



ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER
Term 4 Number 28 - Friday, 27th November, 2020

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REFLECTION AND PRAYER

*Be patient, my sisters and brothers, until the appearance of Christ... To learn how we persevere patiently under hardship take as your models the prophets who spoke in the name of the Most High. The ones we call 'blessed' are the ones who persevered. You've heard of the patience of Job - do you remember what God, who is compassionate and merciful, did for him at the end of the story?
(James 5:7a;10-11)*

God of love,

Make us compassionate and hospitable towards those in our communities living with disabilities and illness that could limit their participation in life-giving activities.

Make us sensitive to their needs and committed to promoting their rights and dignity in our neighbourhoods and country.

May we learn from them the value of all lives and the creativity they show in making a good life where we might see only limitations.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - THURSDAY, 3RD

DECEMBER

PLANNING DAY FOR 2021

END TERM 4 - 1:00PM WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER

All students attending St Michael's Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school.

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ST MICHAEL'S 2021 STAFF

It is with great pleasure and pride that I announce our St Michael's staff for 2021:

Principal:	Denise Hussey	
Deputy Principal & Religious Education Leader:	Steven Hubbard	
Learning & Teaching & Literacy Leader:	Rita Totino	
Wellbeing & Student Diversity Leader:	Erin Jenkins	
Numeracy Leader:	Andrea Kirby	
E Learning Leader:	Hayley Kermonde	
Prep O:	Olivia Turville	
Prep C:	Claire Mathieson	
Year 1D:	Diane Ortisi	
Year 1S:	Susan Plant	
Year 2AS:	Andrea Kirby (3 days) Sarah Pizzoferrato (2 days)	
Year 2T:	Tahlia Bogg	
Year 3/4F:	Fiona Dunne	
Year 3/4K:	Kate Johnston	
Year 3/4M:	Molly Fisher	
Year 5/6H:	Hayley Kermonde (4 days) Ashlea Millar (1 day)	
Year 5/6M:	Meghann Phillips	
Intervention Specialist:	Anne Draper	
PE Specialist:	Sarah Pizzoferrato	
Japanese Specialist:	Pippa Murray	
Visual Arts Specialist:	Luisa Vivarelli	
STEM Years 3-6 Specialist:	Ashlea Millar	
Performing Arts P-2 Specialist:	TBC	
Speech Pathologist:	David Whimpey (1 day)	
Learning Support Officers:	Toni Williams Leanne Sali Joel Lanza Frances Galea Rachel Phelan Nella Commisso	Maria De Santis Jeanette Ragnanese Illona Kennedy Michelle Scheggia Ella McCarthy
Library Support Officer:	Susan Mooney	
Office Manager:	Kylie Lanza (5 days)	
Office Administration:	Adriana Fabiani (2 days)	

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From the Principal.....

DEPARTING STAFF

It is with a sad heart that I announce to the school community that **Chris Moloney, Jo Hannan, Jacinta Singleton, Mary-Anne Cardamone** will be leaving us at the end of this year.

Chris Moloney has been a part of St Michael's community since 2017. We have seen Chris reach amazing milestones in his life, getting engaged to Stephanie and becoming a father to his two beautiful children Alfie and Gigi. During his four years here Chris has been an important person in the lives of the children he has taught and their families while teaching Yr 3/4 and Prep children. He has been a dedicated and passionate teacher and always willing to go the extra mile for each of them. Chris has always shown a strong commitment to ensuring each child in his care receives an excellent education and has a lot of fun along this journey, I am sure both he and the children will have many wonderful memories to laugh about. Chris has requested one years leave without pay so that he can take up the opportunity to work in a family business. Chris has always been a great support to all his colleagues and myself and his positive, engaging and infectious personality will be missed. We greatly look forward to his return in 2022.

Jo Hannan joined St Michael's at the beginning of 2020 to establish our Year 3-6 STEM program. She has brought great passion and expertise to our school and our children in Yrs 3-6 have certainly caught onto this passion. She has been dedicated to giving our children many opportunities to explore their scientific side as well as take part in the Kids Teach Kids Conference. Jo has also worked with our senior students to raise the profile of sustainability by creating a vegetable garden and worm farm through the support of a landcare grant that she applied for. Jo also teaches STEM at St Anne's Sunbury and travels from there each Tuesday. With her children heading into senior secondary school, Jo has made the difficult decision to just focus on teaching in one school. We thank her for instigating the love of STEM in our school and wish her and her family well for 2021.

