

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH SCHOOL ASHBURTON

A safe community of animated learners enlightened by faith in God



EDITION 12/20
30 July 2020

Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day 2020

**May we be blessed with hearts that listen.
May we be blessed with hearts that understand.
May we be blessed with hearts that understand.
May we be blessed with hearts that know the truth.
May we be blessed with hearts that know the truth.
Amen**

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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

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

WELLBEING FRIDAYS (ODD WEEKS)

Week Three - 31st July : Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day

Week Five - 14th August : Diversity/Cultural Day

Week Seven - 28th August : Science Day (to celebrate Science week)

Week Nine - 4th September : Gratitude Day

Week Ten : Art Exhibition



**Student, Parent, Teacher
Conferences**

Thursday 30th July



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Student/Parent/Teacher Conversations

This afternoon and evening, we will be holding our Student/Parent/Teacher Conversations remotely via Whereby. As our students are at the centre of everything we do, it is important that they are part of these conversations. If there is something that you would like to discuss without your child being present, please make an additional time to meet with your child's classroom teacher. After you have made a booking through School Interviews, you will receive an email with the link to access the waiting room for your child's teacher. Please "knock" on the link and then wait for your child's teacher to "admit" you into his/her room. All meetings will run for 10 minutes, with a 5 minute change over time.

The focus of these conversations will be our student and family reflections from our last remote learning period, as well as setting a goal for our remote learning in Term Three. Our Semester One reports will provide some guidance for these new goals.

Grandparents' and Special Friends Celebrations

Tomorrow, we will be celebrating our Grandparents and Special Friends. Due to current restrictions, we are unable to celebrate in our traditional manner however, I know that we will still be able to celebrate these amazing people in style! This afternoon, our Google Slides with different activities for the day will be loaded onto our Google Classrooms. These activities can be completed using the resource packs that are available for pick up from our school hall. Our day will begin with our Google Meet check ins and then our students will complete the tasks with their families throughout the rest of the day.

On our Google Classrooms, families will also have access to our Grandparents' and Special Friends' iMovie and our prayer service. Thank you to Erin Nagel for preparing these resources for all of our community and we hope that as a family you have time to reflect on these together.

This Friday, as well each fortnight after this, the focus is on our students' wellbeing and to reduce our students' screen time. It is important for our students' learning to continue during this challenging time as well as their wellbeing. As a school community, we hope that you are able to take this time and focus on everything that we can be grateful for.

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



It is wonderful to share Caroline and Damien's exciting news that Jude Christopher Brick was born on the 26th June. Mum, dad and Jude are exceptionally happy.

Please always remember that we are here to support you throughout this challenging time. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Meredith Bennett

Principal

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you are all well and staying safe.

Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day

Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day is tomorrow. This afternoon at 3pm activities, a video made from all the photos supplied from our families and a prayer service for families to share together will be published in our Google Classrooms.

Tomorrow we invite students to wear casual clothes or to dress up as their grandparents and special friends.

This is a link to our Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day [prayer service](#) that has been created by our staff and students. We look forward to seeing some photos uploaded into the activity slides found in our Google Classrooms.

We hope you enjoy the day.

IT Support

A friendly reminder that if you experience difficulties accessing Google Classrooms or any of the linked applications please contact Centorrino Technologies (our IT company). General support for parents/guardians can be accessed by phoning **9998 6392** between the hours of 8:30am and 5pm Monday to Friday, excluding Public Holidays and will continue to operate throughout the remote learning period.

Safety and Cyber Incident Support

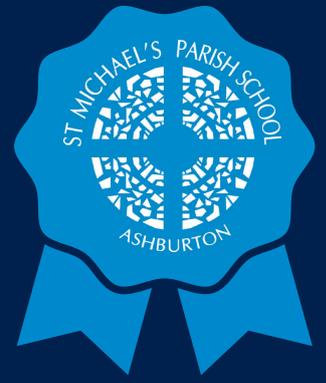
The St Michael's [Reporting Cyber Incidents- Google Form](#) is available for families and students. We request that you complete a report if at any point your child experiences a cyber incident as this allows us to follow up and assist you and your child.

Erin Nagel

Deputy Principal

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Student Awards



Prep C

Madison M: For awesome reading and for persevering to sound out tricky words.

