



NEWSLETTER

St Justin's Parish School

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Dear Families and Friends,

Thanks as always for your ongoing support during these challenging times. We know how difficult it is for all and we want to let you know we are thinking of you - please reach out if you need further support. As I said in last week's newsletter – please be assured that you are doing an amazing job! You are guiding your family through extraordinary times and much is asked of you to make each day meaningful and productive. Thanks also to those who take the time to feedback to the staff, thanking them for their amazing efforts. It is greatly appreciated. It's certainly not their preferred model of teaching but they are doing the best that they can under the circumstances, whilst managing their own home environment.

Mr Torpey on Leave

Unfortunately I will be on leave for the rest of the term in order to undergo a medical procedure. In my absence, Mrs Annie Herbison will be the Acting Principal and Mrs Leanne Snell will be the Acting Deputy Principal and will continue as Religious Education Leader and Yr3 Classroom Teacher. Mrs Rachel De La Haye will teach 3SS on Weds, Thurs & Fri during this time. I have no doubt they'll do a wonderful job as always.

Both Mrs Herbison and Mrs Snell can be contacted via the school office 9567 7644 or email:

- Mrs Herbison aherbsion@sjwheelershill.catholic.edu.au
- Mrs Snell lsnell@sjwheelershill.catholic.edu.au

Sacraments – First Communion and Confirmation

As you are well aware, with the current lockdown restrictions we have had to unfortunately postpone Year 6 Confirmation and Year 4 and 5 First Eucharist. We understand this is very disappointing for our students and their families. Please be reassured that when we come out of lockdown we will reschedule new dates for these celebrations. Our plan is that all of these sacraments will go ahead this year when restrictions ease.



Wellbeing Day

Thanks everyone for your participation in our Wellbeing Day held yesterday. It was a great opportunity to engage with different students and members of staff. By all reports, a great day was had by all.



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Jesus said "Let the children come to me."

On Monday at our Staff Meeting, Mrs Scandizzo led us in reflection with a focus on children around the world – I thought I would share some thoughts with you today.

*Let us applaud our children
These little heroes
Who have stayed indoors more than they've ever known.
Their worlds have been turned upside down
And they don't really understand why
All these rules they have never known
Not being able to see family
And give many hugs
Holidays, sports, activities, play dates
And school
Cancelled
Adults talking about people becoming unwell
And the news reporting deaths
Their minds must be racing
Yet, every day their resilient bodies get up
And carry on...
Despite all that is going on
So here's to our little heroes!*



Today we also reflect on the children in Afghanistan who are impacted by the current violence, whose rights are being abused and ignored.

*We pray for children around the world who are suffering:
Victims of war, famine, terror and torture
Orphans, slaves living in camps
Sick, exploited, unloved, uneducated, helpless, alone.
Jesus hear our voices as we pray for mercy, justice and healing
Deliver these children from despair*

Merciful God,

*Open my heart and mind to be fully present with the children I interact with throughout my day.
Allow me to listen to them without passing judgement or haste to solve what I cannot change.
Give me patience and understanding and grant me grace.
Be with me on the days I feel fatigue and lift me up with the strength to carry out your
compassionate love to all the children in my care.*

Amen

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Absences – Follow Up Phone Calls

Recording Attendance

As per each lockdown period, we are required to take daily attendance. This will be recorded via your child's engagement in the following ways:

- *Students attending Google Meets (whole class or focus groups).*
- *Students uploading, adding photos of submitting any tasks via Seesaw or Google Classroom*

Can you please ensure your child engages in one of the above activities before 1:00pm so that teachers can mark the roll? If a student cannot be accounted for before 1:00am, the office will make a courtesy call, just to make sure everything is okay.

Non-attendance (illness etc.) should be made through the Skoolbag App, email or call to the office 9567 7644 as soon as you are aware your child will not be able to participate for that day.

Onsite supervision

Please note that with the announced tightening of restrictions for the next few weeks, we now require parents who require onsite supervision to:

- *Complete an "On-site attendance form". This will be emailed to you after I receive an initial request.*
- *Provide copies of your "Authorised Worker Permit."*

Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, schools in metropolitan Melbourne will continue with remote and flexible learning until Thursday 2nd September, except for students in the following categories:

- **Category A**
 - *Children where both parents and or carers are considered authorised workers who cannot work from home, work for an essential provider and where no other supervision arrangements can be made:*
 - *Where there are two parents/carers, both must be essential workers, working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision.*
 - *For single parents/ carers, the essential worker must be working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision.*
- **Category B**
 - *Children experiencing vulnerability, including:*
 - *in out-of-home care*
 - *deemed vulnerable by a government agency, funded family or family violence service, and assessed as requiring education and care outside the family home*
 - *identified by a school or early childhood service as vulnerable, (including via referral from a government agency, or funded family or family violence service, homeless or youth justice service or mental health or other health service)*

On-site attendance form
St Justin's Primary School, Wheelers Hill

Student's name: _____
Student's date of birth: _____
Student's year level (P-12): _____

Schools in metropolitan Melbourne will continue with remote and flexible learning until Thursday 2nd September, 2021.

