



NEWSLETTER

St Justin's Parish School

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Friday 10th December 2021

Dear Families and Friends,

Third Sunday of Advent

The rose candle will be lit this Sunday, (Gaudete Sunday,) when Father Andrew will also wear rose vestments at Mass. It symbolises a day of rejoicing because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent and anticipate Christmas.

This Sunday's Scripture reminds us that God has not held back one thing in His love for us. By becoming one with us in our flesh, God has done everything He can to assure us of His saving love. He has shown us how to live lives of sacrifice, justice and love to transform our world.

In the Gospel, the disciples want to know what they can do to earn God's love. Through prayer, we know we can communicate our needs, confident that God has heard our words and so sent love itself in Jesus Christ.



End of Year break up

School will conclude for 2021 on Wednesday December 15th at 1.00pm.

Thank you

It's hard to believe that another year is almost over and it certainly feels great to be part of St Justin's community, made easier by a number of people. Again, a "big thank you" to all our students, parents and carers for your continued resilience and support throughout this year. It hasn't been easy with offsite, onsite learning, but through our collective efforts, our students have continued on their learning journey.

A huge thank you to Fr Andrew and all the staff at St Justin's – they are committed professionals who aim to provide the very best in education. It is these people who help our students grow, leading by example, pushing with encouragement or walking beside with support. I thank them for the care, guidance and support that they give to each and every student. I also thank the School Advisory Council (formerly the Parish Education Board), the Parents and Friends Committee, the Fair on the Hill Committee (another year put on hold) and the various sub committees for the amazing work they do in helping to support such a wonderful community. Whilst we may not have had the opportunities to be as involved in the school as much as we would have liked, your dedication, enthusiasm and encouragement is appreciated by all.

Thank you also to the families leaving our school, some after a very long and happy association with St Justin's Primary School. We wish them well and thank them for their contributions. Remember, you are still a valued member of the St Justin's Parish and the door is always open.

Thanks everyone for your prayers and encouragement throughout the year. St Justin's is certainly more than buildings, curriculum, meetings, fundraising and working bees. It is a community rich in love, support and a genuine concern for others.



We wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and a safe summer holiday.

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First Eucharist

Congratulations to our Year 4 and Year 5 students who, over the last few weeks, have received their First Eucharist – well worth the wait. Thanks to everyone involved, especially Fr Andrew, Mrs Snell, Classroom Teachers and other staff, and families and friends.

Please keep our First Eucharist students in your prayers.

Step Up

Next Tuesday, 14th December, between 12.00-1.00pm, all our students will be involved in our Annual Step Up. This gives all students an opportunity to meet with their teacher for the following year, get to know who their classmates will be and know their room for the new year. As educators we understand the need for pastoral activities such as these in transition, to help students prepare for change. As always, we have laboured over the decisions about teachers, classes and friends and have taken a professional and pastoral approach in this process. As parents, you can certainly facilitate a positive experience by speaking about it positively, using growth mindset language and focusing on what students can look forward to when change occurs. Thank you for your support of this process.

Start of the 2022 School Year

Next year staff will officially commence school on Friday 28th January. Again, we will again use the first two student days (Monday 31st January 2022 and Tuesday 1st February 2022) of the school year for each student to have a 30-minute one-on-one session with their teacher. Not only does it allow classroom teachers to undertake various individual assessments with each student, but also provides an opportunity for each child to “check in” with his or her teacher before the school year begins, becoming more familiar with the classroom and the teacher.

Families will be notified in due course how to make a booking, so stay tuned for this information.

Year 6 Graduation Celebrations 2021

This year our end of the year celebration will look a little different for our Year 6 students, although certainly no less special.

On Monday December 13th 2021, Year 6 will have a fun day at school. A number of activities have been organised including inflatable activities, and a colour run/walk around the school with all students forming a guard of honour and teachers administering a “splash of colour”. The back oval will be restricted to Year 6 students on this day.