Oliver G: For submitting all of his star tasks and persevering to finish his fantastic learning tasks.

Prep D

Zoe K: For actively being part of our Google Meets. Well done!

Zach T: For actively participating during your online reading group. Keep up the great work!

1/2 B

Inaya R: For displaying the School Expectation of Show Respect by following expectations in our Meets. You attentively listen to others, put up your hand when you would like to share and always speak respectfully. Keep up the awesome work Inaya!

Lachlan H: For having a growth mindset towards your remote learning. You have been seeking out more challenging tasks in Maths and giving them your all! It is fantastic to see you willing to extend your learning. Keep up the fabulous work!

1/2 DL

Olivia D: Well done Olivia for having a growth mindset and working through technical difficulties at the beginning of Remote Learning this term.

Anthony T: Your wonderful commitment to reading and for sharing your smile with others during our Meets.

1/2 E

Sanne M: For her efforts during online reading groups. Sanne you are working so hard to focus on the words you are reading. You are applying the strategies you know will assist you to understand the text.

Louis P: Louis, you are completing your remote learning tasks with such effort. I can tell you are using the success criteria to guide you in ensuring you meet all task requirements. Well done!

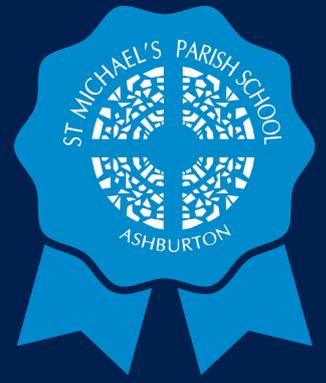
3/4A

Ella H: For an amazing effort on her journal writing task by putting in chapters, paragraphs and an engaging story.

Adeline O: For her wonderful use of sizzling starts in journal writing.

Noah B: For his active participation in Class Meets and groups by sharing his challenges, successes and thoughts.

Student Awards



3/4B

Eve S: You are getting this award for your perseverance when completing the Repeated Addition Area task. It was challenging but you didn't give up!

Mayah L: You are getting this award for your ability to smoothly transition back into online reading groups. I can't wait to see your confidence grow.

3/4E

Maddie T: Maddie, thank you for contributing your insightful thoughts in our focus reading group. It is wonderful to see you considering the ideas of others to help you form your own opinion.

Matthew N: Matthew, 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.

3/4JA

Alex M, Annabel W, Carrington G, Evelyn F and Grace S: In recognition of your incredible reading session yesterday! You were all so enthusiastic as you learned all about connotative language and it was so wonderful to hear all of your ideas and discussions. Keep up the fantastic work!

3/4M

Tayla M: For the commitment and persistence you have shown to all of your learning tasks this week. I am so impressed with your positive attitude and willingness to learn. Well done Tayla!

Will P: For being so enthusiastic during our morning Google Meets and online reading group. Your happy disposition and willingness to contribute is so appreciated! YOU'RE A SUPERSTAR WILL!!! :)

5/6E

Martin N: For the research you undertook to create a well structured and easy to read timeline on the waves of Migration in Australian History.

Jemma B: For your engaging Informative Text on Australia. It was great to see you use some techniques to make it sound exciting and fun!

5/6L

Tom M: For displaying the SMASH expectation of Show Respect by listening carefully during our class 'community meeting' and doing a wonderful job of responding to and asking the three questions with interest and politely.

Emma C: For persevering with your learning task even when you find them challenging. Keep up all your hard work.

5/6R

Genevieve D: For actively contributing to her reading focus group.

Nathan D: For the effort he has put into tasks this week, for asking questions and responding to feedback.



The St. Michael's Uniform Shop plays an significant role in our School community by supplying each student with their uniform needs. After years of dedication & enthusiasm Melanie & Belinda have decided that 2020 will be the last year for the uniform dynamic duo.

So with that said we are looking for a special person/s to hand over the baton who will take on this important role & make it their own.

The general day to day, week to week, managing of the shop is not difficult however there are quite a few yearly & time sensitive activities that would be best handed over as they occur. The main ones being the Year 6 Rugby Tops (Term 3), the Prep Orientations (Term 4) & the January Testing Days.

Therefore, in order to implement the handover as smoothly as possible we wanted to start the process early and seek out parents who would be interested in this role.