Jacinta Singleton stepped in at the beginning of Term 4 to take over the teaching of our Performing Arts program for our Prep - Yr 2 children. She brought with her experience and passion and did an exceptional job of getting to know each of the children and provided them with a very engaging program. Jacinta will continue in her role as Performing Arts teacher at OLN in Aberfeldie but has decided that for family reasons it is best she work at just one school.

Mary-Anne Cardamone joined us this year as a Learning Support Officer and has developed great relationships with the teachers and children she has worked with and we have benefited greatly from her time with us. She has chosen to take up employment closer to home and we wish her well.

To each of these wonderful educators, I thank them on behalf of all members of our community for their dedication to each child in our care, for the passion they have shown and for their commitment to ensuring our children have amazing learning experiences and constantly encouraging them to be the best that they can be. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with each of them and have been proud to call them St Michael's staff. I wish them all well in their next adventure and encourage them to stay in touch and know that they are always welcome here at St Michael's.

We welcome the following new staff to St Michael's:

- 3/4 Classroom Teacher - Kate
- Performing Arts Specialist - TBC
- Learning Support Officers (LSOs) - Ilona, Frances, Rachel, Nella and Ella

I know that each of these people will be great contributors to our community and that you will ensure they receive a warm welcome.

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SCHOOL SPORTS

Last Thursday was St Michael's sports day. The sun was shining and many happy faces to be seen. The day started and ended with lots of energy and enthusiasm, every student should be so proud of their efforts on the day! Lots of students demonstrated excellent fair play and this year we celebrated a new award called the 'Spirit award' where points were calculated for those that congratulated other students and played fairly. The team that won the 'Spirit Award' was Patrick House. Congratulations to all those students! Our house champions this year were McAuley House, where their sporting skills were highly commended! Congratulations McAuley House! A great job to the Frayne and Lewis house who came so close to winning as all the scores were very tight!

1ST McAULEY - 2ND PATRICK - 3RD FRAYNE - 4TH LEWIS



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CHRISTMAS CAROLS NIGHT



Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to hold our Christmas Carols night this year. The children have been participating in dance sessions to present a Christmas performance instead. This performance will be filmed and then shared online with all the families to enjoy.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

As a community we greatly understand the impact COVID-19 has had on all our children's learning, especially for some in the significant years of their education, Kindergarten, Year 6 - end of Primary School and particularly our VCE students. It is important that we acknowledge and celebrate these milestones in our children's lives and even though COVID-19 restrictions are not allowing us to do this as we normally would we will be celebrating our Yr 6 children's final year and graduation from Year 6 here at St Michael's. The graduation ceremony



will be held at school with the children and their teachers on Thursday 10th December. This will be recorded and then shared with families. The children will then attend their Big Day Out on Monday 14th December.

END OF YEAR MASS

Again due to COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to hold our community end of year mass. Again the children will participate in a shared prayer liturgy on Friday 11th December that will be recorded and shared online with all families.

I am aware that as of Sunday 22nd November many of the COVID-19 restrictions we have come to live with were changed or removed. In our school setting I am required to wait until I receive direction from the Catholic Education Commission Victoria regarding the impact and any changes that this will have on the education sector.

As of the time of writing this newsletter I have not received this advice and therefore regardless of any future changes we will continue with the plans already in place for the events mentioned above. Our staff and children have and are putting great effort into the organisation and preparation of these events and to change them at this late stage is not suitable.

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From the Principal.....

2021 DATES - TERM DATES CLOSURE DAYS



To assist families in their planning for 2021 please find below details regarding the term dates and school closure dates for 2021. A reminder to all that taking time off for holidays during school terms is not encouraged and if you plan to do so you must seek permission from myself. Being at school everyday is important for all children, something I believe we have truly learnt during 2020.