On Tuesday 14th December 2021 commencing at 6:00pm we will conduct our Graduation Mass. Again, as per last year, our Mass will be held outside on the basketball/netball courts (weather permitting). Whilst it is outside, I'm sure we will still maintain the same respect and reverence we would as if the Mass was in the Church. As it is a Mass, the same guidelines apply – QR registration on arrival, social distancing, masks to be carried/worn, etc. Guests are reminded that there is no parking on the Parish grounds. Entry via the Whalley Drive gates. Bring your own chair and maintain a respectful environment.

Following our Graduation Mass, students will then make their way to the back oval for a “Movie Under the Stars” where they will enjoy dinner and a movie and the big screen.

We are really looking forward to our graduation ceremonies and thank everyone who has helped make these events happen – not easy in an ever-changing environment.

WE HOPE TO HAVE THE PRODUCTION VIDEO AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR – KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE ORDER FORM!

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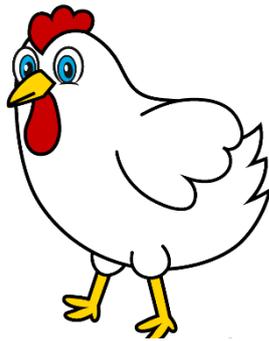
Minor Works

Over the holidays, we hope to complete some minor works around the school. Apart from a thorough clean from top to bottom, the Prep Classrooms will undergo a makeover with new lights, carpet, paint and pin boards. Works will commence before Christmas and should be completed by mid-January.

Chicken care over the holidays

Chicken help over the holidays - thank you to the families that have volunteered their time to help care for our school chickens. There are still many days we have not covered so please consider if you are able to help even for one day.

Please email me adeegan@sjwheelershill.catholic.edu.au for information.



St Justin's Student Reports - available online today

*As with our June Student Reports, December Student Reports are now available to families via the online Parent Portal again. Each family has been emailed today with instructions to access the portal. Please take time to review the letter. **If you cannot recall your password from June, please click the "Forgotten Password" link to reset the password.***

Staffing Changes

This week we were informed that Mrs Maria Scandizzo will leave our community after a long association. Mrs Scandizzo initially joined the St Justin's community in 2002, first as a staff member, then as a parent in 2005. Over the years, Maria has taught in many year levels, establishing herself as a kind, caring and respected teacher. She has built great friendships with staff and members of the wider community and will be greatly missed. Maria will take up a part time teaching position at St Mary's, Hastings, back to where her teaching career commenced. We wish her all the very best.

Christmas Cheer

Christmas has always been a time of sharing and our children certainly enter into the spirit. It's not unusual for students at St Justin's to hand out Christmas cards, not just to their friends, but to all class members. Often attached to the envelopes and/or cards, are candy canes, a simple but effective way of wishing friends a "Merry Christmas". Unfortunately, many candy canes contain traces of food colouring and/or nuts that many of our children are highly allergic too. Whilst we don't want to be considered the "Christmas Grouch", in the safety of all students at our school, we ask you to consider an alternative "gift". We will ask that Christmas canes be eaten at home.



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Welcome

Congratulations to Mrs Crough and her husband, Joe, for the safe arrival of their new baby boy - Tom Desmond Crough (named after Joe's father and grandfather).

Tom was born on 13th November (World Kindness Day) weighing 4.2kgs or 9 lb 3 the old way. He was 55cm long.

Welcome Tom – I'm sure your two brothers will certainly look after you.



Near Miss – please use the crossing

This week we had a report of a “Near Miss” incident on Whalley Drive. A driver reported that as they were driving past the school, a young child (maybe Year 1 or 2) ran across the road without looking. The child seemed unaccompanied and the driver needed to slam on the brakes to avoid making contact with the child.

Whilst I know that pick up can be a busy time, can I please ask that we use the school crossing or accompany your child when crossing the roads – the shortest path of travel is not always the safest?



Grade 5 Activities



Grade 5 students created beautiful Christmas Stain Glass windows. They designed their own shadow and then used cellophane as a background. This truly has added some colour and magic to our classrooms!

