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Newsletter

Term 3, Week 9

Thursday September 10th, 2020



Saturday, 10th &

Saturday, 17th

First Holy Communion

POSTPONED UNTIL 2021

We acknowledge and respect the past and present Elders, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and custodians of this land the Dja Dja Wurrung people. Thank you for protecting and preserving our land Australia in the past, for sharing it now and educating us for the future.

We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future and acknowledge their spiritual connection to Country.

Wonder

Persevere •

Believe

Create

Respect

Responsibility

TERM DATES

Resilience

Confirmation

POSTPONED UNTIL 2021

September Whole School Assembly School Photos -Wednesday, Thursday, 29th via Google Meet - Led by Gr. P/1 PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE 16th End of Term 3 SCHOOL CLOSURE -November 2.30pm finish - buses will run Friday, 18th Staff Report Writing & Monday, 2nd to this earlier finish time **Data Analysis Confirmation Preparation** October Term 4 - Remote Learning **Evening with Denise Arnel** Thursday, 5th continues Monday, 5th **POSTPONED Tentative Date for** Wednesday, 18th Book Fair - (further Monday, 12th information to follow) return to onsite learning Friday, 27th

Sunday, 22nd



Dear families,

It's hard to believe how quickly the end of term is approaching... and to think that there is only one term remaining for the school year!

As you are most likely aware, Remote Learning 2.0 will continue through to the end of this term and at least the end of week 1, term 4. The return to school for week 2 will be communicated more closely then and as the Premier said, will be dependent on numbers of cases etc. We all hope that we get back to school then so I encourage you all, your families, wider community and friends outside of our community, to keep playing your role.

Rebuilding school routines and social connectedness will certainly be central for our students, as well as a strong focus for our Year 6 students to ensure we bring their primary schooling to a fitting end!

Please be assured that we are already working hard to facilitate what we hope will be a much brighter and positive landscape for all students next term. We will of course continue to provide updates to the school community as more advice comes to light.

Prep / Foundation 2021

If you have some friends that live in our region and haven't enrolled with us yet, please encourage them to visit our website, download the enrolment forms and send them in! We will commence 'virtual' transitions and link new families with PAM in the coming weeks.

Virtual Assembly

As I mentioned during our last assembly, the opportunities to meet as a whole school has quickly become my favourite part of the week. Thank you for your efforts to attend and share your wonderful learning. Next week assembly will be led by Ms Crane and the P/1 students via the meeting link: meet.google.com/qyd-atun-hos

Parish School Advisory Council

Our next PSAC meeting will be via Zoom next Wednesday night at 7pm. I'm looking forward to catching up with our school and parish representatives.

Interschool Chess

Congratulations to Lewin, Jack, Rohan, Royce, Henry and Dylan who represented the school yesterday in the Greater Bendigo Interschool Chess Tournament. Like many aspects of school life over the past couple of terms, they had to negate the change from a face-to-face setting to a virtual competition. The competition was certainly tough with highly ranked opponents. I'm sure Harry would be very proud of your efforts; I know I am! It was great to be able to watch you in real time throughout the competition. Well done, and we look forward to seeing your progress through the term 4 tournaments.

RU Ok? Day

Today is RU Ok? Day and a good reminder to check in on family, friends, colleagues and loved ones. In these unprecedented times, asking a simple question can really make a difference.

Stay positive and I look forward to seeing you in person soon!

Kind regards, Ben Shields.



Today is R U OK? Day. Here is a link to the official website which is filled with ideas and resources to help you navigate a conversation around this.

https://www.ruok.org.au/how-to-ask

Wellbeing Victoria program:

The Wellbeing Victoria program is an online series of tailored wellbeing videos including exercise, yoga, mindfulness and meditation that can all be done at Home.

https://www.together.vic.gov.au/wellbeing-victoria



How to ask for help

Managing everything on your own is fine - until it's not!

Everyone needs help at times



When do I ask for help?

I don't know what I'm supposed to be doing at school/work...

I'm overloaded with responsibilities...

