

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH SCHOOL ASHBURTON

A safe community of animated learners enlightened by faith in God



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We are



**Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from your heavenly home
Shed a ray of light divine!
Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
Come, within our hearts shine.**

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Term Dates 2020

TERM 1

TERM 3

Monday 3rd February - Friday 27th March

Monday 14th July - Friday 18th September

TERM 2

TERM 4

Wednesday 15th April - Friday 26th June

Monday 5th October - Tuesday 15th December

Diary Dates 2020

MAY	EVENT	TIME	WHERE
Tuesday 26	Prep - Year Two Return to school	8.50am	St Michael's
JUNE	EVENT	TIME	WHERE
Monday 8	Queen's Birthday (Whole school Closure)	School Closed	
Tuesday 9	Year Three—Six return back to school	8.50am	St Michael's
Friday 26	Last Day Term 2	3.30pm	
JULY	EVENT	TIME	WHERE
Monday 13	First Day Term 3	8.50am	
Thursday 16	Confirmation Faith Night	7.00pm	The Hub
Saturday 18th	Confirmation Commitment Masses	6.30pm	The Church
Sunday 19th	Confirmation Commitment Masses	9.00am	The Church
Sunday 19th	Confirmation Commitment Masses	10.30am	The Church
Friday 24	Grandparent's and Special Friend's Mass	10.00am	The Church
Thursday 30th	Parent / Student/ Teacher Conferences	12.30 - 8.00pm	The Hub
AUGUST	EVENT	TIME	WHERE
Saturday 1	PFA Major function TBA		
Saturday 8	School Enhancement Morning	9am—11am	Staffroom
Tuesday 11	Confirmation Family Masses	7.00pm	The Church
Wednesday 12	Confirmation Family Masses	7.00pm	The Church
Monday 24	Book Week		
Thursday 27	Confirmation Reflection Day		
Thursday 27	Monsignor Tony visit for Confirmation	2.00pm	St Michaels'
Saturday 29	Confirmation	12.00pm	The Church
SEPTEMBER	EVENT	TIME	WHERE
Tuesday 1	Father's Day Stall	10.00am	St Michael's
Thursday 3	Father's Day Breakfast	7.30am-8.45am	St Michael's
Saturday 12	School Enhancement Morning	9am—11am	Staffroom
Friday 18	Last Day Term 3	3.30pm	

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome Back to Onsite Learning!

I am sure that everyone is as excited as I am to be resuming our onsite learning for some of our students from next Tuesday. On Monday 25th May, all staff will be preparing for our students' return and ensuring that our rooms and routines are ready for our students on Tuesday 26th May. As mentioned in my letter earlier this week, we will have three entrances open for drop off and pick up times. Our High Street and Morotai Avenue entrances will be open for foot traffic, whilst our Victory Boulevard entrance will be used as a "kiss and drop" area. All of our entrances will be open from 8:30am and staff will be at each entrance to assist parents and students. Due to being able to open a number of entrances, for the next two weeks, we will not have staggered drop off and pick up times for our Prep to Year Two students. This arrangement will need to change when our Year Three to Six students return from Tuesday 9th June. This information will be shared with all families in the coming weeks.

All classrooms and learning areas will have sanitising areas, which will contain antiseptic wipes, liquid soap, hand sanitiser, tissues and paper towel. These items will be used throughout the day to ensure that all of our students and staff are kept healthy and safe. Cleaning of our rooms, door handles etc will also occur throughout the day.

To ensure we all remain safe and healthy, there are a number of precautions and procedures that we will have in place from next week. Parents are able to bring their children into the school and the corridors of our buildings. This will assist with reassuring and settling our students. We do ask that parents do not enter our classrooms. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, he or she will be able to move out of the classroom to speak to you. In our new learning centre, we will be using our door near High Street for entry and ask all of our parents to exit the building through the doors at the Morotai Avenue end. This will assist us with the number of adults gathering in the one space. Parents are also asked to limit the time they are within our buildings and on our school site. All students are also required to bring a water bottle to school each day.

