran. Carley is a qualified Psychologist with over 15 years' experience. Carley's focus was on "Prep Transition - How your family can thrive, not just survive!" Carley's session focused on helping us:

- Feel more relaxed and confident about the "starting school" journey*
- Know how to best support your child with evidence based strategies*
- Learn some practical skills to help you with all parenting challenges*

A copy of the webinar has been emailed to all who registered.



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Athletics Carnival

Last Friday we had our Annual School Sports Carnival. In the past, this has been a twilight event, but this year we decided to hold it during the day with a greater focus on our students having the opportunity to learn about the finer points of being part of a whole school athletics carnival.

Whilst we hope it's a nice day for all and the students have the opportunity to have fun, it's also a great opportunity to learn – learn to be independent, be patient, to participate, to compete, to manage their emotions (good and bad), refining starts and finishes, what to eat and when, how to apply sunscreen, what to do with my hat while I'm running, etc. Sometimes learning happens through our experiences and those experiences allow us to develop skills and strategies that can be transferred to other situations in life.

Thank you to all our volunteers – your support is much appreciated. A big thank you to Mr Johnson for organising our Athletics Carnival, our Year 6 Sports Captains for their leadership and support throughout the day and to the amazing team of staff at St. Justin's who support our students and each other during these special events. Thanks also to Tia (Yr 6) for the great photos.

We are in the process of booking a new venue for our sports carnival next year as Knox Athletics Track is being refurbished – we'll keep you posted.



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Plans for 2022

Plans for 2022 are well and truly underway, many of which have been presented and discussed at our School Advisory Council meeting. In 2022, we again anticipate 14 classes:

- *Year Prep x 2 – located in Rooms 5 and 6*
- *Year 1 x 2 – located in Rooms 1 and 2*
- *Year 2 x 2 – located in Rooms 3 and 4*
- *Year 3 x 2 – located in Rooms 9 and 10*
- *Year 4 x 2 – located in Rooms 22 and 23*
- *Year 5 x 2 – located in Rooms 16 and 17*
- *Year 6 x 2 – located in Rooms 20 and 19*

This structure allows for growth and student movement and provides opportunities for teachers to work in teams. Students and teachers will work closely, sharing spaces and strengths when appropriate. It is important to remember that all teachers have other administration duties alongside their classroom responsibilities, which may require them to be released on an ongoing basis.

A great deal of thought and planning also goes into the placement of each teacher. Often a classroom teacher can be considered “The Prep Teacher” or “The Year 5/6 Teacher”. However, this is not the case. Staff at St Justin's have the training, and more importantly the passion, to teach students at a variety of levels. Next year, as with all years, there will be movement within the school and we hope to make announcements soon. In planning, it's wonderful to hear staff talk about all students and not just those in their class or their year level.

A great deal of thought is also given to the placement of each child – a decision that is not taken lightly. We endeavour to provide each child with the opportunity to be part of a class that will allow him or her the best opportunity to learn. Consideration is given to each child's social and emotional needs, ability, behaviour, friendship groups, etc. Individual needs and a whole school perspective must be considered. However, having said that, with our connecting classrooms accessed via doors or sliding doors, our students are more able to engage and interact with students and teachers from other classes.

We are a community of learners and we learn for, from and with each other. This includes us all and not just a selection. It is exposure to a variety of personalities and qualities that help us develop as a whole person. In some schools, students are asked to nominate 5 or so 'friends' that they would like to be with in the following year. However, some schools have found that this has created a great deal of anxiety for students and it can send the wrong message that “I can only learn if I am with my friends”.

Likewise, some schools have asked parents to make any formal requests in writing. Again, this has created a great deal of anxiety with parents, some who feel the need to write something, simply because there has been an invitation. We believe that with our ongoing communication and open door policy, staff are in a position to make an informed decision. Life is sometimes, not about being in the perfect situation, but making the most of the situation we are in.

With many goals still to be achieved until the end of the school year, we will continue with our plans for 2022.