Face Masks

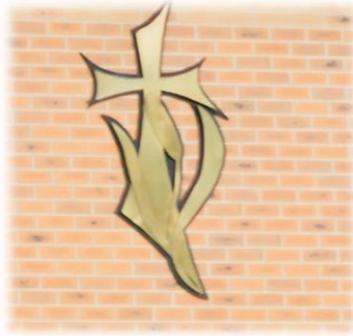
A reminder to all families to please supply face masks for your child / children if required. Please email the principal if your child has an exemption. Thank you for your cooperation.



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Advent and Christmas services 2021



St Justin's Wheelers Hill Parish – Advent & Christmas Services

Parish Advent Reconciliation – Tuesday, 21 Dec 7:00pm

Christmas Eve – Friday 24 December

Family Mass – 6:00pm (Fully Vaccinated)

Christmas Vigil Mass – 9:00pm (Unknown Vaccinated Status)

Midnight Mass – 12:00 midnight (Fully Vaccinated)

The holy family– Saturday 25 December

8:00am (Unknown Vaccinated Status)

9:00am (Fully Vaccinated)

10:30am (Fully Vaccinated)

****Please note no 6:00pm vigil mass on this day**

The Holy Family– Sunday 26 December

8:30am (Unknown Vaccinated Status)

10:30am (Fully Vaccinated)

5:00am (Fully Vaccinated)

****Please note no Monday mass**



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PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE

And that's a wrap....

With term 4 coming to a close next Wednesday, and the last P&F event for the year taking place today, there's no better time than to reflect on the year that was.

It has been another year that turned out very differently to how we were wanting it to, with all our energies no doubt pushed to their limits. The fact that we've made it through to the other side, is a cause for celebration and I hope that everybody gets the chance to do just that over the Christmas break.

Even with such a disruptive year though, we still managed to celebrate a fair few events, so a huge thank you to all those who have contributed in some way to the Hot Dog Days, Pizza Days, Sushi Day, Mothers Day gifts/stall, Mothers Night Out, Working Bee (yes we did get one in), Bunnings BBQ, Friday Kiosks, Easter Raffle, Hot Cross Bun events, St Justin's Open Day and School Sports Day Kiosk. There was also a fair bit of work done on Trivia Night, Fathers Day Outing & School Disco, which sadly couldn't go ahead. None of this work is done without there being a lot of helpers, these have included, but am sure not limited to:

Tony D	Peter R	Bianca
Annick H	Alice	Naf
Rita B	Georgia	Briony
Mirna U	Nelly H	Anna R
Anne N	Angie D	Laura D
Vicki T	Mirna A	Sandra F
Belinda B	Sara C	Vanessa P
Ailes Y	Melinda I	Tania W
Amanda B	Stella	Cynthia
Angela	Mark G	Matt G
John H	Tom B	Briana R
Narelle R	Mark C	Theo P
Alan H	Allen C	Joe S
Daniella L	Sam	Maria
Andrea D	Rob B	Rachel W Sandra G

Also to all the class reps who have done a great job this year, including:

Prep – Tania W, Jess D, Bianca D & Narelle R

Grade 1 – Edwin C & Marie M

Grade 2 – Andrea H & Kerri

Grade 3 – Sandra F & Jade D

Grade 4 – Sandra F

Grade 5 – Vicki E

Grade 6 – Maree G

A huge thanks to the P&F executive members, which includes Peter R (Vice-Chair), Andrea H (Secretary), Dee & Annick H (Co-Treasurers) along with Tony D (Maintenance). Also a huge thanks to all those who attended one of our meetings, either virtually or in person (when they allowed), never fun to present to an empty room so I really appreciated the involvement.

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The ladies in the office Anne-Maree and Donna, as usual without your help we couldn't get as much achieved as what we do.

