



Important Dates

Book Week Parade
Friday 27 August

**Touch Football
Carnival**
Tuesday 31 August

**Father™s Day
Stall**
Friday 3 September

**Book Fair
commences**
Wednesday 8 September

School Photos
Wednesday 15 September

**Japanese Spring
Festival**
Thursday 16 September

School Disco
Friday 17 September

**Catholic Schools
Music Festival**
Thursday 23 September

**Mercy Day/Term 3
concludes**
Friday 24 September

From the Principal



Dear Parents/Caregivers, Students, Staff, and Friends of St Raphael's School,

Book Week

On Friday our students will be involved in the annual Book Week Parade. This year, it falls upon parents/caregivers to help students create their costumes and come dressed from home. This year's Book Week theme is: 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'. Following the parade, students will be involved in buddy reading activities. We will take many photos to share with our families as we cannot invite parents/caregivers to school to support this function.

Extra-Curricular Art Classes

This afternoon, Cherie Jaeschke, local artist, and comic illustrator began afterschool Art Classes for interested students. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to foster their creative talents. Please contact the school Office if you wish your child/en to participate in these classes. Materials are supplied by Cherie and the classes run for one hour after school on Wednesdays beginning at 3:15pm.

Father's Special/VIP's Stall

As Father's Day is fast approaching, Gaia Ricci, our Parents and Friends Chair has organised this year's Father's/Special VIP's Stall. The stall is available on Friday 3 September and gift prices range from \$2 - \$5. We offer the stall as a service to our community so please support the P&F by sending your child to school with some money to purchase a gift for their dad and or special VIPs. Thank you too, to our parent helpers who have volunteered to help facilitate the stall.

Building Development News

We hope to begin the long-awaited refurbishment of the upstairs two storey building in the next few weeks. INCA Building Group have been appointed to develop the site in conjunction with Studio Nine Architects. We also received recent news that we have been further supported by Catholic Education SA, as part of the Enhancing Catholic Schools Project with an allocation of additional substantial funds allowing us to begin the second and third stage of our Master Plan. This will mean a major rebuild of our school. We welcome these funds as this will help create learning spaces that are far more contemporary, allowing for flexible learning to take place.

Next year we will once again offer single streamed classes and this is possible due to the Enhancing Catholic Schools Project.

We are excited about our forthcoming plans and I will share building concept plans with our community once they have been developed. This process will also include community consultation in due course. Exciting times ahead for our St Raphael's School!

With every best wish,

Mia Harms

Principal

Religious Education News



Many of you will have seen the saddening and confronting reports and images coming from Afghanistan over the past few weeks and although in recent months our new feed coverage has been saturated with COVID and vaccination information, my hearts pains for the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Afghanistan. The discussion around refugees and those seeking asylum has come to the fore and again we hear about countries around the world taking differing stances on how to support those fleeing their homelands. It got me thinking about the exiled Holy family of Nazareth; Joseph, Mary and Jesus, fleeing into Egypt to escape Herod's command. Today, tragically, over 45 million people around the world are displaced due to war, natural disasters, persecution and economic conditions. The Catholic Church seeks to look after and care for refugees and migrants and we teach that all people have the right to live a dignified life in their homeland. Last Sunday, Pope Francis shared the following sentiments, which I hope will reach those who need our prayers at this time. The Holy See stated, "I join in the unanimous concern for the situation in Afghanistan. I ask all of you to pray with me to the God of peace, so that the clamour of weapons might cease and solutions can be found at the table of dialogue..... Only through dialogue, can the battered population of that country – men, women, elderly and children – return to their own homes and live in peace and security, in total mutual respect."

Assumption of Mary Liturgy

Last week, we gathered to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation in Australia. As this Feast day fell on a Sunday, we marked the occasion with a beautiful liturgy led by Father Tony Simbel. It was his first visit to the school and the children warmly welcomed him. He spoke to the children about Mary's courage to say 'yes' to God and how we can learn from her and use that same courage in our daily lives.

Religious Education around the school

This term our students continue to engage in rich Religious Education learning experiences. Our Year 6 students are focusing on two concepts, Mary and Vocations and the different branches of Christianity. In Year 5, students are exploring the Holy Spirit, Indigenous spirituality and the Catholic call for the care of our common home. Our Year 4 students participated in the RELAT assessment last week and continue their learning around Sacred Texts and the different genres within the Bible. In Year 3, our learners are exploring the concept of love and how it fits into both the Catholic tradition and their daily lives. They will also be breaking open the Mass and understanding the different components of this Eucharistic celebration. In Year 2, our young people are focussing on God as creator and understanding the importance of being part of a Catholic community includes respecting the beliefs and practices of other religious traditions. Care for creation and seeing God's love for the world in ordinary things and events is the focus for our Year 1 learners and finally in Reception, our students are exploring how they can be just like Jesus as well as learning about two important Catholic prayers- the Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary. Be sure to check them out on our socials – it will warm your heart!

