



## Important Dates

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### School Photos

Wednesday 16 September  
2020

### Show Your True Colours Day

Tuesday 22 September 2020

### Mercy Day

Friday 25 September 2020

### Term 3 concludes

Friday 25 September 2020

### Term 4 commences

Monday 12 October 2020

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## From the Principal



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

We have some exciting news to share. Yesterday we went live with our new website. Have you noticed the new newsletter layout, the new Newsroom? Our families may have noticed that things are looking a little different. We're part of a pilot project for Catholic Education South Australia to test and showcase this new functionality for our electronic newsletters - we hope you'll love the addition of video content, photo galleries and all of our news stories for each edition featured on the one page.

If you're reading this from within your email, click on one of the stories below to view our whole newsletter on the one page in this amazing new format.

We thank Denise and Marianne for their additional input into this project. We also thank the many families for allowing us to use images of their children on the website.

As I wrote to you recently, we are in the process of employing additional personnel to work in partnership with us to help grow our school. We are excited to announce the appointment of Katrina Tucker as the St Raphael's School Marketing Communications Coordinator. Katrina brings a wealth of experience to this role and we know that Katrina will be warmly welcomed into our community.

I hope that all fathers, grandfathers and special VIPs enjoyed a special day with their families on Sunday. On his day too, we remembered all fathers who have passed away and we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. It was wonderful to see so many visitors on our school site too, who were able to share in the Liturgy last Friday.

As we begin to wind up the school term, I thank our parent community who continually support us and work in partnership with us to achieve the best outcomes for their children. I remind families too that wearing the correct uniform is also part of our high expectations. If unsure of our uniform policy, an electronic copy can be found on our website.

Next term students return wearing their summer uniform with a two week phase in period to accommodate for the unpredictability of the weather. If families need to order any uniform items, please do so via the Qkr App prior to the end of term.

With every best wish

**Mia Harms**

*Principal*



## Religious Education News



Last week we gathered with some of the Dads and Grandparents in our school community to celebrate the gift that is fatherhood. We shared the story of the Parable of the Forgiving Father who demonstrated an abundance of love and compassion. In acting out the role of the Forgiving Father, Mr Monti helped us to understand that fatherhood brings challenges and joys (and a touch of good humour always helps!) Thanks also to Luke Read and Lev Makaev who also shared with us some of their experiences of fatherhood. We offer this prayer for all the fathers and father figures in our world.

*Thank you God for fathers and father figures in our world and for the many ways that they support and inspire us.*

*Bless them and give them great peace and joy.*

*Show them how much they are loved and appreciated.*

*Guide their steps so that their decisions become blessings that bring love and care to others,*

*We make this prayer through Jesus who is our model of love,*

Amen

### **Mercy Day**

This year we celebrate 140 years since the Sisters of Mercy arrived in South Australia. St Raphael's School was one of the first schools they established, and Mercy sisters had a presence in our school until the 1980s. We are now responsible for living out the Mercy tradition as promoted by Catherine McAuley, the founder of the Mercy Sisters. As we prepare for Mercy Day celebrations, we will be learning about how the spirit of mercy is lived out in a variety of communities that Mercy sisters support through their programmes in Australia, Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste. The Year 6 students as part of their Religious Education learning for this term will be preparing activities for all the students to participate in on the last Friday of term 25 September. We will not be asking for monetary donations on this day because the proceeds from Show Your True Colours Day will be donated to Mercy Works. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Blessings,

**Sue Coghlan**

*APRIM (Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission)*

## From the Director of Learning



### St Raphael's School Learner Dispositions

Today I met with the student representative group, Student Voice, to gain their insights on our draft list of learner dispositions.

Over the past number of weeks, students, staff and families have contributed to the process of identifying five key learner dispositions that students can develop and use to boost their learning.

Our draft list is as follows:

RESILIENCE

CURIOSITY

THINKING

TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

COLLABORATING

Our Student Voice group spent some time today unpacking these concepts and explaining their understanding of them. Some important insights the learners raised were:

Being brave is important to our learning but is it more a part of being resilient or taking responsibility?

You use your brain to think but you also need to use your imagination.

When collaborating with others you need to listen and be open to each other.

Being curious is the first step, but you need to be inquisitive – to actually inquire into what you are wondering about.

This rich conversation will help us to make these ideas accessible to all learners in our school.

**Marianne Farrugia**

*Assistant to the Principal, Director of Learning*



## Performing Arts



### **Instrumental Lessons**

A reminder that withdrawing from the instrumental program requires 3 weeks' notice, to both the tutor and myself to allow time for new students to be contacted and timetables to be updated. Students who wish to commence instrumental lessons must complete a form and return to the Office by the end of Week 9 to be added to the timetable if lessons are available.

### **Catholic Schools Music Festival**

The recording of this year's Catholic Schools Music Festival will take place on Monday 21 September. Please ensure consent forms are returned promptly and the online media consent form has been completed. The video will be live streamed in Term 4, with details to be provided at a later date.