On behalf of the P&F community, I wanted to thank all those families who are leaving us this year, who have been so instrumental in helping build the St Justin's community and make it what it is today. Also, all the fundraising events that you've either taken part in, organised or financially contributed to, have all made large impacts to the school, which will continue to assist many present and future families. We wish you and yours all the best as they continue their scholastic journeys.

So that's it from me. It has been an enjoyable 2 years as the P&F Chair, I wish whoever steps into the role next year the best of luck.

Cheers

Sharon Caruana

Chairperson- P&F

(Just 15 more sleeps to Christmas!!!)



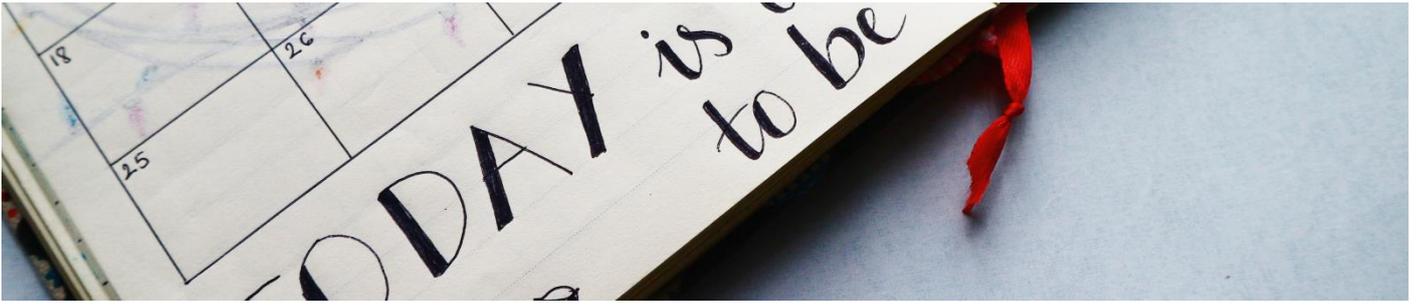
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TERM FOUR

*Monday December 13th
Tuesday 14th December
Wednesday 15th December
Friday 17th December*

*Year 6 Graduation Fun Day
Year 6 Graduation Mass & Movie Night
Final school day for students, 1pm finish
Final school day for staff*

2022

TERM 1

*Friday 28th January
Monday 31st January
Tuesday 1st February
Wednesday 2nd February
Monday 7th February
Tuesday 8th February
Wednesday 9th February
Thursday 10th February
Friday 11th February
Wednesday 16th February*

*Staff commence school
St Justin's Student-Teacher Meets
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ALL students return to school (including Preps)
Parent / Teacher Get-To-Know-You Chats
Prep Families' BBQ & Information Night
No Preps at school
Parent / Teacher Get-To-Know-You Chats
Beginning of School Year Mass
No Preps at school
Year 5/6 Camp*

*Thursday 17th February
Friday 18th February
Tuesday 22nd February
Wednesday 23rd February
Tuesday 1st March
Wednesday 2nd March*

*Year 5/6 Camp
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Parents & Friends Meeting, 7.00pm
No Preps at school
Shrove Tuesday
No Preps at school
Ash Wednesday*

*Tuesday 8th March
Wednesday 9th March
Monday 14th March*

*Fair on the Hill Meeting, 7.00pm
No Preps at school
Labour Day Public Holiday
Catholic Education Week*

*Wednesday 16th March
Thursday 17th March
Saturday 19th March
Tuesday 22nd March
Thursday 24th March
Tuesday 29th March
Thursday 31st March
Tuesday 5th April
Friday 8th April*

*Preps at school
St Patrick's Day
Working Bee
School Advisory Council Meeting, 7.00pm
St Justin's Open Day
Year 3 Reconciliation Celebration
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Parents & Friends Meeting, 7.00pm
End of Term 1*

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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 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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Enriching Outside School Hours Experiences

At Camp Australia we guide children's growth before school, after school and on their holidays. Our engaged educators foster a safe, inclusive environment where the children can relax, have fun and grow.



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What is OSHC?

