



NEWSLETTER

St Justin's Parish School

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Bulletin No 2

Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Families and Friends,

Year 5 / 6 Camp

Next week our Years 5 and 6 students will attend camp at Phillip Island. The camp provides our students with the opportunity to further their learning and social skills development in a non-school setting. We wish them all the best and trust that our Year 4 students will confidently lead our school in their absence.



A busy time for Preps

Visit to Church

This week our Preps visited St Justin's church as a year level for the first time. They met with Fr Andrew who talked about Jesus the Good Shepherd and invited the students to ask as many questions as they wanted.



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Meeting Buddies, lining up and so much more.

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Year P-6 Information Sessions

This week we held Prep and Year 6 Information sessions which included general information and also camp information for Years 5 and 6. For Years 1 to 4, the following sessions have been scheduled. Masks will need to be worn please.

Tuesday 16th February:

- **Year 1 and 2 Information Session, 6:45pm**
 - Year 1 in PAC
 - Year 2 in Church
- **Year 3 and 4 Information Session, 7:45pm**
 - Year 3 in PAC
 - Year 4 in Church

Given COVID restrictions, we regret to inform parents that, unfortunately, we are unable to supervise any children for these evenings. If at least one parent could possibly be present for the sessions, this would be most helpful.

Should you require some additional time to speak to your child's teacher, please arrange a mutually agreeable time to meet with him or her. This can be done via email or through a message in your child's diary. It is also important for teachers to receive any positive feedback – it helps create a wonderful sense of satisfaction in an increasingly difficult job and can better inform teachers of strategies and approaches to learning that are effective for your child. If communicating via email, please be mindful that teachers may take some time to respond.

Thank you for your support and cooperation

Cyber Safety Night

Thanks to everyone for attending our CyberSafety Webinar last night. Martin McGauran and Carley McGauren provided a great insight into "Raising Kids in a Digital World 2021". We had over 150 people/families register for the webinar – a sure sign that we are committed to helping our children stay safe in an online world. Thanks again to everyone for your support. Thanks also to Mrs Wickens for organising the session, and to Marty and Carley for their very informative presentation. Martin will be back later in the year to work with our students.

CYBER SAFETY

RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD 2021

Beginning of the School Year and Welcoming Mass

*Today we held our Opening of the School Year Mass, where we officially commissioned all our new Leaders and Staff for 2021. Unfortunately, due to the weather conditions, our Mass moved into the Performing Arts Centre – unfortunately we were unable to invite parents. Also, due to world events, our badges weren't available. Therefore, we will hold a special assembly on the basketball courts and present our leaders with their badges on **Monday 15th February, 2021 at 9:00am** (weather permitting) – everyone welcome.*

Thanks to everyone involved in our Mass today – much appreciated. Thanks also to Fr Andrew and Mrs Snell for their wonderful leadership – great work.

Congratulations to our school leaders for 2021. Whilst we acknowledge our official leaders for this year, we are reminded that we are all leaders, evidenced by our words and actions.

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Prep Family BBQ

On Tuesday night our Prep families gathered together to share a yummy BBQ dinner and have an opportunity to get to know one another. It was great to see so many families mingling and finding out about each other. It was lovely to see the start of many new friendships. It was also a perfect opportunity for our Prep teaching team to share important information with their parents. Thank you Miss Jones, Miss Leung and Mrs Crough, not only for all the useful information that our Prep parents require, but also for a great start to the year.

A get together like this just does not happen, it requires a small village to make things happen for our children. Thank you to Mrs Herbison, Mrs Deegan and Mrs Slonim for looking after the Prep children and their siblings while mum and dad were at their information session. Thank you to Mr Tony Diiorio for organising the food and to our Parish Education Board members for preparing our yummy BBQ and then cleaning up.



