

# NEWSLETTER

# St Justin's Parish School

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#### Dear Families and Friends,

Thank you for all your support during these past few weeks of remote and flexible learning.

As announced last week, from Tuesday 26 May, all Year Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students, will return to onsite schooling. To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, Monday 25 May will be a student-free day. (contact Camp Australia if you require supervision) Please note that no learning tasks will be organised for this day and staff will not conduct Google Meets. Students may wish to continue with Wellbeing Wednesday activities or visit the St Justin's "Kids on the Hill" site. Students in Years 3 to 6 will continue to learn remotely until Tuesday 9th June, to give the Government and the Chief Health Officer time to monitor and evaluate the effects that the staged return to school by other year levels has on the increased movement of people and transmission within the community.

#### Why schools are safe to return

The advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer (CHO) is that it is now safe for students, teachers and support staff to return to face-to-face teaching and learning. Very low levels of community transmission of the virus in Victoria, coupled with little evidence of transmission between children in the school environment within Australia and globally, means the risk to staff and students returning to on-site schooling at this time is very low.

Vulnerable students in Years 3 to 6, and children in those years whose parents or carers cannot work from home, can attend school on-site as needed during this period – please let the Principal know so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Even if you have indicated this in past weeks, please send another email <a href="mailto:principal@stwheelershill.catholic.edu.au">principal@stwheelershill.catholic.edu.au</a> for confirmation about the next two weeks.

Once each year level returns to on-site schooling, schools will no longer offer a remote learning program for those students. Students are expected to attend school. This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons, such as children with a compromised immune system. For those families, schools will establish a plan to meet their circumstances.

If your child is unwell please don't send them to school. Please send their absence via SkoolBay App (eform) or phone the school office 9561 7644 to advise their absence.

Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) will continue to operate as normal. Parents are advised to contact Camp Australia for more information.

Based on Government advice that "Schools must give consideration to steps that can be taken to reduce the number of adults congregating outside the school at any one time, including parents and carers at peak times such as drop-off and pick-up," we have organised a staggered start and finish time to school based on zones, times and family groups by alphabetical listing. Please refer to overleaf for more important information.

## Drop Off and Pick Up Zones are:

Staggered Drop off and Pickup Times				
Surname	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Time	Zone	
Α	8:30	3:00	1	
В	8:30	3:00	1	
С	8:30	3:00	4	
Da - De	8:30	3:00	2	
Di - Dw	8:30	3:00	3	
E	8:40	3:10	1	
F	8:40	3:10	1	
G	8:40	3:10	1	
Н	8:40	3:10	2	
I	8:40	3:10	2	
J	8:40	3:10	3	
K	8:40	3:10	3	
L	8:50	3:20	4	
M	8:50	3:20	1	
N	8:50	3:20	4	
0	8:50	3:20	4	
Pa	8:50	3:20	2	
Pe - Pr	8:50	3:20	3	
Q	9:00	3:30	1	
R	9:00	3:30	1	
S	9:00	3:30	1	
T	9:00	3:30	2	
U	9:00	3:30	2	
V	9:00	3:30	3	
W	9:00	3:30	3	
Х	9:00	3:30	4	
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Z	9:00	3:30	4	

Please note – students will be provided with Bag Tags upon their return to school. The bag tags will be attached to your child's bag as a reminder for the drop off & pick up location times and zones.

This is for easy reference for the many staff members who will be allocated to pick up and drop off location.