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First Eucharist

With the easing of restrictions for Religious Celebrations, we are able to celebrate First Eucharist. These will be celebrated on:

First Eucharist: Year 5 - Saturday 4th December

- Year 5SS - 2:00pm Mass
- Year 5CI – 4:00pm Mass

First Eucharist: Year 4 - Sunday 5th December

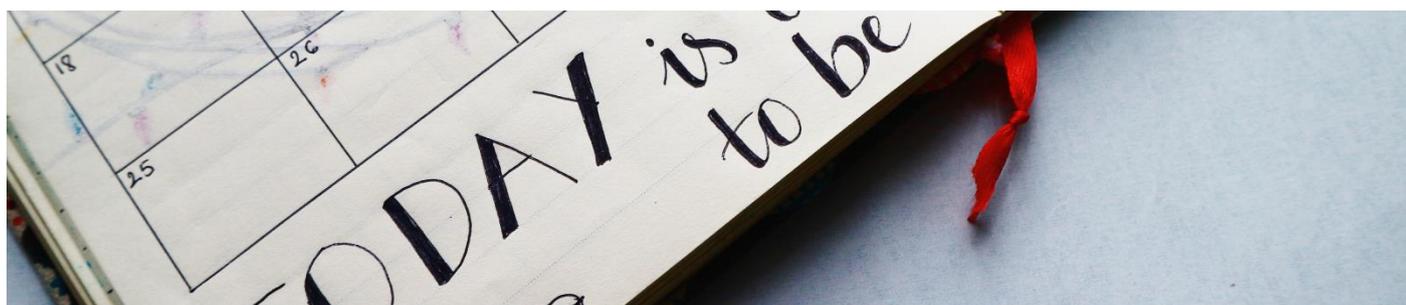
- Year 4L - 2:00pm Mass
- Year 4G – 4:00pm Mass



As announced yesterday, density limits no longer apply to those who have been full vaccinated. Please note, the following restrictions still apply:

- *Double vaccination for all guests (not required for candidates), including those over 12 years of age.*
- *QR Code and Masks on entry.*

Thanks to Fr Andrew and Mrs Snell for organising these celebrations so promptly. Thanks also to our students and families for being so patient and understanding in these “different” times. Please keep our students in your prayers.



TERM FOUR

Monday 29th November

Tuesday 30th November

Wednesday 1st December

Thursday 2nd December

Saturday 4th December

Sunday 5th December

Thursday 9th December

Friday 10th December

Wednesday 15th December

Friday 17th December

Production - Rehearsal Day

Production – Tech Run Day

Production – Filming Day 1

Production – Filming Day 2

First Eucharist 5SS – 2.00pm Mass

First Eucharist 5CI – 4.00pm Mass

First Eucharist 4L – 2.00pm Mass

First Eucharist 4G – 4.00pm Mass

2022 Prep Orientation 9.00am-12.00pm

Casual Clothes Day / Pizza Day

Final school day for students, 1pm finish

Final school day for staff

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Kitchen Garden

What fun was had with the Prep Kitchen Garden program last week making easy 2 ingredient **flatbread**, and using our newly refined knife skills to chop, slice and dice some vegetables to place in the bread. The flatbread was a hit with the students, both the making of it and the eating!!



In the garden we harvested the carrots and lettuce. It was interesting to see the students make connections between carrots grown in the ground being pulled out and observing the similarities to the carrots they eat at home. The students washed them, and observed how they had grown in a curvy manner in the soil as opposed to long and straight that we are normally used to seeing.

Easy 2 ingredient Flatbread

Ingredients

- 250 g plain full fat Greek Yogurt
- 250 g self-raising flour
- Olive oil for rolling out

Instructions

1. Mix the Greek yogurt and flour together in a large bowl, then leave to rest for 20 minutes at room temperature.



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2. Divide the dough into 8 and roll into 8 balls.
3. Heat a small non-stick frying pan over a high heat and roll out your first flatbread to about the side of a side plate – use a little oil on the work surface to stop the dough sticking.
4. When the pan is really hot, lay the flatbread in the pan and cook for 20 seconds, or until the flatbread is covered in brown spots (but not burnt!!)
5. Flip the flatbread over and cook on the other side for a further 20 seconds, or until covered in brown spots and cooked through.
6. While the first flatbread is cooking, roll out the second flatbread so it is ready.
7. Put the cooked flatbread on a plate and repeat the process, until all the flatbreads are cooked.
8. Serve with your choice of toppings, eg dips, salad vegetables.

This week the students made **Very Berry Muffins** using four different types of berries. They again used their newly refined knife skills to prepare the berries.



Very Berry Muffins

Makes 12

Ingredients:

- 2 ¼ cups self raising flour
- 90g butter, chopped
- ¾ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 125g fresh strawberries and blueberries
- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180/160 °C fan forced. Grease a 12 hole muffin pan.



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2. Sift flour into a bowl. Using fingertips, rub butter into flour until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in sugar.
3. Make a well in the centre of flour mixture. Add blueberries, strawberries, milk and egg.
4. Gently stir until just combined.
5. Spoon mixture into prepared holes.
6. Bake for 20 mins or until cooked. Stand in pan for 5 mins to cool.