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Celebrating birthdays is also an important part of our school community. During this time, we want to continue this, however we do ask that parents only send pre packaged treats, such as Freddo Frogs to share for their child's birthday. These treats will then be shared at the end of the school day. We will also be adjusting the way that our students bring home readers during this time. Readers will be sent home next week on Tuesday and we ask all students to return the readers that they currently have throughout the week. All of our readers will be disinfected each Friday and over the weekend. Each Monday, new readers will be sent home with all junior students. We ask that these be returned each Friday, so we can organise for them to be disinfected and ready for our students to take home the next Monday.

Thank you to our amazing Year Six Leaders, Charlotte Allan and Emily O'Kane for the creation of our remote learning assembly. It is amazing what is possible with the use of technology. Due to current restrictions in relation to the gathering of large groups, we will not be able to hold our normal assemblies. We look forward to creating and sharing these in different ways during the coming weeks.

As our students return to school, please remember that if your child or children require medication that this is returned to school as he or she returns. Please also ensure that your CareMonkey information is up to date. All medication needs to be delivered to our office so we can ensure that it is stored appropriately and available as your child requires it.

For all students returning to school next week who have borrowed a St Michael's Chromebook could you please ensure that the Chromebook and charger are signed back in at the office first thing on Tuesday morning.

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are all very excited to welcome back our Prep to Year Two students next Tuesday. I would like to take this time to congratulate all staff for the fabulous way they worked to ensure our remote learning was successful. It would never have been such a successful time without the ongoing support and dedication of our parents and students. It is at times like this we all feel very lucky to be part of such a supportive community. Our remote learning continues for students in Years Three to Six and we look forward to their return on Tuesday 9th June.

Over the past decade, it has been identified that great social, psychological, and physical health benefits come from giving thanks. Our staff and students have been working on the introduction of gratitude journals and the practice of taking time to reflect upon what we are grateful for. I invite all families to take a moment before students return to school to reflect upon the things we have learnt during remote learning, what people are grateful for and to think about the things we are looking forward to.

Here are some questions to help you start:

1. What worked well for you/us today?
2. Who are you/we most grateful for today and why?
3. What are you/we most looking forward to about tomorrow?



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Religious Education

At this stage all Sacraments have been postponed until further notice. Updated dates will be provided as soon as they are confirmed and when we know that it is safe to gather in larger groups in the church.

CARE MONKEY

Medical Needs

Thank you to those who have updated their child's medical plans. We ask that all medication for our Prep to Year Two students is returned to the office on Tuesday. It is vital that the school is notified of any requirements and that medical plans are kept up to date so that we are equipped to meet student needs. If at any time your child requires medication at school there is a form, available from the office, that you can complete so that we are able to administer medication. Please ensure that all medication and medical plans are delivered to school as soon as possible.



Returning Back to School

Please read the link below which provides some good advice to help with the transition back to school based learning.

[Seven things for a smooth transition back to school-based learning](#)

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LEARNING AND TEACHING

Student Outcome, Curriculum, Assessment, Reporting, Principles and Pedagogy

WELLBEING NEWS

First Remote Assembly

Our Student Leaders put together an assembly for our students. They came up with the ideas, shot their videos and our ICT leaders put the videos together. We are very impressed with what our talented leaders came up with and will be working together to come up with how our next assembly will run. You can find this assembly in your child's Google Classroom.