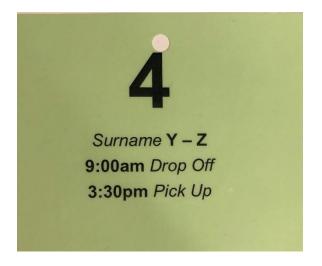
Please refer to the Map overleaf

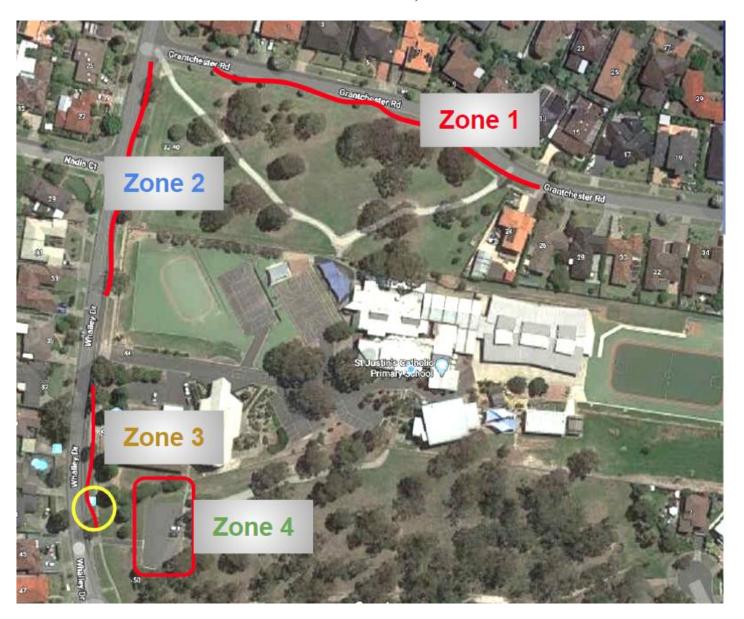
Zone 1: Grantchester Rd

**Zone 2: Whalley Drive** 

**Zone 3: Whalley Drive** 

**Zone 4: Car Park behind Church** 





#### Please note for Drop Off and Pick Up:

- A staff member will be assigned to each zone they will be clearly identifiable, wearing a high visibility vest. Two staff members will be on duty inside the school grounds and staff members will be on duty in the classrooms.
- Once entering the school grounds, students are to make their way to their classroom using the external doors (Year 1s enter via the corridor from the Undercover Area). After sanitising their hands, students can then unpack their bag and participate in some quiet activities in the classroom whilst waiting for the others to arrive. Formal classes will commence at 9:10am.
- Parents are to avoid or minimise time spent in or around the school grounds. Any students being dropped off late, or being picked up early, are asked to please phone the office (9561 7644) for further instructions.
- At the end of the day, formal classes will conclude at 2:50pm, at which time students with surname starting with A-D (the 3:00pm pick up), will be called to the Undercover Area and line up according to their Zone (4 in total). The process will be repeated every 10 minutes until all students are dismissed and collected.

- When picking up, parents/grandparents/carers are asked to wait in their zone at their assigned time. Staff members will bring students to the assigned zone at the assigned time (it might be worth making sure your child/children can identify your vehicle). If permanent pickup arrangements (involving other families) are in place, please email the office office sjwheelershill.catholic.edu.au informing us of the arrangements. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, your normal arrangement for pick up changes, please let the office know (9561 7644) in reasonable time so that we can coordinate the end of the day dismissal. Students will not be allowed to travel with another family unless prior confirmation has been made with the office.
- Any student not collected by 3:40pm will be taken to the office and parents will be contacted.
- In case of poor weather, all students should carry a jacket and umbrella.
- Please consider our neighbours do not park across driveways.
- We anticipate that our staggered start and finish will continue to at least the end of Term 2 and potentially into Term 3.

#### Other things to consider:

- Students can bring their own pencil cases to leave at school in their tub.
- Students should not bring any other items from home school bags should be free of "toys," etc.
- All students need to bring their own drink bottle, which can be refilled from the classroom drink taps in the playground cannot be accessed.



#### Return to School

- Library books Students in Years P-2 can return library books on Tuesday and borrowing will commence on Wednesday / Thursday next week.
- Take home readers Years Prep -2 will continue to use the online resource, EPIC, for their daily reading at home. Anyone who is yet to arrange a subscription, please email your child's class teacher so this can be arranged.
- As required by the Government extra cleaning practices within classrooms have been implemented. Good hygiene practices will be maintained.