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Year 6 Leaders

SCHOOL CAPTAINS:	<i>Gizelle Girgis, Adrian Greensmith</i>	
VICE CAPTAINS:	<i>Alex Angel and Khloe Blatsis</i>	
SRC:	<i>Mia Gargiso, Alistair Edward</i>	
SPORTS CAPTAINS:	<i>Nina Maio, Kael Mahon, Charlie Sofocleous, Grace Russo</i>	
SUSTAINABILITY:	<i>Sabina Coppolino, Drishti Gupta, Kaitlyn Lagura, Michael Kakouri, Carl Dicio</i>	
LITURGY:	<i>Ryker Hiu, Gavin Rajahmoney, Ishan Perera, Matthew Tzamouranis</i>	
WELLBEING:	<i>Tia Machar, Elizabeth Stokes, Julianne De Jesus, Arianne Edward</i>	
PERFORMING ARTS:	<i>Mikayla Ntellas, Coirle Walsh, Leah Dell'Arciprete, Zara Palleschi, Lucinda Olsen</i>	
SOCIAL JUSTICE:	<i>Chiara De Caro, Monique Tarallo, Marcus Yap, Ella Jones, Samuel Vougas</i>	
DIGITAL TECH:	<i>Max Ierna, Anthony Ortika, Anton Fortino, Marcus Spinelli, Orlando Perez</i>	
STEM LEADERS:	<i>Jack Dwyer, Luca Orlando, Noah Cendamo, Brendan Casella</i>	
HOUSE CAPTAINS:	RED (MANDERS):	<i>Gian Rico, Sienna Bacic</i>
	BLUE (WHEELER):	<i>Mitchell Brodie, Natalie Hele</i>
	GREEN (LUCAS):	<i>Gisele D'Ottavio, Tobi Van Den Bosch</i>
	GOLD (MACAULAY):	<i>Jackson Costabile, Sophie Hall</i>

2021 SRCs

- **5SS:** *Alissa Mascetta & Will Dresser*
- **5CI:** *Alannah Gibcus & Levi Edouard*
- **4L:** *Ayla Ignatenko & Cristian Sofocleous*
- **4G:** *Eve Ierna & Sebastian Mirabile*
- **3SD:** *Liana Storey & Lachlan Jackson*
- **3WM:** *Ava Ortika & Kim Staiger*



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Sun Smart

A reminder that St Justin's Primary School is a Sun Smart School and as a result, all students are to wear their school hat that protects the face, neck and ears during breaks or lessons, throughout September to the end of April. Sun screen should also be applied at home before coming to school.

Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Students must, therefore, be educated regarding healthy UV exposure balance to help with Vitamin D and suitable sun protection, in order to be protected from overexposure to the sun whilst at school.

Students and teachers are encouraged to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun through strategies which use a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV Index levels reach 3 and above.

Sun protection should be used whenever UV levels are 3 or higher, especially between the months of mid-August to the end of April. During this time, parents should send appropriate sun screen to school and ensure that their child has a suitable hat.

Please refer to our website for more information.



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COVID Safe Practices

Thanks everyone with your support with our Covid Safe Practices. These include:

- *socially distancing,*
- *carrying a mask to wear if required,*
- *using hand sanitiser,*
- *greeting each other in a non physical way,*
- *signing in to register for contact tracing purposes, etc*
- *Any visitors who remain onsite for fifteen minutes or longer must do so for a specific, pre organised purpose and must register their presence for contact tracing. If you require time to discuss matters with a teacher, we ask that you please pre-arrange this via an email. Masks must be worn if meeting face to face with staff for longer than 15 minutes.*

Other practices include:

- *Staff and students will continue with hand sanitising and washing of hands regularly throughout the day.*
- *Drink taps are able to be used at school, as per late last year, however we still ask that students please have drink bottles at school.*
- *Sharing of food is still not allowed to aid the safety of students with medical and health needs.*
- *COVID safe practices such as displaying many signs and posters, sanitising throughout the day, adults maintaining physical distancing and wearing masks at times will continue*
- *Outdoor events can continue to take place with social distancing protocols in place and masks if distancing is not possible.*
- *Excursions and Camps are permitted to go ahead.*
- *Swimming programs can commence with some restrictions in place*
- *Interschool Sports will commence for senior students this term.*

Morning Drop Off

- *Morning Drop off will be between 8:40am and 8:55am*
- *Family members can either:*
 - *kiss and drop from the street,*
 - *accompany their child/children to one of three school gates, or*
 - *accompany their child/children to the classroom external door.*
- *Please note: Parents are able to come onsite as long as your presence is under 15 minutes.*
- *If you need to remain onsite for fifteen minutes or longer, please register your presence via the office for contact tracing.*
- *If walking your child into the school grounds, please park outside the drop off / pick up zones to allow other families to “kiss and drop”. Please be mindful of neighbours’ driveways and parking restrictions, including the 2-minute parking zone along Grantchester Road.*
- *Please note that masks must be carried at all times. Hand sanitiser will be available. Please stay away if you are unwell.*
- *Year 1 parents are permitted to accompany their child/children to their classroom door, provided they wear a face mask.*