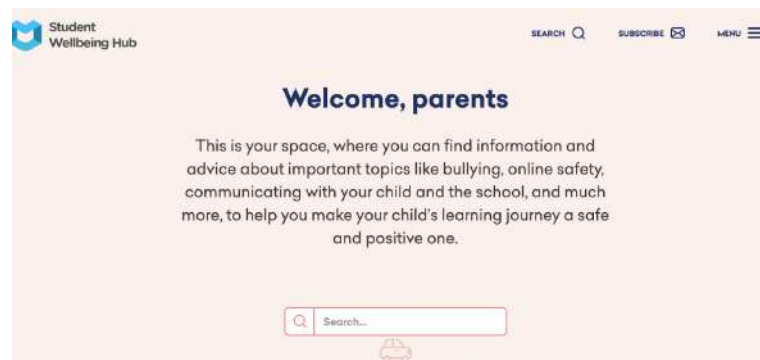
Supporting your Child's Transition Back to School

Our community will be supporting all of our students in their transition back to onsite learning. The return to onsite learning may bring on a variety of feelings for our students. We will be supporting our students through a variety of learning tasks that focus on continuing to

- build emotional literacy
- maintain routines and structure
- build new routines
- build connections and relationships

As we know communication is key, therefore please reach out to any of our teachers if you feel the need via phone or email. The Student Wellbeing Hub provides a wealth of knowledge for parents in supporting Student Wellbeing at home.

<https://studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/parents/>



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STUDENT AWARDS



Prep C

Daniel M: for all your effort in your drawing and writing in your activities this week. I was especially impressed with your thinking about what you love that your mum does for you.

Stella M: for your beautiful prayers that you have been sharing in the morning in our Meets. Well done Stella for being so thoughtful.

Hannah S: for all your effort in our activities this week. I can see that you are trying hard to put in your best effort. Amazing work with your reading, writing, Maths and other lessons this week, Hannah! You should be very proud!

Mickey G: for telling other people in Prep C that they have done a good job when we were sharing our work. Thank you Mickey for being so thoughtful.

Prep D

Jordan C: for having a go and finding different shapes around the school. Well done.

Eloise H: for being able to reflect on your day and learning. Great work.

1/2B

Griffin M: for your fantastic Mathematical work! You are taking on challenging questions and extending your learning. It is wonderful to see you working hard and enjoying your learning!

Sebastian W: for consistently uploading your work, and completing it to a high standard. I can tell that you are working hard at home. Keep up the awesome work!

1/2DL

Stephanie T: you are always a wonderful role model during remote learning and have been working hard to meet the success criteria. It is great to see you responding to tasks using full sentences.

Lachlan G: it is great to see you so organised for tasks. I love how you have been taking your learning further to investigate gravity on the moon.

Olivia D: you have persevered through technological difficulties throughout remote learning and have learnt so many new skills that you are now able to share with others.

Anthony T: the wonderful consistency you have shown in uploading work tasks and your enthusiasm for reading texts on the Epic Book website.

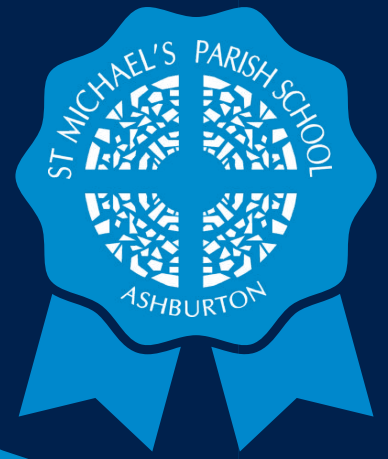
1/2E

SMASH: Saisha S: for displaying the school expectation of 'act responsibly' by always sitting so attentively during 'Google Meets'. Saisha, you are so respectful whilst your teacher and others are sharing their thoughts and ideas online. Thank you for being such a great role model to your peers.

Louis P: for trying something new. Louis, you are doing such a wonderful job completing your 'remote learning tasks'. I am very impressed with the way you are applying feedback to your learning. You always complete all elements of the task presented. Keep it up!

Leo G: for sharing his daily reflection during our 'Google Meets' sessions. Leo I am so impressed to hear that you are referring back to the 'Success Criteria' whilst completing your remote learning tasks. These are such an important part of our learning and I am so glad they are helping you to achieve your best!