We are looking for someone who has:

- Eagerness & excitement
- Excellent organisational and time management skill
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Have a sense of humour and be approachable

There are no set times that the uniform shop needs to be open and can work around your schedule & commitments.

For more details on the role & description please forward your interest via email to:
pfa@smashburton.catholic.edu.au



DE LA SALLE
COLLEGE

This session will provide parents with important information regarding Year 7, 2022 at De La Salle College.

Join the Principal, Peter Houlihan, Director of Students Martin Gibbs and Year 7 Coordinator, Dr Melissa Walsh presenting an insight into our College and our enrolment process.

You are invited to participate in a Q&A session at the end of the presentation.

YEAR 7 2022 INFORMATION *Session*

**WEDNESDAY
5 AUGUST 2020
7.30PM**

VIA TEAMS ONLINE LIVE EVENT

Note: You will receive log in details via email, on the day of the session.

21 August 2020 Application period closes
September 2020 Enrolment Interviews
15 October 2020 Letter of Offer emailed



CLICK HERE TO BOOK

ENQUIRIES: Admissions Team
T: 03 9508 2194 E: enrolment@delasalle.vic.edu.au

Promote Your Business

During these difficult times its important that we all come together as a community to support each other. If you are a St Michael's family or past family we would like to offer you the opportunity to promote your business here so that the St Michael's community can also support your business. If you would like to advertise your business please email a jpeg or PDF file to newsletter@smashburton.catholic.edu.au

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT A CHILD YOU ARE TEACHING ONLINE?



The education sector has seen sweeping changes occur thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic. Education staff are doing a tremendous job adapting to the loss of face to face interactions with students and embracing the remote learning experience. Unfortunately, during times of emergency we know that wellbeing concerns will increase which will include incidents of family violence.

Although no longer retaining face to face contact and the intimacy that can bring, it is important for educators to remember how uniquely placed they are to identify possible signs of family violence, especially with the inclusion of home phone calls and online video based lessons to everyday teaching.

SO WHEN REMOTELY WORKING WITH STUDENTS, ASK YOURSELF:

- ➔ Does the child seem withdrawn, distressed or upset?
- ➔ Does the child have any physical injuries (i.e. bruises, cuts) and strange explanations of how they received them?
- ➔ Does the child seem hyper-vigilant, nervous and/or worried when one of their parent/carer enters the room?
- ➔ Does the child refuse to turn on their camera during video chats even when you have expressed concern and asked them to turn it on?
- ➔ Has the child mentioned that they are having issues sleeping or seem sleep deprived?
- ➔ Has the child mentioned that they are scared or afraid of one (or both) of their parents/carers?
- ➔ Has the child mentioned that they are worried about one of their parents/carers?
- ➔ Has the child said they feel unsafe at home?

If you answered 'yes' to some of these questions and you are worried about the **safety** and **wellbeing** of the child, please **speak to your leadership team immediately** and seek advice regarding mandatory reporting to child protection.

The child may be experiencing family violence.

OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE STEPS

24/7

Phone: 1800 015 188

Email: safesteps@safesteps.org.au

1800 RESPECT

24/7

Phone: 1800 737 732

EASTERN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE

(EDVOS)

Mon-Fri 9am - 8pm

Sat 9am - 5pm

Phone: 9259 4200

Email: edvos@edvos.org.au

MEN'S REFERRAL SERVICE

Mon-Fri 8am - 9pm,

Weekends 9am - 5pm

Phone: 1300 766 491

Everyone has the right to feel
safe in their own home.





Boroondara Libraries is hosting two events for primary school aged students over the next two weeks. Please register with the links below to receive the Webex invitation.

Love your body author talk with Jessica Sanders

Tuesday 4 August, 6.30pm

Hear about body positivity and embracing who you are with Jessica Sanders, author of Love your Body, Me Time and the brand new title Be Your Own Man. This event will celebrate our differences and encourage positive body image and mental health. Suitable for kids and their caregivers.

www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/events/love-your-body-author-talk-jessica-sanders-0

The story of a story with Alex Miles

Tuesday 11 August, 4pm

Alex Miles is the author of awesome stories like Zac Power, Geek Girls and Starring Olive Black. Alex will share some of her writing tips and tricks. Come and hear about the writing journey and get inspired about your own story ideas.

www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/events/story-story-alex-miles-0



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