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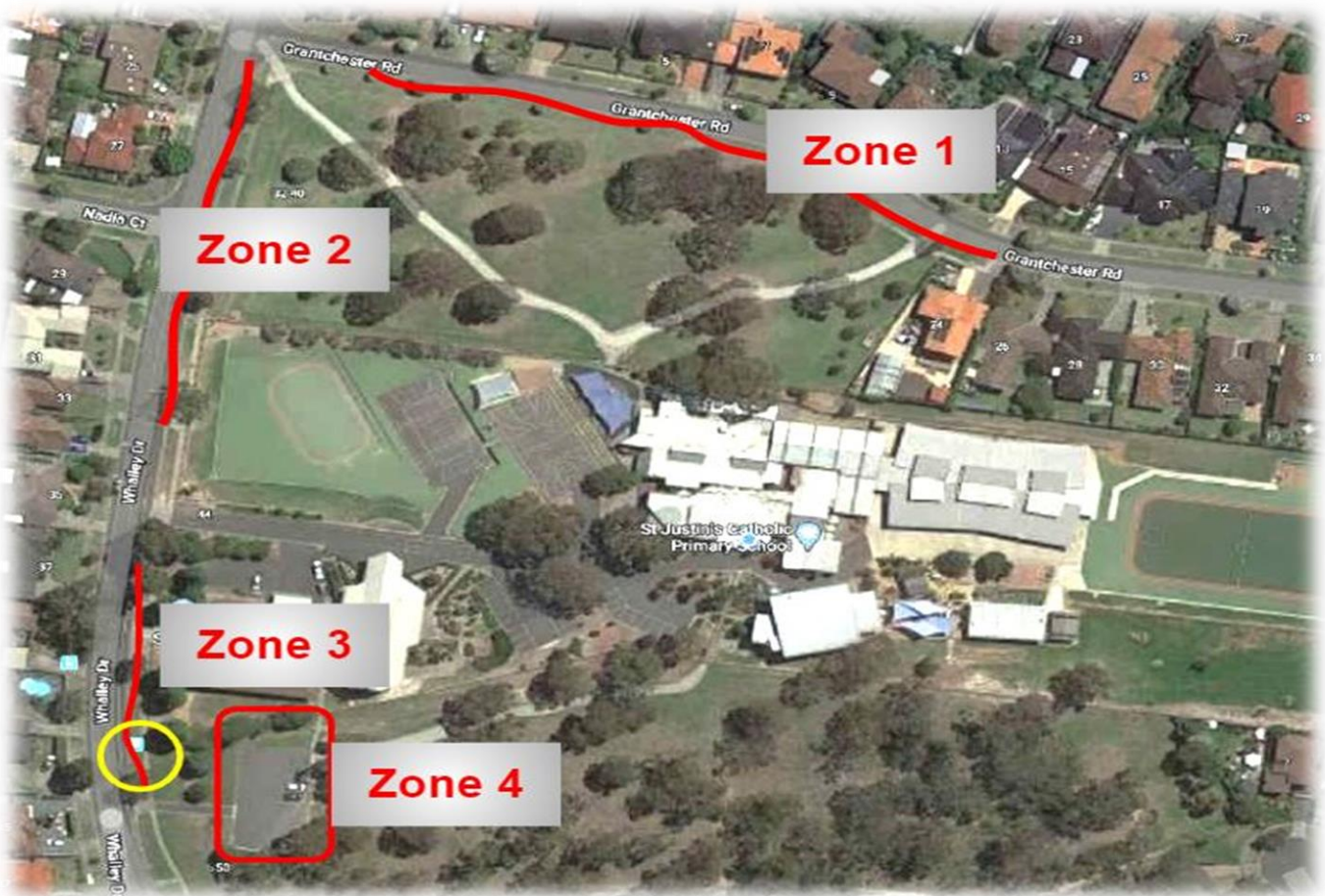
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Pick Up / Dismissal

Please note: there has been a slight change to what was in the newsletter last week.