OSHC stands for Outside School Hours Care. An OSHC service provides education and care for primary school-age children (generally aged 5 to 12 years) outside school hours and during school holidays. Depending on your school, it can cover Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care.

At Camp Australia, our vision is 'To support families in achieving their dreams' and to do that we take a unique approach to OSHC based on over 30 years of experience.



Tailored programs that children love

Our passionate educators observe and engage your child when designing the experiences they can expect in our service. Our tailored programs provide enrichment and enjoyment, and are centred around learning outcomes.

OSHC is a great place for your child to meet new friends and bond over shared interests. We design programs that bring children together so they can connect and grow outside school hours.

At Camp Australia, we understand that term time and holidays are two very different times in a child's year, so we have made a clear distinction in our service offerings.

Your OSHC by Camp Australia provides enriching experiences for children during term – before school, after school and on pupil free days. At *Your OSHC* we give children a supportive space to continue their development, build confidence and socialise with their friends.

Rocketeers by Camp Australia takes children on extraordinary adventures during their school holidays. The holidays are a child's time, and our exciting and varied *Rocketeer's* programs ensure that your child has the best school holidays.

The most engaged Educators in OSHC

Our educators are passionate about inspiring children. Supported by a national team of specialists, they focus on providing a safe environment where children can learn, play and connect.

Encouraged to bring each of their own skillsets and passions into their services, they provide a stimulating and tailored experience.

Easy, hassle-free care

Camp Australia's flexibility provides families with care, how and when you need it. *Your OSHC* Before School Care starts early in the morning, and *After School Care* goes into the evening and our *Rocketeers* school holiday programs run all day – so you can work around your life schedule.



Your OSHC.

OSHC that inspires.

Every program is tailored to the likes and interests of each child in our service. Our educators design experiences that will inspire your child's confidence, independence and imagination.



At *Your OSHC*, we provide enriching experiences that bookend your child's school day.

In any one week, children could be participating in science experiments, active play, creative expression and more - we believe in learning through experience so that each child can grow into who they want to be.

Music and Dance



Outdoor Play



Yoga and Mindfulness



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Enriching and Tailored Programs

Every experience with Camp Australia is tailored to the unique children in our service. Underpinning these activities is Camp Australia's approach – the CA Way. Supported by frameworks such as My Time Our Place and The National Quality Standards, the CA Way is a structured approach to bringing programs to life - resulting in positive childhood experiences for children, and their subsequent learning outcomes.

To us, OSHC is a deliberate environment to guide children's growth.

Every session offers children the choice between different experiences including Sports, Construction, Art and Craft, Homework, Mindfulness and Games.

At Your OSHC, each term we also have at least one feature week like National Science Week, Your Creative Kids art week or National Recycling Week, and every holiday is a new mission at Rocketeers with showcase activities that will excite your child.

To find out more, speak to the Coordinator at your service who will be happy to take you through the detailed program for the service and answer any questions you may have.

For more information about the fees and times at your service you can also visit campaustralia.com.au and search for your school's service page.



Food at Your OSHC and Rocketeers

Camp Australia provides children with a yummy, nutritious breakfast to make sure they start their day the right way, and a healthy and tasty afternoon snack to fuel young minds. As we cater to the likes and needs (dietary, religious and other) of the children in our service, every menu is different.

We're also passionate about cooking ensuring that, where possible, we try to incorporate at least 2 cooking experiences into our programs every week.



ROCKETEERS

Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

The holidays are a child's time and Rocketeers is a space for children to escape the ordinary and experience the extraordinary during their school holidays.

Every school holiday break is a new mission for children to embark upon. Directed by the children, informed by family feedback and designed by our dedicated holiday crew - no two days

are the same with Rocketeers, with each day of the mission encountering new and exciting adventures that children love.

The Rocketeers experience is all about variety. Any given day could see your child competing in a sport carnival, cooking up a storm, experimenting with science and getting hands-on with construction.

To attend, your child doesn't need to be a student at the school where we operate. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au to find a Rocketeers location near you.