2021 TERM DATES

- TERM 1 THURSDAY 28TH JANUARY - THURSDAY 1ST APRIL (staff resume 27/1/21)
- TERM 2 MONDAY 19TH APRIL - FRIDAY 25TH JUNE
- TERM 3 MONDAY 12TH JULY - FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
- TERM 4 MONDAY 4TH OCTOBER - WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER

SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES

TERM 1	9th March	Inter-Faith Dialogue	Education in Faith
	10th March	Berry St Training	Wellbeing
TERM 2	7th May	Teaching Writing	Learning & Teaching - Literacy
	17th May	Report Writing	Learning & Teaching - Assessment
TERM 3	12th July	Berry St Training	Wellbeing
TERM 4	1st November	Report Writing	Learning & Teaching - Assessment
	3rd December	Planning for 2022	Learning & Teaching



The most simple thing I can do is to be good today but better tomorrow

Denise Hussey (Principal)

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ST MICHAEL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children for receiving an award this week!

- PREP C - Eyoeal Tesfaye - "I Am Safe"
Samuel Chen - "I Am A Learner"
- PREP CA - Evan Lavdas - "I Am Responsible"
Tanya Godbole - "I Am Responsible"
- YEAR 1DA - Ajdin Cosic - "I Am A Learner"
Trisha Ong - "I Am Respectful"
- YEAR 1S - Leni Furlong - "I Am Responsible"
Tiffany Trinh - "I Am Responsible"
- YEAR 2AS - Agamjot Bhalla - "I Am A Learner"
Jessica Van Rensburg - "I Am Safe"
- YEAR 2T - Angel Bui - "I Am Respectful"
Nyithou Luk - "I Am Responsible"
- YEAR 3/4F - Huxley Hill - "I Am Respectful"
Judy Brooks - "I Am Respectful"
- YEAR 3/4M - Erice Ho - "I Am Responsible"
Stanley Tohi - "I Am Respectful"
- YEAR 5/6H - Losang Gurung - "I Am Respectful"
Mischa Vargas - "I Am Responsible"
- YEAR 5/6M - Felicia Taing - "I Am A Learner"
Sean Ndipange - "I Am Respectful"

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BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays.... We are wishing Huxley, Marlowe, Edward Ta, Benjamin, Nina, Alexa, Meklet, Issyss and Cooper a very special day as they celebrate their birthday with family and friends. Enjoy all the fun! Happy Birthday!



LUNCHTIME CLUBS

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Mindfulness with Rita and Olivia in Prep CA</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Japanese with Pippa in Prep C</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Flemington Road Oval visit - Years 3-6 only</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Years 3-6 Coding with Anne and Toni in the 3-6 shared space</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Art with Luisa and Jeanette in the Art Room</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Running Club with Sarah and Chris in Area 1</i>
<i>Monday - Friday</i>	<i>Open Library and Quiet Games and Activities</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Friday, 11th December	Step Up Day
Friday, 11th December	Children's Reports sent home
Wednesday, 16th December	End of Term 4 - 1:00pm finish

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SUSHI @ SCHOOL

Sushi lunch orders are back!!! Our first Sushi day was a hit. Sushi day is on again Thursday, 10th December. You can order online at www.sushi.net.au



2021 CALENDAR

Date	Event
Wednesday, 27th January	Staff resume
Thursday, 28th January	Prep students commence school, 8:50am
Thursday, 28th January	Years 1-6 student testing
Friday, 29th January	Years 1-6 student testing
Monday, 1st February	Years 1-6 commence school, 8:50am

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This school has a membership with Parenting Ideas, one of Australia's most trusted sources of parenting education and support. As part of St Michael's membership, all parents in this school community can access some fantastic webinars and articles in 2020 at no cost. Enjoy this exclusive benefit by redeeming online today.

www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars

*Please note the webinar for Parenting in the Age of Disruption has expired. We do have a number of other webinars available. If you have difficulty accessing the vouchers, please contact Erin on erin.jenkins@smnthmelbourne.catholic.edu.au

This weeks' Michael Grose article is titled:
Modelling Self Kindness

[insights-modelling-self-kindness.pdf](#)

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St. Michaels Primary School – Summer Holiday Program 2021
 8 Brougham Street North Melbourne Vic. 3051
 Service hours: 7:00am – 6:00pm

Bookings: YLV website at <https://ylv.com.au/vacation-care/> Email: admin@ylv.com.au
 or message/phone St. Michaels OSHC on 0419 480 000. Cost per day: \$55 Permanent and \$60 Casual

OSHC will still be sterilising its equipment and surfaces; engaging in regular hand washing with the children.