Sacramental Program: Reconciliation preparation

We will be commencing the second round of Reconciliation preparation for those children interested in making this Sacrament in 2021. Early next year, the children will then prepare for both the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist. We will hold a parent information evening on Wednesday 8 September at the Monastery at 7pm. For more information please contact me via the school office or email at kmanera@raph.catholic.edu.au

Southern Cross

Please find attached the link to the Southern Cross which features a story about some of our students who received awards in the inaugural state gifted and talented awareness competition.

<https://thesoutherncross.org.au>

Have a wonderful week ahead!

God bless,

Kelly Manera

Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

From the Director of Learning



Women in STEM Breakfast

Catholic Education South Australia, in partnership with Optus, is proud to announce our first Women in STEM Breakfast, taking place on 20 September at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

This wonderful opportunity is pitched at girls aged 10 – 17 and aims to promote STEM, providing girls with good female role models whose career is in STEM. As we know, it is when young girls can see themselves 'reflected in the role', that they are more likely to pursue a career in that field.

It is important that the gender imbalance in STEM related industries is addressed. New research conducted by the Australian Council for Educational Research, found that girls are less likely to enrol in STEM courses, and highlights the importance of creating opportunities for young women to see themselves in STEM related careers. STEM careers are pivotal for Australia's economic prosperity and meeting future workforce requirements (Timms et al., 2018).

Attendees will receive a delicious breakfast, take part in Kahoot games, ask questions in a Q and A panel, and have the opportunity to win door prizes.

If your daughter is interested in attending, I have access to a number of free double passes for a parent/caregiver and child (aged 10 or above). Please contact me at school or via email mfarrugia@raph.catholic.edu.au by this Friday 27 August.

Marianne Farrugia

Assistant Principal - Director of Learning

Performing Arts



Catholic Schools Music Festival

Last Thursday our Festival Choir attended a combined rehearsal at Loreto College. They sang through all of the songs and polished the choreography. Students enjoyed the beautiful sound they made together and are looking forward to the performance.

Tickets are now on sale through Ticketek for "Hear Us", Thursday 23 September. It will be a fantastic evening!

Amanda Rugari

Performing Arts Coordinator

Sports Report



Catholic Schools Cross Country Carnival

Last Wednesday, 18 August, in glorious sunshine, an amazing 32 students from Years 3-6 competed in the annual Catholic Schools Cross-Country Event in the East Parklands. They had been preparing for some time leading up to this event, which involves a challenging 2km run through a shallow creek, up and down slopes and negotiating your way amongst a crowd of other runners (over 150 students in many races), particularly at the start! I am so proud of how all of our cross-country runners took up the challenge, trained hard and were rewarded with completion of the gruelling course. They truly demonstrated one of our school learner dispositions of being resilient to be involved in this event.

Special congratulations to Roman R (Year 5) who came first in the Boys Year 5 Division C race and Savannah D (Year 5) who finished second in the Girls Year 5 Division C race - a magnificent effort! Special mention to the following students who finished in the top 20 of their race: Alessandro C (6th), Jacob J (11th), Natalia S (13th), Angela M (13th), Amy S (14th), Ada L (14th) and Xavier R (20th).

Well done to all of our runners, including those mentioned above and below, who represented the school in true St.Raphael's spirit:

Zane G, Lucas S, Facundo A-V, Josh M, Naomi T, Sara M, Ashton C, Aiden B, Sidney D, Georgia A, Holly K, Milla W, Gracie N, Mia K, Luca L, Nathan F, Oliver H, Nicholas P, Loraine C, James C, Caroline S and Isla A.

Thank you to our parent volunteers, Emma Alexander and Nayomi Fernando, who acted as officials for the event. Also, many thanks to David Monti and pre-service teacher Curtis Ding for their management, care and support of the students on the day. Once again, a great team effort that resulted in a physically challenging yet wonderful day!

SAPSASA District Representation - Soccer

Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who successfully trialled to be selected in the SAPSASA District Year 6 Soccer Team: Sienna C and Ada L selected in the Girls Team and Alessandro C and Xavier R in the Boys Team. They have been selected in the Adelaide Southeast District Team and will compete in the upcoming State Carnival from 1 - 3 September against all of the other districts across the entire state. Well done and we wish all the best for your upcoming event – our school is very proud of you!