#### On Tuesday, students in Years Prep to Year 2 are to return the following items:

Prep:	Year 1:	Year 2:
iPad in its case	iPad in its case	Chromebook in case (Year 2)
iPad charger with cord	iPad charger with cord	Chromebook charger (Year 2)
Mini whiteboard	Mini whiteboard	Whiteboard cleaning cloth
Whiteboard cleaning cloth/duster	Whiteboard cleaning cloth	Whiteboard marker
Whiteboard marker	Whiteboard marker	Swipe & Write sleeve
Swipe & Write sleeve	Swipe & Write sleeve	Exercise books of student work x2
Exercise books of student work x3	Exercise books of student work x2	Readers (5 books)
Readers (Any Preps who received	Readers (4 books)	Handwriting book
books are to return them)		

#### Please note:

- Teachers will "check off" items on arrival and arrange for all items to undergo another thorough clean
- These items will not return home. If you have misplaced or damaged any of the items (excluding the iPad/Chromebook/chargers), please organise a replacement and email the classroom teacher.
- If there is any issue or damage to the iPad/charger or Chromebook/charger, please contact the digital technologies leader, Mrs Jessica Wickens (<u>jwickens@sjwheelershill.catholic.edu.au</u>), to organise repair.
- We will aim to have the devices back in the classrooms as soon as possible, to encourage our students to continue showing independence and to assist them with the transition back to school.

#### Google Meets Schedule for next week

For students in <u>Years 3-6</u>, Continued Online, Offsite Learning will go ahead as for the last six weeks. Whole class Google Meets for these students remains the same:

Monday 25th May	PUPIL FREE DAY	
Tuesday 26th May	9:30am 5/6, 11:30am 3/4	
Wednesday 27th May	9:30am	1.00pm
Thursday 28th May	9:30am	1.00pm
Friday 29th May	9:30am	

#### SPECIALIST PROGRAMS FOR NEXT WEEK:

TUESDAY	Italian	1X, 1WM, 2D, 2M,
	Performing Arts	1WM, 1X
	IRC (Library)	1X, 1WM
WEDNESDAY	Physical Education	Prep Z, Prep J
	Performing Arts	2D, 2M
	IRC (Library)	2D, 2M
THURSDAY	Physical Education	1X, 1WM
	Performing Arts	Prep Z, Prep J
	IRC (Library)	Prep Z, Prep J
	Kitchen Garden	2D, 2M
FRIDAY	Physical Education	2D, 2M

### St Justin's Church Reopening - Bookings Essential

On Tuesday, the State Government announced that churches in Victoria may now open in certain circumstances. The conditions under which a church can be open include:

- the collection of contact details (for the purposes of contact-tracing if it becomes necessary),
- strict monitoring of numbers,
- ongoing hygiene requirements, and
- public worship limited to ten people at a time (plus Ministry Volunteers)

As a result, Masses at St Justin's, Wheelers Hill will be celebrated on:

- Monday: 10:00am and 12:00pm
- Tuesday: 10:00am and 12:00pm
- Wednesday: 10:00am and 12:00pm
- Thursday: 10:00am and 12:00pm
- Friday: 10:00am and 12:00pm
- Saturday: 10:00am and 6:00pm
- Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am and 5:00pm

Please note, in order to meet the Government requirements, bookings are essential. Bookings must be made by phoning: (please do not leave a message – you will need speak to Jeanne or Anne-Maree or Donna for confirmation)

• St Justin's Parish Office: 9401 6335

Tuesday: 2:00pm - 4:00pm
 Wednesday: 10:00am - 4:00pm
 Thursday: 10:00am - 4:00pm
 Friday: 12:00 - 4:00pm

• School Office: 9561 7644

○ *Monday to Friday (between 8:30am – 4:00pm)* 

#### Dates Ahead

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May Pupil Free Day in preparation for returning to school

Tuesday May  $26^{th}$  P-2 return to school

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May National Reconciliation Week Commences

# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home.

Please do not send them to school if they display any of the following symptoms:

- fever
- shortness of breath
- flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat or
- runny nose

Please seek medical advice.

#### Enrolments 2021

This week I have had the privilege of interviewing families (via Zoom) who have applied to enrol their child at St Justin's for Prep, 2021 - it has been an absolute pleasure and honour. When asked "Why St Justin's?" parents talked about the well-presented grounds, the various learning opportunities offered to the students and the strong sense of community. We reminded them that the "St Justin's community" doesn't just happen – for a community to flourish, we need to all be proactive. We also reminded families that we are the "St Justin's Community" which embraces all facets of our community, not just our school. When we enrol in the school, we become a member of the St Justin's Community. As a community, we all share in the responsibility.