Parents are requested to wait in the hall foyer. YLV staff will sign the children in and out of the program.

Please give your child lunch and a snack every day and a refillable water bottle.

There are children with allergies and/or dietary restrictions, so sharing food is to be avoided.

St. Michaels school allergies policy is NO NUTS, we ask that no nut products are brought to school.

Weather permitting, your child may bring a bicycle, scooter or skateboard with appropriate safety gear.
 (Helmet, shoes, safety clothing) which will be stored inside the hall.

<p>Mon. 11th January WELCOME 2021</p>  <p>Our first day back at OSHC is all about celebrating the New Year. We will be playing some party games, glow-stick disco and making our own party treats! Dress in your favourite party outfit and get ready for a fun way to kick off the New Year!</p> 	<p>Tues. 12th January SUMMER FUN</p>  <p>It's Summer, the weather is heating up, so let's cool off with some water fun. Slide down the triple slide. Being part of our sandcastle competition TREAT: SUPER DOOPERS</p>  <p>BYO: Towels/Bathers/ Change of Clothes / Super-soakers</p>	<p>Wed. 13th January CIRCUS DAY</p>  <p>Roll up, roll up! Today is all about having fun and learning some circus skills. You will spin plates, learn some balancing tricks</p> <p>Be creative with Balloon creation, chalk drawings and Origami.</p> <p>Afternoon tea: Jelly fruit cups</p> 	<p>Thur. 14th January WHEELS DAY</p>  <p>Bring your favourite bike or scooter along for a day of fun. See if you can have the best time weaving through our obstacle course & time trials! Activities for the day include Hama beads, Pipe cleaner, Icy pole stick creations and</p> <p>make your very own Pizza</p> 	<p>Fri. 15th January BIG DAY IN</p>  <p>Enjoy a day with us a lot of fun games include: Basketball, Badminton, Crick Tennis and Soccer. Work in teams and build up your own Fizzy Lemonade</p> 
<p>Mon. 18th January CULTURAL DAY</p>  <p>Today is the chance to show case your culture. Come dressed in your traditional dress. We will be doing lots of fun activities throughout the day. Afternoon tea with Pancake</p> 	<p>Tues. 19th January SPORTS DAY</p>  <p>Rock the day with a variety sport: Soccer, Basketball, Ping-pong, Cricket and Tennis. There is an option to bring your own sports equipment. In afternoon we reward our teams by Ice cream</p> 	<p>Wed. 20th January WACKY WEDNESDAY</p>  <p>Today we will let our imaginations run wild and get our creative hats on! We'll make some Slime, create some wacky sculptures, art work and watch Dr Seuss "The Cat in the Hat" for some inspiration!</p> <p>Come along a wild day and Afternoon tea with Pop corn</p> 	<p>Thur. 21st January WET AND WILD</p>  <p>Come prepared to get soaked! Have fun playing: The sprinkler wet & wacky relay races play tiggy with your super soakers & soaked TREAT: SUPER DOOPERS</p>  <p>BYO: Towels/Bathers/ Change of Clothes / Super-soakers</p>	<p>Fri. 22nd January PARTY DAY</p>  <p>Let's end this week with a party! So put on your dancing shoes & come for a fun filled day, packed with lots of games, dancing & yummy party food!</p> <p>Please bring food in original packaging ONLY</p>

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Mon. 25 th January ALOHA PARTY	Tues. 26 th January AUSTRALIA DAY	Wed. 27 th January ALL ABOUT AUSTRALIA	Thur. 28 th January BACK TO SCHOOL	Fri. 29 th January LEGO BUILDING
 <p>Enjoy the sounds of Hawaii as we make leis, grass skirts, Tiki statues and many more Hawaii Luau crafts... Afternoon tea: Fruit kebabs Spend the afternoon showing your skills in the hula hoop contest watching Moana.</p> 	 	 <p>We celebrate everything Australian today. Join in the competition: staff vs children cricket, thong toss and sack race with and other fun and exciting activities. Creating clay Australia animal</p>  <p>No need to bring your lunch as you will get to eat some yummy sausage in bread.</p>	 <p>Start the new year making your own personalized stationary with recycled materials! Roll and knead on your perfect playdough. Afternoon tea: Fruit with Yoghurt. End the day with treasure hunting</p> 	 <p>We are lucky to have a structured Lego incursion coming to us today including 4 different stations! These include Mosaic, 3D Model, Motorised Technic and Creative Play. We will be make fruit salads with the Lego primary colours, have a tower-building contests and draw our own Lego figurines!</p> 



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2022 Enrolments Are Open

Contact Jodie McLeod at mcleodj@aloysius.vic.edu.au for further information.