My children will attend on-site learning as:
☐ My children leave and will be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made as both parents/carers are authorised workers.
OR
☐ My children have a vulnerability:
OR
☐ My children have a disability and cannot learn from home.
By submitting this form, I declare that my children are safe and I will ensure my children are supervised at all times when they are at school or on-site learning.

Dates required: _____

Date	AM	PM	ALL DAY
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			

Please note you need to complete this process weekly to ensure adequate staffing onsite.

Emergency contact details:
Name: _____
Phone: _____
Relationship: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

Received and processed by: _____ (signature)

On-site attendance form Page 1 of 2

Parents who fall into this category must register their child for the required days of schooling through the provided form. Please note: you need to complete this process weekly to ensure adequate staffing onsite.

Students enrolled onsite will meet outside the Wheeler Wing from 8.40am and will be supervised until 3.30pm. Should you finish work before 3.30pm and be home, please collect your child earlier and they can complete the day's learning tasks from home if need be.

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Please note that whilst every attempt is made to ensure that dates are accurately listed, things may need to change from time to time. Please check this section on a regular basis. Thank you for your understanding.

TERM THREE

Tuesday 31st August

Friday 3rd September

Sunday 5th September

Thurs 9th Sept – Fri 10th Sept

Tuesday 14th September

Thursday 16th September

Friday 17th September

Fair on the Hill Meeting

P & F Poker Night - cancelled

Fathers' Day

Year 3/4 Camp

Parents and Friends Meeting

Book Week Celebration

School Colour Run

End of Term 3

Book Week 2021 Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds

Rescheduled to

**Thursday 16th
September**



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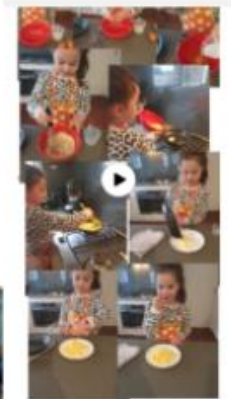


Kitchen Garden

The year 2 students have commenced their kitchen garden sessions. For the first few weeks we have focused on caring for the chickens, understanding more about their habitat, meeting their needs for survival by providing food, shelter and water. There is a lot involved in caring for animals as those of you with pets at home will know. They need to have their home clean, warm and dry. Caring for God's creatures is a responsibility of everyone. We enjoy watching the chickens, talking and reading to them, and in return they give us fresh eggs.

Over the last two weeks students in year 2 have been using eggs in recipes that they have made at home. We have many clever and enthusiastic chefs assisted by very helpful parents!! Thank you for the efforts. Here is a sample of some cooking from the year 2 students during at home learning.

As disappointing as it is that the students are not having their face to face lessons at school, they are certainly being supported at home to participate in the program as best as they can. This is very much appreciated.



Garden

Things are about to heat up - and I don't just mean the temperature. It is beginning to be a busy time in the garden, and we are looking forward to planting vegetables in our veggie patch that Mr Di Iorio has prepared for us. Photos to come.

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Wellbeing Thursday

On Wellbeing Thursday, some very creative students created nature mandalas using materials found around their homes and neighbourhood. Thank you to the students who enthusiastically and creatively engaged in this activity and shared their photos. These are from Therese, Gabby and Aria.



Marine Ambassadors

The Dolphin Research Institute continues to hold regular meetings with Marine Ambassadors from many schools. Recent meetings have focused on whales, penguins, sea dragons and what an ecologist does. These sessions are invaluable for students providing much learning and opportunity to learn from the best. Here are some snapshots from recent zoom meetings.



Sustainability Leaders

Our year 6 Sustainability Leaders are working on a Sustainability Google Site where information about all things sustainable will be housed. They will take ownership of the site and update it regularly with events, news, advice and tips and share it with our community. A work in progress - stay tuned.

Signs of Spring - Peregrine falcons nest in Collins Street

Aside from the many obvious signs of Spring that we are beginning to feel like longer days, warmer temperatures, more sunshine, blooming flowers, deciduous trees beginning to grow their leaves, there is a wonderful opportunity to observe Peregrine falcons hatching and caring for their chicks in a live feed from a nest situated high upon a building in Collins Street in the city. Please see the site:

Peregrine falcons at 367



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Stewards of our School

In the bushland area on Whalley Drive next to our school council workers have been caring for and maintaining the natural environment to protect and encourage local flora and fauna. Recently one of the workers found what they think is wallaby scat (poo). Scat are like pellets of dried, munched up leaves which are easily recognisable.