National Recycling Week

St Justin's students participated in activities consolidating their knowledge about recycling. We have entered a competition to win a buddy bench made out of recycled plastic. Here are some of the images of our students undertaking the activities.



Marine Ambassadors

Our Marine Ambassadors - Lexi, Krystal, Will, Nicholas and Thomas visited Jack's Beach in Crib Point on Wednesday. We were so fortunate to have a beautiful day of a mild 20 degrees and no rain! There was much learning to be had about the flora and fauna that is being managed by rangers. They shared their knowledge about the biodiversity of coastal areas, in particular around Jack's Beach, and the importance of diversity, enabling a variety of species to live and survive by protecting their habitat. In particular we learnt about frog species, birds, and plants. Sean shared his culture by telling us stories about how Aboriginal people

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use different types of plants for medicine and food. He showed us how to make fire, and create tools for hunting by fashioning them using stones. Sean imparted his connection to the land, mesmerising us all with his profound knowledge and respect for the gifts provided by nature.

It was a wonderful experience and we look forward to hearing from the Marine Ambassadors sharing the knowledge they have gained and spreading the important messages about caring for our environment, living alongside nature and encouraging biodiversity.

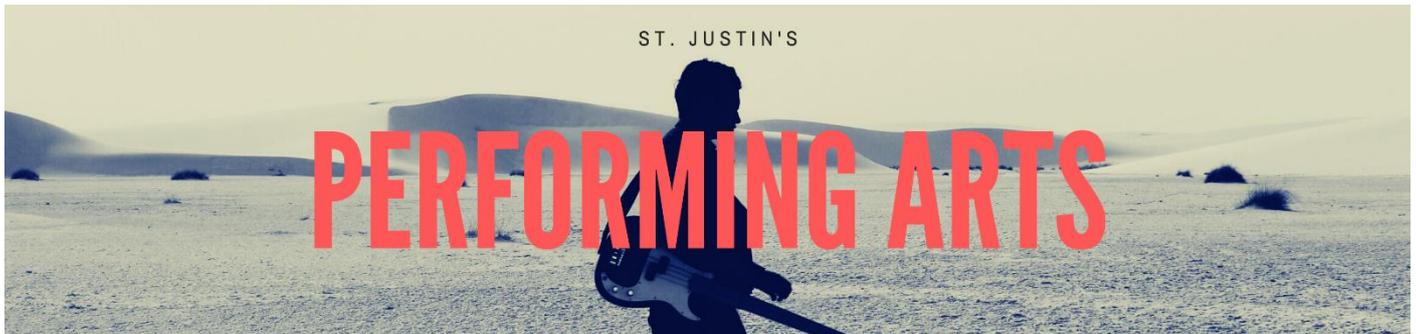


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Year 4 Stewardship Program

Back in term 2, the year 4s created potato cylinders with straw, soil, compost, chicken wire, and garden stakes. They spent some time researching the concept of growing potatoes in this manner, designing the cylinders and then as cooperative groups, they created and erected them in the garden. Over the last few months, we have added straw and soil as the potato plants grew. Last week, these were dismantled and we were pleased to find that there were indeed many potatoes within the cylinders. This week we peeled and sliced the potatoes to make delicious hot chips as a reward for our patience!!!



'The Show Must Go On' - St. Justin's 2021 School Production

Dear Parents,

After the year that has been, 'The Show Must Go On' but in a different way.

The students have been rehearsing their dances since they have returned to school and the main cast are attending extra rehearsals during lunchtime and in the afternoons in preparation.

We can't wait to show you the final product after it's all been recorded.

PRODUCTION WEEK IS NEXT WEEK!

Production Week Schedule:

Monday 29th November
Tuesday 30th November
Wednesday 1st December
Thursday 2nd December

Rehearsal Day
Tech Run Day
Filming Day 1
Filming Day 2

There will be further details advised regarding the Filming Days.

Thank you for your support
Christy Riddiford and the Production Team



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PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE

P&F Meeting

We had our final P&F meeting for the year last week. I'd like to say a big thanks for all those people who have taken part over the past year with these meetings. It hasn't been an easy year to stay motivated and keep involved, so we've really appreciated all your support.

Sports Carnival Kiosk

Thanks to Tony D for organising the kiosk for everybody at the conclusion of the sports carnival last week. Thanks also to our amazing team of volunteers Melinda I, Ayla I, Andrea D, Rob B and Rachel W.