We are still accepting enrolments for 2021. If you know someone who needs an enrolment form (we have limited spaces in some classes), please contact the office.



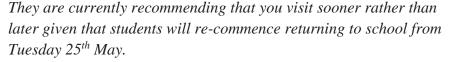
#### Caring for our Community

During this period of time we thought some businesses might appreciate some extra support. If you are in business for yourself, we would like to give your business a 'shoutout'. What do you need to do you may ask?

Just forward a scanned copy of your business card (in .jpg format) to <u>office@sjwheelershill.catholic.edu.au</u> and we'll pop it into the next edition of the Newsletter! You just never know who might need your product or service and it's about supporting each other during the good times and the challenging times.

### Winter Uniform Orders

Academy Uniforms have advised that their Springvale store is open. They are located at 2/810-818 Princes Highway, Springvale and their operating hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 09:00am-5:00pm and Saturday mornings 09:00am-12:00 noon.





They are fully stocked and adhering to social distancing and disinfecting all surfaces between sales. There are currently no queues so get in early for a better chance at being served immediately and keep in mind that this will change the closer it gets going back to School. And remember that on-line ordering is available at all times!

*To order online follow the procedures below:* 



ORDER ONLINE

Alternatively you can order over the phone on 9574 1314 or you can order online via https://www.academyuniforms.com.au/

Select "ORDER ONLINE"
Choose "St. Justin's" from the drop down list
Enter the Password "Wheelers Hill"



#### Returning to school..

As we prepare for our return to the classroom we are all no doubt beginning to experience a range of emotions, including excitement, relief, or worry. Helping our children prepare for this transition will be a big job but it is vital we do all we can to ease their minds around re-entering the classroom.

It is important to recognise signs of increased anxiety, stress or worry your child might be feeling - this might be evident through behaviour or mood changes or disruptive sleep patterns. These reactions are normal, it is important to acknowledge them and discuss them with your child, in a safe and supportive environment.

It's also important to acknowledge and understand our own behaviours and how these can impact on your child. If we are acting in ways that suggest worry, fear and anxiety around returning to school, this could cause your child to worry too! While it might be difficult, calm and positive conversations around returning to school will have a positive effect, for both your child and yourself!

Establishing a back-to-school routine will help make the transition back into the classroom a more positive experience. Below are some ideas to support the transition back to school:

# Prepare to return to school

- Get back into the routine of waking up, having breakfast and going to bed at regular times.
- Discuss any issues or fears your child might have about going back to school.
- Talk to your child about what they like about school and what they have been missing.
- Talk through the routine of what it's like being at school.
- Discuss what may be different now (for example, getting to their classroom in the morning and school pick up).

## Before the school day

Involve your child in:

- laying out their uniform so it is ready for the morning (If old enough, they should be doing this themselves).
- packing their bag
- planning and packing their lunches and snacks.
- -Try to have calm evenings and allow extra time to settle before bedtime if your child is feeling nervous.
- Allow extra time to get ready for school in the morning so that you are not rushing.

#### After school

- Talk to your child about their day, including what they enjoyed, what may have worried them, and what they found difficult. Remember, refer to their daily 'Golden Nugget' too and share gratitude for small things.
- Include some family time. Children may miss being at home with you during the day so it is important for them to feel close and connected with the family.
- -Make their favourite dinner after their first day back at school

Further Information and Websites:

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/Pages/coronavirus-advice-parents.aspx- Department of Education

SPECIAL REPORT: Wellbeing checklist for primary schools- Michael Carr-Gregg (also found on Kids On The Hill portal)



### Kitchen Garden Program

Well the teachers enjoyed a delicious and nutritious minestrone soup courtesy of the Kitchen Garden program whilst the students continue to learn from home. We used carrots, celery, potato, garlic, tomatoes, beans, silverbeet and pasta to make a healthy and hearty soup just perfect for this seasonal weather. Using parsley from the garden we made our own garlic butter to create garlic bread. It was a hit. This would be a wonderful









recipe for students to make at home either as a meal or an afternoon pick me up.