Projects at Base Camp



Experiences that come to you



Embark on an adventure



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Registration is FREE!

To attend our care, families must register their child.

Why? Registering your child means we have all the information we need to safely care for them. So, we recommend all families to register an account with us. That way, if you ever need us, you just have to book a session, as we already have all the documentation we need from you.

To register, visit campaustralia.com.au. When starting your registration process, please consider:

- Do you have a Customer Reference Number (CRN) from the Department of Human Services?
- Does your child have any medical certificates/documents?
- Medical information - do you have details of your family doctor?
- Do you have any Court Order documents?

Also ensure:

- You have your payment details at hand
- You have your Child Immunisation Certificates ready to upload

But don't worry, you can always resume your saved registration at a time that suits you.



We recommend to always book in advance.

To secure your children's spot, we encourage you to make your bookings in advance. As we operate a childcare service governed by the Education and Care National Law and Regulations, we can only operate our services within Educator to child ratios and licensed space. The more notice we have on bookings, the better able we are to staff the service to meet your needs.

It is easy to make and manage your bookings 24/7 through our Parent Portal or Parent Portal smartphone app. Simply log onto pp.campaustralia.com.au or head over to your native app store and search for Camp Australia.

Alternatively, you can call our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343. The team are available from 5am - 9pm, 7 days a week - Except National Public Holidays.

Child Care Subsidy

Did you know you can reduce the cost of care with a Government subsidy?

We strongly recommend you apply for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) to determine whether you're eligible. Your eligibility for the subsidy is determined by:

- Your family's annual adjusted taxable income
- An activity test
- The type of childcare service

To find out if you are eligible, simply log into MyGov and complete your Child Care Subsidy Assessment.

Fees and Times

To find out about the fees and operating hours at your service, please visit our website at campaustralia.com.au and search for your school.

The Parent Portal app

Our industry leading Parent Portal app gives you complete access to your Camp Australia account.

Featuring a simplified booking process, easy-access billing and the ability to update your and your child's details - it's unrivalled access at your fingertips. Download the app now on the App Store or get it on Google Play.



- Simple booking calendar.
- Stress-free billing.
- Manage your account with ease.
- Contact your service with one touch.



St Justin's Netball Club

Registrations for Saturday Netball Autumn season 2022 are being taken.

All games will be played at Jells Park on Saturdays
Season commences Saturday 12th February 2022
(13 weeks + finals at Jells Park Glen Waverley).



All age groups from 8 year olds (in 2022) and over welcome!

Cost per player: Under aged players and Open players (\$120 pp)

PLEASE CONTACT Lara Dresser

E: laradresser2@gmail.com for more details!

Mobile: 0417010688

Training for under aged teams will be Wednesday afternoon, most likely at Jells Park, more details to follow.



Hiring now!

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

Help look after our kids' safety on the roads!

If your family and friends say you're reliable, have a friendly personality and great communication skills, our students need you! You'll be much loved as an important figure in the local community. This is your opportunity to give back to the community, look after children in a unique way and earn money on the side too!

- Contract positions with **attractive hourly rates** available
- Flexibility on morning and afternoon shifts & areas
- Working With Children's Check required
- Local communities include Stonnington, Monash and Boroondara council