Pizza Day

It's been a while in the making, but we're (finally) having our Pizza Day!!! Make sure you get your orders in by Dec 7th, for Pizza Day which is scheduled for Dec 10th.



2022 Planning

The call is out for volunteers for 2022. We hope that you take the time to check some of these options out. The more people who can put their hands up, makes it easier for everybody else.

Just 29 more sleeps to Christmas!!! OMG!

GUITAR NEWS

I wish to congratulate the following students for passing their Guitar A.M.E.B examinations:

- Harrison I – Excellent
- Danny W – Excellent
- Keanu Q - Book 1 & Excellent
- Sebastian T – Excellent
- Kosta P – Excellent
- Joel P – Excellent
- Gabriel T – Excellent
- Oliver C – Excellent



A.M.E.B (Australian Music Examination Board) is recognised throughout Australia and represents excellence in Music.

Albert Axiag

Ass Dip pf Ed (Music)

Bachelor of Arts (Music)

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Expressions of Interest – Computer Programming Club

We have been approached by Digimaker in regards to the possibility of running a computer programming club during school term in 2022. For any families wanting to express their interest, please see over the below for the details on how to apply.



COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CLUB!

@ St. Justin's Primary School

In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting coding club starting at school, in Term1 2022.



DEVELOP SKILLS

- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving



LEARN

- Computer Science Concepts
- Fundamentals of programming
Loops, Events, Randomness and more

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

- Scratch
- Python
- Javascript
- .. and many more



MAKE

- Games
- Web pages
- Apps

The club will run for 8 to 10 weeks each term (depending on the length of the term) and is charged on a per-term basis. Students will use school computer during the lesson.

9 WEEK TERM PROGRAM

Program for **Term 1 2022** is as follows:

Year levels: 3 to 6

Term Fee: \$171 + GST

AFTER SCHOOL

3:40pm – 4:40pm

BATCH

Tuesday's 1st Feb to 29th Mar 2022

Fill out the form online by
Thursday 16th Dec 2021



www.digimaker.com.au/enrol

Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email**

** All important emails from Digimaker will be sent from info@digimaker.com.au. Please ensure this address is whitelisted in your Junk Email filters or added as a Trusted contact.

HOLIDAY E-LEARNING PROGRAM

**2 HOURS OF FUN FILLED CODING
FULLY SUPERVISED OVER ZOOM
(5 DAYS A WEEK!)**

<https://www.digimaker.com.au/events/school-holiday-coding-program/>

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Service Mobile: 0423 794 695
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Service Operation Hours: 7am-8:45am & 3:30pm- 6:00pm



BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR MISSION IV

www.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers



A message from your Coordinator

This week we have a very exciting talent show in the works, we will be exploring the talent of the children from singing and dancing to creative craft work, the children will help to make party decorations.

We are looking forward to seeing all the talents the children share with us, come join us this week and show us your talents!

Aradhana

Activities coming up

- Singing and dancing talent show
- Drawing talent show

What's on the menu

Bread toast with Jam, Vegemite or honey, milo milk, Fruit salad, Cheese

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

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2022 Saturday Netball
Autumn Teams

SJNC

All players welcome to join our Saturday
Competition from Saturday 12th February.

- Early Bird Fees by Fri 5pm 19th November
- Under Age/Open Teams Cost \$120pp
- Competition: 13 weeks (+ finals) at Jells Park Glen Waverley
- Note: Without Early Bird it is an additional \$20 per player so please register early!

Please contact Registration Officer Lara
Dresser for more details
email: laradresser8@gmail.com

Marg Barnes
0413 331 220
SJNC President



ALUMNI
Virtual
TRIVIA
Saturday 27 November
7.30 pm

The poster features a dark blue background. At the top, the word 'ALUMNI' is in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, 'Virtual' is written in a white, cursive font. To the right of 'Virtual' is a white line-art icon of a lit lightbulb. Below the text, five hands of different colors (blue, yellow, green, yellow, red) are shown holding up colored circles containing the letters T, R, I, V, and A respectively. At the bottom, the date and time 'Saturday 27 November 7.30 pm' are written in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Join us for a night to reminisce and test your knowledge at our special Trivia Night on Saturday 27 November.

This is an exclusive event for Nazareth College Alumni Community members. Bookings are essential. Please call [Heyam \(Aboujaber\) Dell'Aquila](tel:0400130007) on 0400130007 for further details.

To join the Nazareth College Alumni Community and register, please visit:

<https://www.nazareth.vic.edu.au/college.../nazareth-alumni/>

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