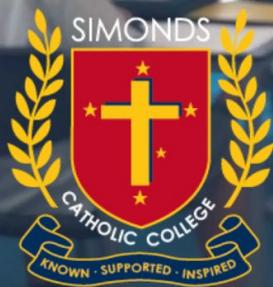
Limited places available for 2022 in all year levels.



St Aloysius College, North Melbourne | www.aloysius.vic.edu.au



LIMITED PLACES FOR 2021 ENTRY ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT ALL YEAR LEVELS. CONTACT THE REGISTRAR ON 9321 9200 OR INFO@SCCMELB.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU TO BEGIN THE ENROLMENT PROCESS.



YEAR 7 2022 APPLICATIONS OPEN

ENQUIRE AT [HTTPS://WWW.SCCMELB.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU/ENROL/ENROLMENT-PROCESS](https://www.sccmelb.catholic.edu.au/enrol/enrolment-process)

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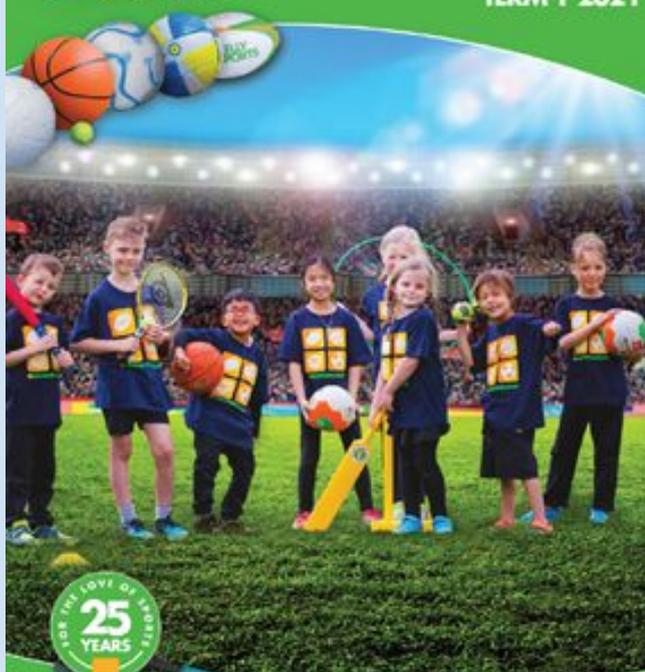
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SIZZLING SUMMER SPORTS

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WHEN: Monday's

DATES: 1st Feb - 29th Mar

TIME: 3.30pm - 4.40pm

YEAR LEVELS: Prep - 4

COST: \$120 (8 weeks)

Early Bird Price of \$112 if paid by 1.2.21

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Learn music

Online

Creative Music for Schools is still serving the students of St. Michaels Primary School with instrumental music lessons.

However we have moved our lesson delivery online until circumstances allow us to resume lessons at school.

Learn to play keyboard, guitar,

Lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Online lesson costs are substantially reduced and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 4.

Interested parents should email Brenda on brenda@creativemusic.com.au

 Creative Music
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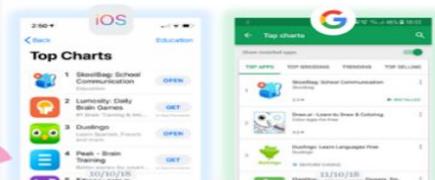
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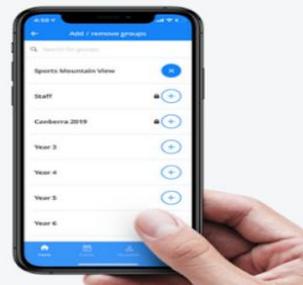
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