In the garden we planted some seeds - carrots, cabbage, beetroot. We are hoping that the sun will help these little seeds along before the frost sets in. But to also help, we created some bird scarers to try to deter any hungry creatures from eating our plants. To support our new pea seedlings we created a climbing structure for them to attach to and lean on as they become heavy. We have two types of climbing frame structures for the peas in our garden.











All Children Can Achieve Success

Some cooking photos from our students:

Thank you Ashleigh Jones for sharing your photos of your flatbread.





### 22 May - United Nations International Day for Biological Diversity

The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) takes place every year on May 22. It is the United Nations-sanctioned international day for promoting awareness around biodiversity issues. This year, IDB offers an opportunity for us as a global community to re-examine our relationship to the natural world, reflect on challenges and accomplishments, and renew our determination in overcoming the environmental challenges facing the world today.



#### Our solutions are in nature



As the global community is called to re-examine our relationship to the natural world, one thing is certain: despite all our technological advances we are completely dependent on healthy and vibrant ecosystems for our water, food, medicines, clothes, fuel, shelter and energy, just to name a few. The theme "Our solutions are in nature" emphasizes hope, solidarity and the importance of working together at all levels to build a future of life in harmony with nature.

For more information please view the following video: https://safeYouTube.net/w/y7tF

#### 20 May - World Bee Day

To learn more about bees watch the abc btn video: <a href="https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/junior-beekeepers/10811702">https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/junior-beekeepers/10811702</a>

#### What can we do?

We can

- plant a diverse set of native plants, which flower at different times of the year;
- buy raw honey from local farmers;
- buy products from sustainable agricultural practices;
- avoid pesticides, fungicides or herbicides in our gardens;
- protect wild bee colonies when possible;
- sponsor a hive;
- make a bee water fountain by leaving a water bowl outside;
- help sustaining forest ecosystems;
- raise awareness around us by sharing this information within our communities and networks; The decline of bees affects us all!

Spend some time researching the importance of bees. Rather than being afraid of these beautiful creatures, understand more about the significant role they play in our lives.



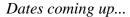
#### 23 May - World Turtle Day

World Turtle Day is an annual event that has been taking place since 2000. It was founded by American Tortoise Rescue.

The purpose of World Turtle Day is to educate people about the things that they can do to protect the habitats of turtle and tortoises. It is also a celebration of the joy that these reptiles bring to so many people on a daily basis.

For more information and interesting turtle facts please refer to the website below:

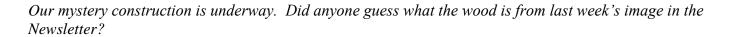
https://www.allturtles.com/world-turtle-day/



5 June - World Environment Day

8 June - World Oceans day

15 June - Global Wind Day









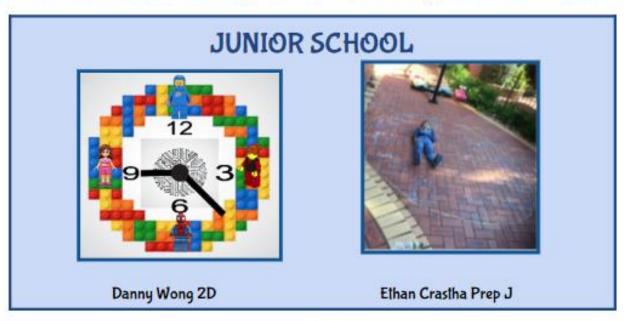


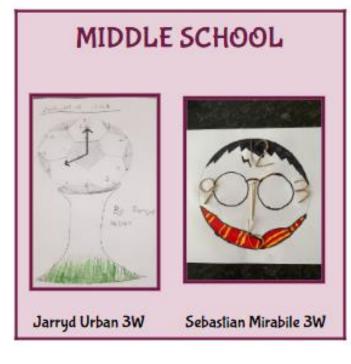
# PROBLEM SOLVING CHALLENGE 1 - DRAW A CLOCK