In order to reduce congestion around the school grounds, for the time being, pick up will be via 4 zones and 4 times, as listed below. If you are walking up to the school gate

- 3:15pm *Zone 1: families with surname starting with A-B
Zone 4: families with surname starting with C
Zone 2: families with surname starting with Da-De
Zone 3: families with surname starting with Di-Dw*
- 3:20pm *Zone 1: families with surname starting with E-G
Zone 2: families with surname starting with H-I
Zone 3: families with surname starting with J-K*
- 3:25pm *Zone 1: families with surname starting with M
Zone 4: families with surname starting with L, N and O
Zone 2: families with surname starting with Pa
Zone 3: families with surname starting with Pe-Pr*
- 3:30pm *Zone 1: families with surname starting with Q-S
Zone 4: families with surname starting with Y-Z
Zone 2: families with surname starting with T-U
Zone 3: families with surname starting with V-W*



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Morning Arrival

Developing independence and responsibility in a child at a young age helps them develop lifelong problem solving strategies for the future. Being independent and responsible for their own things helps them approach challenging situations with greater confidence. Often as a parent, we want to do as much for our children as possible, because it's too hard for them, we don't have enough time, we are afraid of what others might think or we are afraid that they might get hurt. However, doing too much for our children can deny them the opportunity to learn valuable problem solving skills and resilience for the future.

Can we please ask that all students carry their own bag to and from school each day. This will assist our students in developing a greater sense of responsibility, ownership and confidence in tackling challenging situations, not only in the classroom, but on the playground as well.

We also ask that students to take full responsibility for their own things. In the morning we ask students to enter the classroom, greet their teacher and unpack their bag ready for the commencement of the school day. They are then free to make their way outside to play with their friends.



YEAR 2 SELF PORTRAITS



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YEAR 5 "FAMOUS PEOPLE" ARTWORKS



LIBRARY

Children are able to return and borrow from the library at the following times when they come with their classroom teacher -

Monday: Year 6, Year 4 & Year 2. Thursday: Preps. Friday: Year 1, Year 3 & Year 5.

- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday before school: all grades.
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at lunchtime: all grades.
- ✓ Prep may borrow one book at a time.
- ✓ Junior school two books at a time.
- ✓ Senior school three books at a time.

Children will need to have a library bag to borrow, this can be any type of bag!

We also encourage children to be responsible for their borrowed books.



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Dates Ahead

<i>Wednesday 10th February</i>	<i>No Preps at school Year 5/6 School Camp</i>
<i>Thursday 11th February</i>	<i>Year 5/6 School Camp</i>
<i>Friday 12th February</i>	<i>Year 5/6 School Camp</i>
<i>Tuesday 16th February</i>	<i>Shrove Tuesday Year 1 - 4 Information Sessions</i>
<i>Wednesday 17th February</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday No Preps at school</i>
<i>Wednesday 18th February</i>	<i>P & F Hot Dog Day</i>
<i>Tuesday 23rd February</i>	<i>Fair on the Hill Meeting (7.00pm)</i>
<i>Wednesday 24th February</i>	<i>No Preps at School</i>
<i>Thursday 25th February</i>	<i>Yr 5 Nazareth College Taster Day P – 6 Literacy Parent Helpers Course Year 3 Parent/Child Reconciliation Workshop</i>
<i>Tuesday 2nd March</i>	<i>PEB Meeting (7.30pm) Division Swimming</i>
<i>Wednesday 3rd March</i>	<i>No Preps at school</i>
<i>Monday 8th March</i>	<i>Labour Day Public Holiday</i>
<i>Tuesday 9th March</i>	<i>P & F Meeting District Swimming</i>
<i>Wednesday 10th March</i>	<i>No Preps at school</i>
<i>Thursday 11th March</i>	<i>P & F Pizza Day</i>
<i>Saturday 13th March</i>	<i>Working Bee</i>
<i>Sunday 14th – Monday 22nd March</i>	<i>Catholic Education Week</i>
<i>Wednesday 17th March</i>	<i>St Patricks Day</i>
<i>Thursday 18th March</i>	<i>St Justin's Open Day</i>
<i>Friday 19th March</i>	<i>Interschool Summer Sport</i>
<i>Sunday 21st March</i>	<i>Harmony Day</i>
<i>Thursday 25th March</i>	<i>School Photos Feast of the Annunciation</i>
<i>Friday 26th March</i>	<i>Interschool Summer Sport</i>
<i>Sunday 28th March</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
	<i>Holy Week</i>
<i>Thursday 1st April</i>	<i>End of Term</i>



St Justin's Swimming Program

The St Justin's Swimming Program will commence on the first day of Term 2, Monday 19th April and run for two weeks. This program is conducted for students in Years Prep-4. Parents wishing to support classes for this program are reminded that you will need a valid Working with Children Check and have completed an interview with either Patrick Torpey or Annie Herbison in the last two years. More information will be made available towards the end of this term.