I feel like I'm unable to cope. I'm stressed, scared, confused, feeling like hurting myself...

I've made a mistake...

I'm struggling. It feels like a crisis. What's happening in my life right now?

And how?

Don't torture yourself by trying to figure it out on your own!

Ask someone to give you a hand

Get help to rearrange things or get support from a friend

Have your friends and family help you get an appointment with a doctor, counsellor, youth worker or psychologist

Have the courage to admit it and ask for help – it's OK to make mistakes!

Talk to somebody you can trust
– parent, older sibling, teacher,
counsellor

Remember, you can always ask Kids Helpline for help.

1800 55 1800 | kidshelpline.com.au | @kidshelpline

What's happening across St Mary's learning community?

Gr. P/1

Prep/One's have been getting very creative in their time at home, dressing up, building cubbies inside and outside, and helping out in the kitchen. There have also been lots of fantastic opportunities to get out and enjoy the sunshine that is peeking through with the beginning of Spring, it's a bit different to the snow that Livinia and her family experienced only a couple of weeks ago! Our Math tasks this week have focussed on creating repetitive patterns, revisiting data, and thinking about chance. The class has done a fantastic job of identifying things that 'might' happen and things that will 'definitely' happen. A good example is that Geelong Cats MIGHT win the premiership flag, but they DEFINITElY beat Essendon last week. We have spent some extra time this week reading stories together as a class and discussing the new and unfamiliar words we encounter. We also have fun with numbers during our Google Meets, practising subitising, addition, and matching numerals with their name. We are all so excited to return to school in Term Four.



Geelong Cats supporters Livinia Dimopolous (Prep) and her siblings enjoying snow two weeks ago now it is Spring!



Bianca Lawrence
(Yr 1) dressed as a
Pirate, complete with
homemade sword
and treasure map!

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Alyssa Burnett (Yr 1) with her new book cover design for our class story.



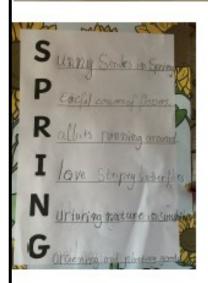






In mathematics this week, we changed our focus to fractions. We explored what fractions look like from a whole and a collection. In English, we read a modified version of Little Red Riding Hood, called "Polar Bear's Promise". We explored contractions, compound words and completed a character profile. We also made a connection between our class "Charlie and the Chocolate novel Factory" and our writing. This included designing and describing our chocolate bar, a character profile and inventing new descriptive words for chocolate and revolting children. We've also continued with our optional tasks of Religion, STEM, Biology and Home crafts.









1, together with my sister, have been playing with Miles and Fletcher and a few of our friends in our neighbourhood. We have made friends with a few kids and it is very fun! We have been riding our bikes around the block and playing in the reserve. I have been cooking my breakfast like eggs on toast. We have baked peanut butter cookies and they are so easy! My dad has asked me to water the grass and our plants daily. I usually do my bike challenge with Zoe or my mum, I have also been reading books from Tom Gates and Dr. Seuss books. I have been playing with my Lego and Meccano

- Adam Lagman









Week 9 online learning with 4 / 5 and Miss C





work by Cullen, Maddy, Casey and Brydie





This week in Literacy we have been writing simile poems. First about Vince Carter, a basketballer, then a person of our choice, then St. Josephine Bakhita, our Saint of the week.

Vince Carter

Moves fast Like a determined cobra ducking and weaving through the players While moving with ease on the solid earth

By Oli.

Vince Carter

Makes a perfect leap Like a hungry lion with no hiding place On the grassland plain

By Seb

Vince Carter

slams Like an elephant knocking down trees In a forest

By Michael

Vince Carter

Jumps As determined as a Crow stealing Eggs In a crowded House.