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1/2E

Charlotte K: for focussing so well during our remote, small group reading sessions. Charlotte this week you worked really hard to decode the text and apply the reading skills we were exploring. You identified 'keywords' in the questions being posed to find the answers in the non fiction book presented. I am so impressed with your achievements this week!

Matthew H: for always being so willing to share during our afternoon Google Meet reflections. Matthew we enjoy hearing about who you are most grateful for each day. It is wonderful to hear you reflecting on how lucky you are to have the support of your Dad to guide and help you with your learning tasks. You are completing your remote learning with care and effort. Keep up the great work!

Eleni M: for your thoughtful contributions to prayer each morning during our Google Meet sessions. Eleni you are always thinking deeply about others and praying for those around you. You demonstrate compassion and empathy through your kind words. Thank you for sharing your prayers with 1/2E.

3/4 A

Tom J: keeping the class entertained on Google Meets with your humour and fun. You've made this a fun experience!

Flynn SA: for regularly submitting your work in Google Classroom to a great standard.

Jess R: for your detailed answers with supporting evidence in the literacy group

3/4B

Finn O'C: for acting upon feedback and always putting in your best effort to complete a task!

Hannah M: for persevering through all challenges and making great strides in your learning

3/4E

Caitlin O: Caitlin, You've remained positive towards your work, even when you have been finding it challenging! A growth mindset will continue to help you achieve in your learning.

Kristin H & Mia P: Kristin and Mia, thank you for following the expectations while using Google Meet. You always keep yourself on mute, wait for the adults before entering and only write your name once when you have a question. You have been a role model in showing others how to use the chat function appropriately.

Michaela G: Michaela, I am so impressed with how you have been trying to complete your tasks all on your own each day! You are learning to be an independent worker which is great to see.

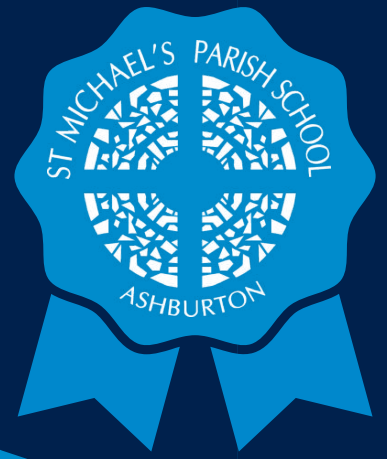
3/4M

SMASH Award - Molly R and Zoe M: for displaying the School Expectation of Help Others by Assisting their teacher and classmates by coming up with creative and new ideas to implement in our Google Meets. Your enthusiasm for trying to create a fun way to approach our online time together has been so much appreciated by us all!

Thenuk W: for adapting so well to remote learning, trying his absolute best at all times and contributing so well in our Google Meets. You're a STAR!

Harrison S: for the extraordinary effort you have been putting into your Maths tasks!!! I love seeing the passion and enthusiasm you have for this subject.

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3/4M

Emerson N: for the amazing effort you have been putting in while writing your sizzling starts. I love how you immediately engage your reader with your diverse and descriptive story introductions. Well done!

Emma H: for being so enthusiastic during this remote learning time - You're bright and bubbly nature is infectious and makes everyone's day happier!!!

3/4JA

Kevan G: in recognition of the comments you leave in our Google Classroom and the emails you send. You are always polite, positive and helpful. A role model for us all to follow. Well done!

Stevie B: in recognition of your online Problem Solving skills and your willingness to help others. You were able to share your knowledge and help us all to find the quickest way to access the online task.

Zachary B: In recognition of your active participation in all of our Google Meets this week. We have loved seeing you dressed up, in funny hats and telling us all about the books you have had delivered. You always make us smile - keep it up!

Cooper M: In recognition of the incredible effort you put into creating your prayer about the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima. It was so lovely to spend our morning learning about an important person in our Faith, and the time you spent researching and preparing was very clear. Well done!