Our year 4 stewards will make some wonderings about these findings and the work occurring in the area adjacent to our school and will engage with the Bushland Crew from council to find out more about the work they do to care for the land within the city of Monash.



BOOK CLUB – ISSUE 6



Issue 6 of Book Club is available exclusively online. The catalogue can be accessed

here: <https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/6421/bc621web.pdf>

Orders can only be made via the LOOP platform ([scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)) and will be shipped to your home address.

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FIRST AID News

Medical Forms

Any student that has been diagnosed with a medical condition, we ask that you share this information with us via keeping Operoo up to date and notifying your child's teacher at the commencement of the year, or if their situation changes throughout the course of the year.

There are a number of forms that we may ask you to have completed by your child's medical practitioner and these forms are available on the St Justin's PS Website for downloading to have the practitioner complete it.



Here's a quick overview of the forms:

1. *ASCIA Allergic Reaction Form – this form is used for allergies that are NOT anaphylactic or life-threatening. Eg: Grass/Pollens, Dog/Cat Hair, Food Allergies*
2. *ASCIA Anaphylaxis Action Plan – this is for Students who have been diagnosed as being at risk of Anaphylaxis*
3. *Asthma Care Plan for Schools – this is for students who have been diagnosed with asthma, whether it be seasonal, or all year round*
4. *Epilepsy Action Plan – this is for students diagnosed with Epilepsy*
5. *Medication Authority Form – this form is used when a student needs to hold any medication onsite at school including Anaphylaxis, Allergies, Asthma, Diabetes & Epilepsy*
6. *Medical Advice Form – this form is used to detail a Medical Condition that is not covered by Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Epilepsy, or general Allergens but which the teacher/First Aid staff need to know about as it may mean adjustments are made as to how the student is treated from a medical perspective. Eg: phobias, blood disorders, etc*

It is important to note the following:

- *All forms should have your child's full name written on them*
- *All forms must be completed by a medical practitioner & have their stamp on the form*
- *The forms **MUST** have a recent head & shoulders photo of your child attached to the form in the area's provided*
- *Any medications that are being provided/prescribed for your child that will be stored onsite must be detailed on the form, with the dosage and frequency*
- *Emergency Contact Details **MUST** be provided where it is asked for on the form*

For audit purposes we are required to keep the original copy of the completed form (as photocopies of the forms degrade the picture and handwriting quality the more times they are copied), but we do always provide you with a copy of the form for your records. If your child attends multiple locations that require this information we suggest that you provide the medical practitioner with multiple copies for them to complete at the time of your appointment with the practitioner.

Anxiety in your Child

A Seminar with Dr Justin Coulson

Wednesday 8 September 2021 | 7.30pm AEST



Anxiety has become one of the leading causes of ill-health in our children. And it's also affecting more parents than ever before. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated what was already an accelerating problem.

Can we stop anxiety? Where is it coming from? Are our kids bubble-wrapped snowflakes that just need to "toughen up" and get over it? Or is there an approach to our children's anxiety that can build them, encourage them, and give them hope?

This webinar will provide the answers every parent needs to help their children – and even to help themselves.

Over the course of a 90 minutes, Dr Justin Coulson will help you to:

- Recognise anxiety in your child and know how best to respond when anxiety flares up
- Become a supportive hope-giver to your child to empower him/her to be courageous in the face of anxious thoughts
- Uncover the research-based #1 strength your child can develop to combat anxiety and develop remarkable resilience.
- Identify how your own anxieties could be affecting your child, and know how to manage them
- Learn proven strategies to help both you and your child navigate and manage anxiety when things get stressful

Once you've participated in this webinar, you'll have strategies that you can put into practice on the spot to help curb anxiety, build confidence, and restore resilience in your child. And if you struggle with anxiety yourself, you'll be changed.

WEBINAR LINK:

<https://happyfamiliesfamilyeducation.ac-page.com/st-justins-parish-primary-school-anxiety-in-your-child>

Note – this is a live webinar, but a link will be available for 7 days after the event.

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EXTRAORDINARY HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

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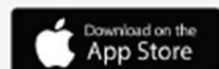
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At the Camp Australia St Justin's Catholic primary school OSHC service, we have been enjoying yoga, nature hunt, magic beans fun, Drawing, reading, soft ball/balloon soccer, lemon volcano eruptions, magic milk experiment, plastic creation from milk, glittery slime creation and fun, playdough creation, create nature potion, dancing stick fun, inflatable balloons experiment, cinnamon/milo experiment, forensics fun and fizzy sherbat. Keep participating in the experimental cookbook competition. Don't forget to enrol in Rocketeers Mission ||| fun (Film Festival) at your nearest OSHC service in this spring.

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustalia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Activities coming

- Film Festival
- Father's day craft
- Sand art, loom bands

What's on the

- Sandwiches, cheese
- Spaghetti, toast
- Sakatas, apricot, fruits

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