By Anuwa

Annabelle

Is funny Like a cheeky monkey Swinging through the trees

By Lucy

Neon my fish

Glides around gracefully Like a blossom falling from a In an open garden

By Casey

Saint Josephine

Was brave and hopeful Like a lost tiger In her owner's cruel hands

By Lucy

Saint Josephine

Was gentle and calm Like a brave butterfly full of hope resting in the sun.

by Caitlin

St. Josephine

Was strong and tough Like a brave elephant In Sudan

By Casey



By Caitlin





some amazing tessellation work by Casey, Lucy,





Letters keep flowing between 4 / 5 and Miss C

THE GRADE SIX LEGENDS

In grade six at the moment we are busy completing our E.R.P.s. Some have already sent in fantastic projects which this term has focused on an area of their interest.



Thomas chose to research an amazing young surfer named Bethany Hamilton, while aged 13, was attacked by a Tiger shark while surfing and lost her arm. This did not stop this amazing young woman and she reached her goal of becoming a professional surfer at the age of 17!





I really enjoy seeing what the students can research and I am learning so much as well!

A number of the Grade six Legends attended the online Chess tournament on Wednesday and I am sure they did the school proud.

Our spelling stories are getting very interesting as well with the last story involving a creative adventure that the students had been on. A lot of talk of helicopters and sprained *gastrocnemius muscles!*



I am very impressed with the work ethic and determination to succeed by the Grade six class during this hard time.

Kind regards, Mr. Johns.

We would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday:



September 11th.

Heidi Neugebauer

Rohan Singh

13th

Arjy Singh



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Wednesday 9th September, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

After much deliberation and discussion with Father Wahid around the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, we have come to the difficult decision to postpone all Sacraments for this year.

Celebrating Sacraments in our church is a time-honoured tradition that brings together our faith community, families and friends. These Sacraments are an important moment in our Christian life by nourishing, strengthening and expressing our faith. With the current COVID-19 restrictions in place and the uncertainty of when these restrictions will be reduced, it becomes difficult to plan and give purpose to these Sacraments.

We would like our children to receive these Sacraments with the support of all their families, friends and faith community as witness and in post celebrations. With restrictions in place, this would become an impossible task. Therefore, in 2021, our grade 3 and 4 students will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, our grade 4 and 5 students will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and our grade 6 & year 7 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Further communication regarding dates for these Sacraments in 2021 will be sent to families during term 1 in 2021. We thank you very much for your understanding regarding this matter and for the patience you have shown while we navigate our way through this difficult and unusual situation.

Kind regards & blessings,

Karen White Religious Education Leader



The 2018 Active Healthy Kids

Australia Report Card showed a similar story to the report card in 2014 & 2016, in that Australian school children rank among the worst in the world (D-) for overall physical activity levels.

2018 Active Healthy Kids Active Report Card



www.hpeday.com.au









'8 in 10 children and young people are not active enough for good heart health. This ranks Australia among the world's most inactive nations.'

Blueprint for an Active Australia - Heart Foundation





'For Children and Young People (5 to 17 years), being physically active every day can have:

- Social benefits like helping to develop cooperation and teamwork skills.
- Emotional and intellectual benefits such as help with management of anxiety and stress and improved concentration.
- Health benefits such as improved physical fitness, including coordination and movement skills and strong muscles and bones.'

 Australian Government | Department of Health



www.hpeday.com.au









'Regular physical activity is a good way to help prevent or manage mild anxiety and depression. Keeping active can help you stay physically fit and mentally healthy.'

Beyond Blue Australia



www.hpeday.com.au



Parents and #HPEday





What can you do to get involved?

Most children's waking hours are spent sitting at school and at home, so we need to integrate opportunities to get them to be more active as part of everyday life.

Below are six simple ways you can incorporate 30 minutes of physical activity and also reduce sedentary lifestyles at home on National HPE Day. Doing these activities with your child will (over time) make a substantial difference to their health and learning outcomes, and establish good habits that will stay with them throughout their entire life.

Set aside time to be active as a family



Unplug the technology and play



Walk the walk by being a positive role model



Use active modes of travel



Visit a local club and play organised sport



Teach your children fundamental movement skills



www.hpeday.com.au

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ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

Community News . . .