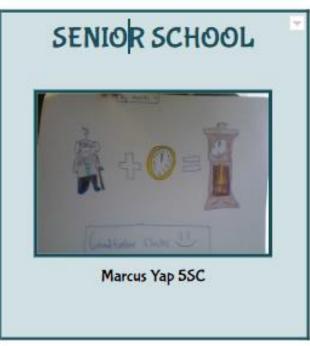


We are proud to bring to you St Justin's weekly problem solving challenge. Each week we will post a question for you to have a go at answering. There will be questions for the Junior, Middle and Senior levels. Our aim is not to always reward the right answer, but acknowledge the effort and wide range of strategies we use to problem solve. We will choose 1-2 people from each level to be published in the school newsletter - so be on the look out each week to see who we selected. Maybe it could be you!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following for their "creative" representations of "a clock" ...







# PROBLEM SOLVING CHALLENGE 2



This week we have created a separate problem for each year level. To enter, please email a picture,
Google Doc etc to the teacher assigned to your level. Email addresses are listed at the bottom of the
page. Just remember, no solution is too out there, be brave and have a go, who knows you may have
thought of a way that no one else has. Our theme this week is 'think outside the box'

Mr. Mosele, Mrs. Wood and Mr. Farrelly

# JUNIOR SCHOOL - CHALLENGE 2

Mike and Sarah accidentally mixed up their <u>Stickeez</u> at school. There are 18 in total. How many of them might have been Mike's? How many of them might have belonged to Sarah?

# MIDDLE SCHOOL - CHALLENGE 2

Mrs. Herbison has made 32 cookies to share equally with some of her friends.

- √ How many friends could Mrs. Herbison share her cookies with?
- √ How many cookies would each friend receive?
- List the possibilities, making sure every friend receives the same number of cookies.

# SENIOR SCHOOL - CHALLENGE 2

# x @ = 2280

What might # and @ be? How many different ways can you find?

# Due Friday 29th May @ 12noon

"Most creative" will be published in the Newsletter the following Friday

along with your new challenge

Solutions must be emailed to your LEVEL LEADERS

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Prep, Year 1 & Year 2

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Year 3 & Year 4

SENIOR SCHOOL

Year 5 & Year 6

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Mrs. Wood

Mr. Farrelly





# St Justin's Community goes Running around Australia!



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We made amazing progress this week and travelled 2,7881 kilometres bypassing Northern Territory and arriving in the quiet Aboriginal settlement town Warmun in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Warmun was previously known as Turkey Creek. It has a population of approximately 210 people. We'll definitely spend some time visiting the Warmun Art Centre (est. 1998) which is owned and governed by the local Gija people with 100% of income returning to the community. It is a working studio which allows Aboriginal artists the opportunity to share their culture with visitors. The Warmun Community is closed to the public but we should be able to obtain a verbal permit to enter and visit. Then, brace yourself as we will then organize a 4WD convoy along the bumpy and difficult track and head to the Bungle Bungles to check out the collection of unique formations formed by the layering of deposits 350 million years ago. Anyone for a walk? There's plenty to choose from including the famous Cathedral Gorge walk. The Turkey Creek Roadhouse is where we will return to collapse and rest our weary legs. It is there that we will fuel our bodies and buy our souvenirs before taking off again.



Prep J = 163.7 kms

2M = 228.1 kms

Grade 4 total = 82.7 kms

Prep Z = 318.8 kms 2D = 172 kms

Grade 5 total = 402.8 kms

1WM = 91 kms 3SS = 226 kms

Grade 6 total = 652.1 kms

1X = 148.9 kms 3W = 160 kms

Staff = 142 kms

Can our St Justin's Community make it around Australia by the end of Term 2?

C'MON EVERYBODY- LET'S GET ACTIVE AND DO THIS TOGETHER !!!







# VIRTUAL

# **SCHOOL** TOURS

# Explore the difference a Nazareth education provides

Join us virtually via zoom video conferencing to experience Nazareth College. You will hear from our Principal, Mr Sam Cosentino, as well as have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss important aspects of the College with key members of our staff.

26 MAY	28 MAY	3 JUNE
Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday
10am	2pm	12pm

Register at

http://www.nazareth.vic.edu.au/enrolments/virtual-school-tours/