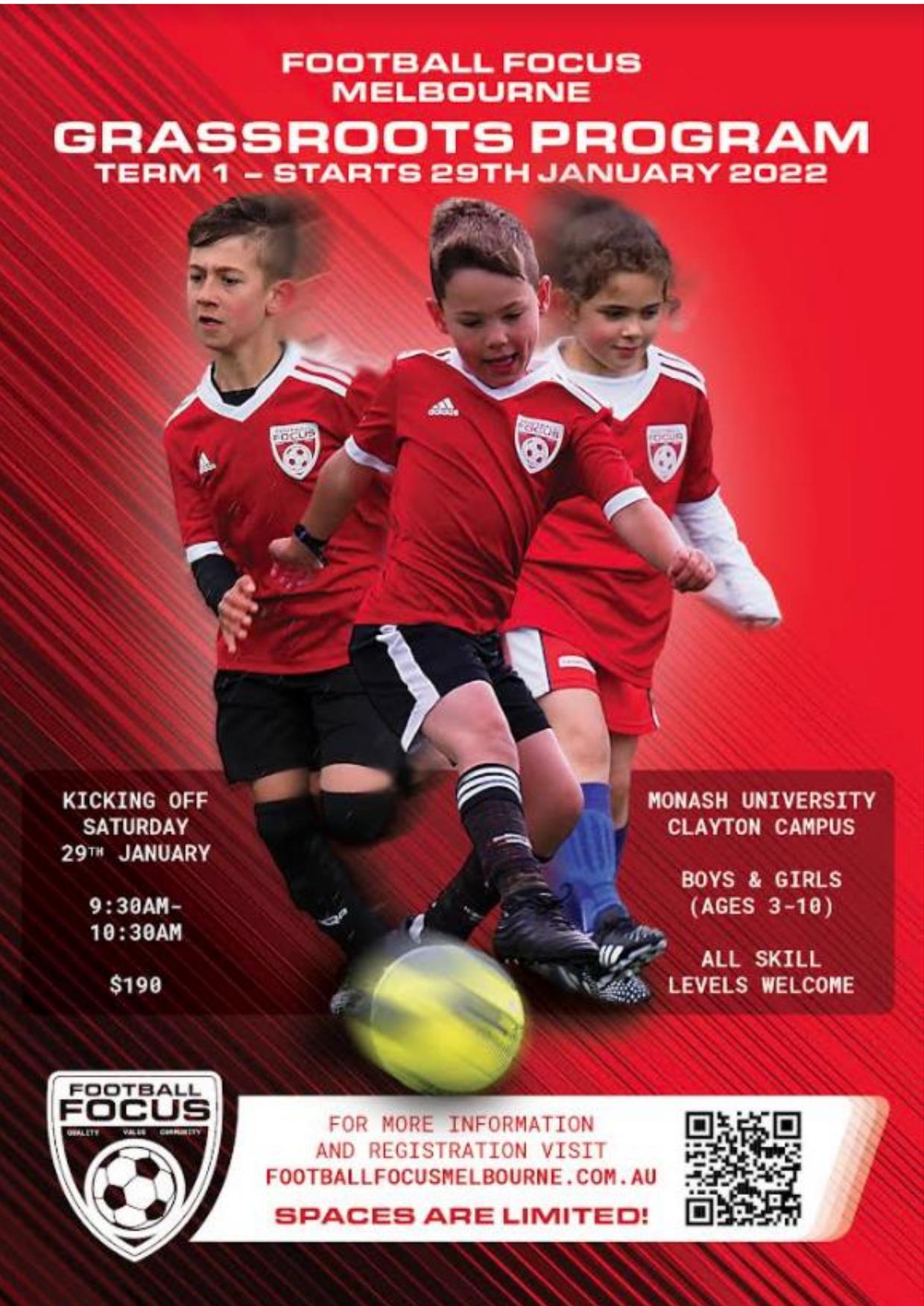


APPLY TODAY

Contact Cheryl on
8561 8833 for more
information



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**FOOTBALL FOCUS
MELBOURNE**

GRASSROOTS PROGRAM
TERM 1 – STARTS 29TH JANUARY 2022

**KICKING OFF
SATURDAY
29TH JANUARY**

**9:30AM –
10:30AM**

\$198

**MONASH UNIVERSITY
CLAYTON CAMPUS**

**BOYS & GIRLS
(AGES 3-10)**

**ALL SKILL
LEVELS WELCOME**

**FOOTBALL
FOCUS**
QUALITY VALUE COMMUNITY

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND REGISTRATION VISIT
FOOTBALLFOCUSMELBOURNE.COM.AU**

SPACES ARE LIMITED!



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