Year 7, 2022 Enrolments Closing Soon

Enrolments for current Grade 5 students (Year 7 2022) close Monday 5 October

Interested in learning more about life at Sacred Heart College and the learning pathways on offer?

Our Principal, Dr Darren Egberts, invites prospective parents and students to participate in one of our Virtual Conversations via Zoom.

When: 16 September commencing at 6:00pm

How: Register using the online booking form on the Tours page of the College website. A Zoom link will be sent by email.

Visit our website for bookings or contact our Registral for enrolment enquiries:

T: 5421 1238 E: dlawrence@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au W: www.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au



Parish News . . .

We are running a weekly Rosary via zoom on Saturdays at 5pm, and a weekly prayer meeting on Thursdays at 7:30pm.

If you would like to be included in either the Rosary or Prayer group, please drop me a quick text on 0422 344 907 with your email address.

The link for this Thursday is: https://usweb.zoom.us/j/77133464486? pwd=YWtSMGYwWXo3NTNMaFN6VTJJUmNiQT09.

Learn, Care, Flourisl

Meeting ID: 77133464486, Passcode: 6Rg3ak

Regards, Juliet Guy

WORSHIP TIMETABLE

Rosary is prayed before Mass 5.15pm 6.00pm 8.15am 8.30am Castlemaine Reconciliation Castlemaine saturday Sunday Reconciliation: Maldon Maldon Vigil Mass: Mass:

10.30am Castlemaine Mass:

6.00pm Castlemaine Tuesday Mass:

Wednesday

11.00am. 9.15am Rosary is peryed after Mass Castlemaine Chursday Maldon Mass:

Mass:

9.15am Followed by Adoration Castlemaine Friday Mass:

6.00pm Second Sunday of the Month Newstead

6.00pm Fourth Sunday of the Month Sandon

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

the Parish Office on 5472-1900.

watchman for the house of Israel."-You, son of man, I have appointed Ezeklel 33:7

with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the Remember, the Lord calls us to to the gifts we have been given. nurture and develop our gifts. How often do we give at the not generous in proportion He calls us to be generous minimum level required? However, many of us are Many of us are generous with our gifts. most to us.

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Mon: 11-3pm, Wed: 10-4pm, Parish Office Manager Thurs: 10,30-3,30pm. Phone: (03) 5472-1900 Doreen Heagney

For details regarding the celebration of these sacraments, please contact PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, the Parish Priest.

St.Mary's Hall are to be made through through Elaine Lacey on 0448 009 945. ST.BRIGID'S HALL - Bookings for ST.MARY'S HALL - Bookings for St.Brigid's Hall are to be made

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS. WELLBEING AND DIGNITY OF ALL IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY,



CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 6th September 2020 - Year A

Presbytery: 76 Hargraves Street/PO Box 151, CASTLEMAINE, 3450 Phone: (03) 5472 1900, Email: castlemaine@cam.org.au

Web: www.stmaryscastlemaine.org.au Parish Priest: Rev Fr. Wahid Riad We are proud to acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung people as the traditional owners of this land.

Today's readings

Matthew 18: 15-20 Romans 13: 8-10 Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Harden not your hearts. O that today you would Responsorial Psalm listen to his voice!

Gospel Acclamation

Good News of reconciliation he God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the has entrusted to us. Alleluial Alleluia, alleluia!



If your brother sins against you, you have won your brother. go and rebuke him in private. If he listens to you,

Matthew 18:15

Next Sunday readings:

Matthew 18: 21-35 Sirach 27: 30-28:7 Romans 14: 7-9

Plenary Council Prayer

and a discerning heart to hear what you are Give us ears to listen humbly to each other Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Give us the grace to see your face in one Australia and guide us on the pilgrim Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. saying. Lead your Church into a another and to recognize Jesus, Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. our companion on the road. way of the Plenary Council.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. journey from age to age. AMEN. hope-filled future, that we may St. Mary McKillop, pray for us. live the joy of the Gospel.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Please pray also for all those who are sick their families and loved ones who care the sick included in Masses please give for them. If you would like prayers for the names to the office or Fr Wahid. and suffering serious illness and