5/6E

Kiara E: for your neat, organised and clear work you completed for this week's division task. Well done on challenging yourself to attempt some of the more challenging problems!

Alice O'C: helping your classmates when they have encountered some difficulties on their Google Meets.

5/6L

Jeremy M: for displaying the SMASH expectation of Help Others by making suggestions on how to fix microphone problems when in Google Meets. Thank you Jeremy for thinking of others.

Emma C: for showing persistence and working incredibly hard to develop more confidence when working with fractions. Well done Emma, you have shown dedication to your learning and it has paid off!

5/6R

James T : for his great use of language in his writing.

Arche G: for using descriptive language in his writing to help the reader paint a picture in their minds.

Evelyn M: for taking initiative in her learning by solving a problem independently by trying multiple strategies.

Aidan D: for taking ownership of his learning by trying his best in all learning tasks.

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18th May 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you again for all of your support during our remote learning. We know that this has been a challenging time for everyone, especially families who are also trying to juggle working from home.

As you were made aware last week, Monday 25th May will be a student free day to support staff to prepare for our students' return. On Tuesday 26th May, our Prep to Year Two students will return to school. For those students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children, the existing model of onsite schooling will remain in place during the two-week period from Tuesday 26 May to Friday 5th June. The current process that we are using to enable parents and carers to indicate the days or part-days for which onsite schooling is required will continue for this two-week period.

To support our students' return, we will have three entry points to our school. From Tuesday 26th May, parents will be able to drop off and collect students from our High Street, Morotai Avenue and our Victory Boulevard entrances. Our High Street and Morotai Avenue entrances will be for foot traffic only, whilst our Victory Boulevard entrance will be organised as a drive through kiss and drop area. Parents will be able to drive through by entering our gates furthest away from High Street, drop off their child or children and then exit through our gates closest to High Street. Our pick up times will also operate in the same manner. Please let us know if you will be using our kiss and drop area, so we are able to have our students ready to be picked up at the end of the day. Staff will be at all entrances to welcome our students and to direct them to their classrooms.

Parents are asked to bring their child or children to school and limit the amount of time that they are on the school grounds. As we prepare for our students to return there are a number of school practices which will need to change. Of particular note is that we have established drop and go zones so parents minimise their time spent on our school grounds. This is perhaps the toughest one for our parent community as we have a strong tradition of parents feeling welcome to enter classrooms and the schoolyard, to connect with teachers and other parents at pick up

Principals Message

and drop off times. As adults, we need to continue to be socially distant and we will have signs and reminders placed around our school for this reason. All students are asked to bring a refillable water bottle to school as they will not be able to use our drinking taps during the day. Our students will be able to refill their drink bottles at specific taps throughout the day.

In each of our classrooms, we will have a sanitising station organised. At each of these stations, we will have hand sanitiser, antiseptic wipes and liquid soap. All of our students will wash and sanitise their hands before and after they eat, before and after break times as well as many other times throughout the day. All tables, door handles, computers and concrete materials will be wiped down with antiseptic wipes and sprayed with antiseptic throughout the day. Our playground equipment will also be sanitised throughout the day.

In my letter last week, I mentioned that our Year Three to Six students would be resuming school on Thursday 11th May due to our school closure days for our ReLATE training. I have received parent feedback in relation to these days and have listened to the views of our community. Our ReLATE training days have been rescheduled. This means that all of our students from Years Three to Six will return to school on **Tuesday 9th June**. I will continue to update everyone in relation to how our drop off and pick up for all of our students will look in future weeks.

I will provide further updates as we receive information from Catholic Education Melbourne and the health authorities. I will also have continued updates once our Prep to Year Two students have returned and we are preparing for the return of our students from Years Three to Six.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

Meredith Bennett
Principal

School Community News



Visit Avila through our virtual tour.

2022 applications close Friday 21 August

Our virtual tour and application forms are available on our website | avila.vic.edu.au
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