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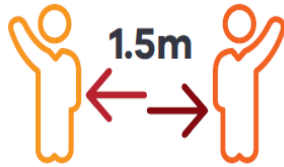
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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

If you are unwell, please stay at home.

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is between adults. Please follow these physical distancing measures:

- avoid gathering in a group inside or around the school
- keep 1.5m between yourself and other adults



- avoid handshakes and hugs
- wash your hands regularly.



Protect yourself and your family

Use hand sanitiser regularly

Use soap and water instead if your hands are visibly soiled



1

Dispense enough sanitiser into a cupped hand to cover the surface of hands and wrists

Rub the sanitiser over all parts of your hands

2



3

Keep rubbing until hands are completely dry



Stay germ free and healthy

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Smart Phone App

Members of our school community are invited to download our Smart Phone App. The App is used for communication between school and home – it is a portal for notifying absences, newsletters, notices and messages relevant to members of our school community.

To download the app simply search for *St Justins Catholic School, Wheelers Hills* in the App store on your iPhone, Smartphone or iPad.



Music Academy

Music Academy lessons will commence the week beginning Monday 3rd February 2020.

There are still a few places left so anyone interested in joining in Keyboards, Drums or Singing enrolment forms are available from the school office or via email: mpalamara@hotmail.com

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Please sign in

Please note that all visitors, contractors, visiting teachers to our school **are required** to sign in via the school office and wear an assigned lanyard, **no matter how long the visit**. This is a practice we are mandated as a school to enforce under the Child Safe Standards, Ministerial Order 870.



The lanyard means that we can identify at a glance any non-teaching staff on our school grounds and have an idea of their purpose. The data base created via the iPad at the front office means that in case of an emergency, we can quickly access the data and inform necessary emergency services of who is on site. If you are a regular helper at our school (which I know many of you are), please speak to one of the administration team who can set up a "Quick Pin" to make the signing in and out process speedier for yourself.

Please note that students arriving late and/or leaving early, are also required to be signed in /out by an adult via the iPad. Thank you for your cooperation.

CAMP SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

This is a Victorian Government initiative which provides payments to schools for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. The amount payable for eligible primary students is \$125 and for those students this amount will be used to reduce their school fees.

To be eligible to receive the payment a parent or legal guardian of a student must on the first days of Terms 1 or 2 be an eligible beneficiary, who hold's a Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC), Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) or a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, or be a temporary foster parent and submit an application to the school.

Please collect an application form from the school office, complete and return as soon as possible. Payments will be made directly to schools from March 2021. Once received, these payments will be credited to school fees.

Any parent who applied for, and received, the CSEF last year IS NOT REQUIRED to submit a new form this year.

GUITAR TUITION PROGRAM

Vacancies exist for Guitar Tuition. Anyone who wishes their child to participate should contact Albert Axiaq via mobile on **0409 411 815** or email axiaq@live.com.au.

Albert Axiaq
Ass Dip of Ed (Music)
Bachelor of Arts (Music)

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PREP J - TANYA & GESSICA
PREP LC - BIANCA & NARELLE

IX - VOLUNTEER/S NEEDED!
1WM - EDWIN

2D - VOLUNTEER/S NEEDED!
2M - ANDREA

Class Reps

3WM - VOLUNTEER/S NEEDED!
3SD - JADE

4L - VOLUNTEER/S NEEDED!
4G - VOLUNTEER/S NEEDED!

5CI - VICKI
5SS - VOLUNTEER/S NEEDED!

6DW - VOLUNTEER/S NEEDED!
6S - MAREE

Class Representatives

A big thanks to those who have already put their hands up, but we are still looking for volunteers to act as Class Reps. If you are interested in this, or have any further questions about it, please contact the P&F at pnf@sjwheelershill.catholic.edu.au or feel free to chat to any of the committee members.



Hot Dog Day

The first of our hot lunch days is scheduled for 18th Feb, flyers will be distributed soon outlining how and when you can put your order in for a delicious hot dog for your child's lunch.



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