STEWARDSHIP

\$1000 Thank you and every blessing for \$2000 \$525 \$782 your contributions last weekend 1st Collection -Presbytery; 2nd Collection - Parish: Weekly Target: Weekly Target:

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

"Our society tends to push away or draw Montal Health in Australia To Live Life to the Full:

frailties and limitations. This is not the way away from those who confront us with our Bishop Delegate for Social Justice on the of Jesus," writes Bishop Terry Brady, the release of the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement for 2020-21,

Mental Health in Australia." "To Live Life to the full:

challenges our country and world are facing help us to be aware of those who most need Sunday, celebrated on 30 August. Given the due to COVID-19, the issue of mental health our support. To view the full statement go affecting many members of our parishes, schools and communities," Bishop Brady says. "Understanding mental health will is very much front and centre for many It was released ahead of Social Justice people. "The COVID-19 pandemic is

to: https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Stewardship Programme

Direct Debit, our Catholic Development To contribute to our Thanksgiving by Fund Bank account details are as

CHURCH follows:

Account Name: Castlemaine Parish 636 421 759 083347 Account No:

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Account Name: Castlemaine Parish 635 910 163 Account No:

Please put your surname or Envelope number as a reference. Thank-you.

Presbytery Account

Sunday Mass on YouTube

started Sunday Mass again on YouTube prayer at the same time and pray as the 3ody of Christ for Healing of our world, recently. As the lockdown began again, together at 10,30am on the Special Day We desire to reach out also to all in our Parish Eucharist to unite us in Prayer families and friends and the whole of our Church, our families, our homes. wonderful opportunity to gather in I realize that there are many other online Masses offered. We have a I felt the need to have our own of the resurrection of Jesus. Mt. Alexander Shire.

Prayer especially at this critical time Please invite others to join us in "we are all in this together." Send them the link or go to Wahid Riad on YouTube. All are welcome?? God Bless you all. Fr Wahid Riad

Parish Pastoral Council

will be on Wednesday 9th September Our next meeting on Zoom at 7.30pm

Mass Timetable on YouTube

Sunday 6th September

Sunday 10.30am*onwards Mass:

* PLEASE NOTE THAT AS THE CHURCH IS STREAMING OF THE WEEKEND MASS REQUIRED TO BE CLOSED, will be on YouTube

Please tune in on the day for Mass. under WAHID RIAD

Daily Mass at Presbytery

all our Parishioners and everyone living to Pray for everyone and especially for celebrate a "Hermits" Mass every day in our wonderful Mt. Alexander Shire. at 6.00pm in the Presbytery I am in good company -

prayers everyday. Please keep focused and Joseph – the Holy Family join me never alone -Jesus comes with Mary on God and Trust in Him and do Pray and all the Saints and Angels from Heaven gather. You are all in my for me too!!God Bless you all.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Fr Wahid.

day on Sunday. We want to honour you all for the wonderful gift of fatherhood I hope that you all have a very special and in the Mt. Alexander Shire a very Wishing all the Father's in our Parish Happy and Blessed Father's Day. that you bring to your family. THANK-YOU.

family. Lots of love, Fr Wahid Riad xxoo blessings upon you all and all your May God the Father shower His

Happy Father's Day!

PRAYER for an Act of

Spiritual Communion. My Jesus, I believe that

and I long for You in my soul. Since I You are in the Blessed Sacrament receive You Sacramentally, I love You above all things come at least spiritually into my heart. cannot now

As though You have already come, unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. I embrace You and

AMEN

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday 8th September Blessed Virgin Mary: The Nativity Of The

Wednesday 9th September St. Peter Claver:

The Most Holy Name of Mary: Saturday 12th September

Weekly Rosary via ZOOM

Rosary via zoom on Saturdays at 5pm, please text Juliet your email address If you would like to be included in either the Rosary or Prayer Group, and a weekly Prayer meeting on We are running a weekly Thursdays at 7.30pm.

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