### **Amanda Rugari**

*Performing Arts Coordinator*

## Sport Report



### Catholic Schools Touch Football Carnival

In Week 7, 52 students from Year 3 to Year 6 participated in the annual Catholic Schools Touch Football Carnival. Our school was represented most admirably by each and every member of the 3 boys' teams and 2 girls' teams that competed on the day.

Thank you to the following parents who assisted with supervision/managing of students on the day: Kylie Neal, Emma Alexander, Luke Read, Joanne Ryan, Julie Rechichi, Phil Buttfield, Lincoln Gabel, Amanda Erwin and Chris Roper. Thanks also to following staff members for their assistance: David Monti, Clare Deverson and Anthony Sicari.

Taking this many students off-site into a public setting is a big undertaking – without the help of the parent volunteers and teachers mentioned above, it would not be possible – great teamwork everyone!

Congratulations to the following students who represented our school, also displaying great teamwork and development of their skills throughout the day:

Hannah E, Yafa El K, Lucy B, Edwina R, Alice K, Millie R, Angel M, Chloe B, Pallas H, Eden G, Sienna C, Lucas W-C, Cormac R, Brodie S, Liam B, Mitchell B, Massimo S, Jackson McP, William W, Hugo N, Zane G, Johnny McE, Alessandro C, Lucas S, Archie N, Xavier R, Josh McK, Winjeth N, Luella R, Ella B, Jemima McI, Maja B, Lucy D-P, Savannah D, Mia K, Georgia A, Milla W, Gracie N, Holly K, Natalia S, Luca L, Alexander G, Ethan T, Peter N, Maxim M, Sidney D, Aiden B, Joshua R, Max L, Roman R, Rafael K and Aston C.

### School Holiday Sports Clinics

There are a number of Sports Holiday Clinics for primary aged students happening in the upcoming school holidays.

### Jeanette Archer

*P.E. Teacher and Sport Coordinator*





## Japanese - Celebrating the Haru No Hi Spring Day



We are celebrating the 'Haru No Hi' Spring Day to welcome the spring season in Week 9 on Thursday from 8:55am to 9:15am on the oval.

### What does this look like?

Students wearing *hachi maki* (Japanese headbands)

Taiko drumming

*Haru Ga Gita* dance

Cherry blossom tree parade

Students look forward to celebrating Japanese culture together.

**Reena Aftab**

*Japanese Teacher*

## Canteen



### **Sausage Sizzle Lunch Special - Friday 25 September**

To celebrate Mercy Day and the last day of Term 3 we will be having a Sausage Sizzle lunch special.

A flyer will go home with all students this week.

Please note: there will be no other lunch orders available on the day.



## Show Your True Colours Day



Traditionally, September is finals month, but this year it's a little different. Despite COVID – 19, the Student Voice want to acknowledge all sport supporters who have stuck by their teams. Come to school on Tuesday 22 September (Week 10) wearing your favourite sporting team's colours – AFL, soccer, netball, club sports and more. Donate a gold coin, which will go towards Mercy Works. Students will also be able to purchase 1 cup of popcorn for only 50 cents at lunchtime.

## Australian Dental Foundation Free Dental Examinations

Next term we have an opportunity for the Australian Dental Foundation to visit our school to provide free dental examinations for our students. To help us decide if this is a viable option please email the office [info@raph.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@raph.catholic.edu.au) if interested before Wednesday 23 September.



The Premier's Reading Challenge 2020 concluded on Friday 4 September. Congratulations to the following students who completed their challenge since our previous newsletter: Hugo N, Gabriel L, Jaeden F, Sarah F, Alice K, Chloe B, Cormac R, Mitchell B, Hannah E, Ada L, Rebecca S and Angela M.

**'Life. Be in it' Sport for All - Unley**  
**School Holiday Sports Clinics**  
Fun-filled sessions of drills, skills and game-play!



**Dates:**  
Monday 28th September : Netball  
Tuesday 29th September : Basketball  
Wednesday 30th September : Volleyball  
Thursday 1st October : Futsal (Soccer)

**Session Times:**  
9am - 11am : Beginner | 5-7 Year Olds  
12pm - 2pm : Intermediate | 7-9 Year Olds  
3pm - 5pm : Experienced | 9-12 Year Olds

**Ages:** 5 - 12 years old

**Cost:** \$25 per child per session (2 hours)

**Where:** 'Life. Be in it' Sport for All - Unley  
(Kitchener Street, Netherby)

**Bookings are essential as places are limited!**  
**Book today at [www.lifebeinitunley.org](http://www.lifebeinitunley.org)**

What do you think of our new Newsletter?

We would appreciate your feedback.\*:

- I think the newsletter looks great.
- I didn't notice a difference.
- I preferred the other format.

What would you like to see in future editions?:



## Parish Bulletin

[Click here to read the Parish Bulletin](#)

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### "The Lads"

These school holidays Growing With Gratitude has partnered with the City of Unley to run a program for 8 - 11 year old boys. Find out more here.

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