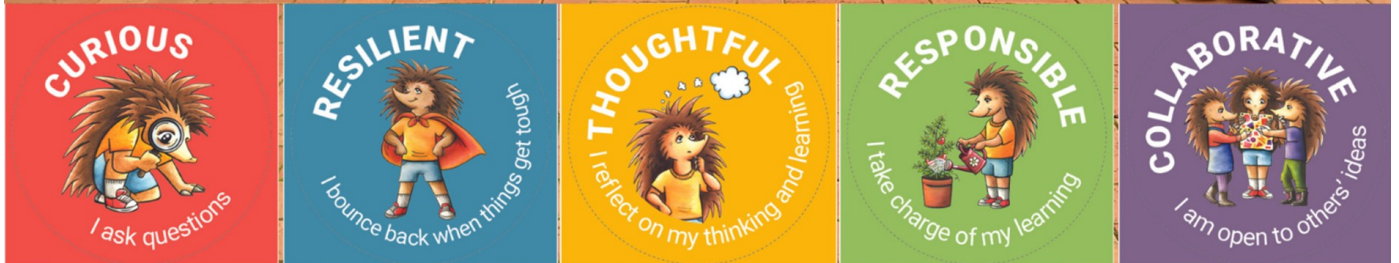
Jeanette Archer

PE Teacher and Sport Coordinator

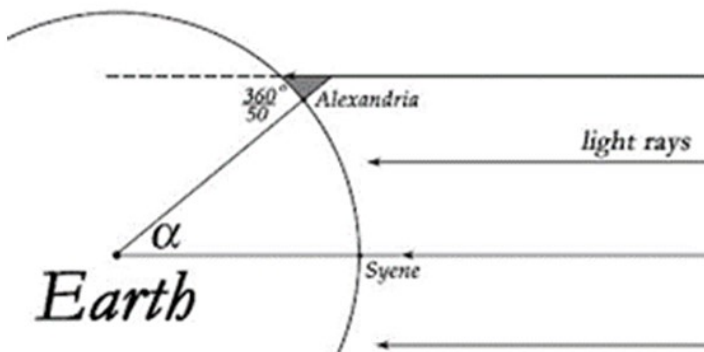


Year 4 Class

Our Year 4 learners have continued to exercise and strengthen their Learner Dispositions, from the resilience they demonstrated during camp late last term and throughout the lockdown early this term, to the collaboration and curiosity they bring to the classroom each and every day. We look forward to our Year 4 learners continuing to take charge of their learning, growing, and thriving together in the vibrant community of St Raphael's School.



Learner Writings



It's always been important to understand the world we live in. Given recent Google trends, this has never been more important. You may

not believe this but sadly, more and more people today once again think the Earth is flat. In this explanation, Eratosthenes uses facts from his 'Well Theory' to explain why he believes the world is a sphere. A 'sphere' is a round, 3D object like a tennis ball.

Eratosthenes asked his companion to check the shadow in a well in Syene at noon when the sun was directly above the well. They agreed that there shouldn't be a shadow in the well. They were both correct, there wasn't a shadow. Eratosthenes' companion thought that this would bring an end to Eratosthenes' crazy idea that Earth is a sphere.

At exactly the same time, Eratosthenes was in Alexandria which is much further north from Syene. When he looked in a well, he found a shadow! Eratosthenes then took factual measurements of the shadow in the well.

Once they finished their investigations. Eratosthenes and his companion met up to discuss what was in their well. His companion went first and told him that there where no shadows in his well. Then Eratosthenes went and told his companion that he had found a shadow in his well and had recorded the measurement to prove it.

In conclusion, we need to stop just believing random opinions we read on the internet that haven't been proven with scientific facts and theories.

The image above shows the light rays at 12 noon wells in Alexandria and Syene.

Book Week Parade this Friday

CBCA BOOK WEEK

OLD WORLDS, NEW WORLDS, OTHER WORLDS

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Parish Bulletin





MASKS IN SCHOOLS

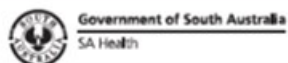
Masks are required to be worn by:

-  Secondary students, when indoors
-  School staff (except when teaching or engaging with students)
-  All adult visitors to sites, including Early Childhood Education and Care
-  Staff in meeting rooms
-  Secondary students and adults on school buses and public transport

Exceptions apply.

Primary students do not need to wear masks.

For more information visit
sahealth.sa.gov.au/covidmasks



Premier's Reading Challenge

PREMIER'S

READING

Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed their challenge:

Natalia S, Holly K, Roman R, Joshua R, Gracie N, Lucia D P, Georiga A, Rafael K, Stirling S, Winjeth N, Lucas S, Alessandro C, Naomi T, Hugo N, Rebecca S, Sara M, Mackenzie H and Herbie S.

Reporting an Absence



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To report your child's absence please contact the school office by either email absent@raph.catholic.edu.au, phoning the school 8272 2368 or via the Skoolbag App. We ask parents not to use Seesaw to report absences.

Stay home if unwell



It is important that students who are unwell stay at home to stop the spread of illness within the school community. Thank you.