



## Important Dates

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**Principal's Tour**  
Thursday 22 October 2020

**Reception/Year 1  
Assembly**  
Friday 23 October 2020

**School Board  
Meeting**  
Tuesday 27 October 2020

**Athletics Carnival**  
Monday 2 November 2020

**Year 1/ 2 Assembly**  
Friday 6 November 2020

**Sports Day 2020**  
Thursday 19 November 2020

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## From the Principal



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

Welcome to the new term!

This term we have much happening. Last week we filmed the school concert in stages and all families will be sent the link for their child/ren's performance by the end of this week. This was something new for us and a different way of presenting Performing Arts learning, so our families are still able to participate.

We have a few other exciting announcements to make regarding our staffing for 2021. During the holiday period, Marianne Farrugia, Sue Coghlan and I, held interviews for a few positions we have on offer at our school. We were fortunate and received quite a few applications for each position.

As I have written to families previously, Sue Coghlan has won a position as a Religious Education Consultant at the Catholic Education Office for two years commencing in January 2021. Kelly Manera has been appointed in her stead and students will have the opportunity to meet with her later this term. Kelly is a well-qualified educator who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this leadership role.

Wendy Davey has been appointed to the role of Education Support Officer - Administration. Wendy is currently managing the front desk in a share situation with Denise D'Alessandro. Wendy is also known to all our students as one of the Education Support Officers-Learning Support. Wendy will also continue her learning support role.

Katrina Tucker has been appointed as the Marketing Coordinator and has begun her work with us. Miranda McLaughlin has been appointed as one of our Early Years teachers beginning in 2021. Miranda is currently teaching at another Catholic school. Anthony Sicari has been appointed as one of our Primary Teachers and will continue his employment with St Raphael's School next year.

Late last term, we received news that Emma Heinrich, one of our teachers who left on Maternity Leave in August 2017, will not be returning next year as she has won a substantive position at another Catholic school. Emma may be known to some of our families having taught at this school for 14 years previously.

Last Thursday I met the architects and Catholic Educational Personnel to begin preliminary discussions regarding the refurbishment of the top level of the 2 storey building. Earlier this year I applied for a Commonwealth and State Capital Grants Program and we were

successful in winning some funds to kick start this project. We are really excited about our plans for this school.

Families would have received a letter late last term, detailing the fee structure for 2021. A link to the fee structure is [here](#). We are committed to ensuring that all current and future families have access to a Catholic education and especially one here at St Raphael's School.

With every best wish,

**Mia Harms**

*Principal*

## Religious Education News



Celebrations are an important part of our Catholic tradition and we have had several reasons to celebrate this week.

### **10th Anniversary of the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop**

As we remember the legacy of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop we are called to 'Take Fresh Courage.' As Mary battled to get her new order accepted by the church she was excommunicated by the local Archbishop. Mary did not hold any resentment or ill-feeling, but she showed her great strength by travelling to Rome to seek an audience with the Pope and have her new order accepted and the excommunication overturned.

### **Feast of St Paul of the Cross Founder of the Passionists**

Fr Denis spoke at all the weekend Masses about the challenges St Paul of the Cross faced in starting his order. He wanted his order to reach out to the marginalized and the poor who were not always being catered for at the time. It took 50 years for his order to be officially recognised!

We can certainly be inspired by the faith and perseverance of these two incredible Saints as well as many others who have gone before us and created this rich tradition for us today.

### **First Communion**

This is the tradition that we celebrate each time we gather as a Catholic community. We congratulate Gracie and Archie N who celebrated their First Communion over the weekend and are now fully initiated into the Catholic Church. We have several more celebrations over the coming weeks and you are welcome to join us as we celebrate with the parish and their families.

Go peacefully,

**Sue Coghlan**

*APRIM (Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission)*

# Mercy Day 2020

On Friday 25 September, the last day of Term 3, we celebrated Mercy Day. Students attended a whole school Liturgy, followed by a variety of activities where they learned about this importance of MercyWorks.



# Sports Report



## **Term 4 Master Blaster/Kanga Cricket Resumes**

Second half of the cricket season resumes on Saturday 31 October for our Year 2/3 Master Blaster/Kanga team. Please ensure that your child attends their designated training session on Wednesdays after school from 3:15pm – 4:00pm, as they are an important part of ensuring development of skills required for game day.

## **Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival**

Forty-five students from Years 3 to 6 are busy preparing themselves for this annual event which will take place on Monday 2 November at Athletics SA Stadium at Mile End. I have been so impressed by their enthusiasm and willingness to train and improve their fitness and skills for their selected events leading up to the Carnival. We wish them all the best on their endeavours!

## **Kelly Sports Basketball Program**

Our school Basketball Skills Program got underway yesterday after school. Twenty enthusiastic students from Reception to Year 6 have signed up to develop their skills and learn the basics of the game of basketball over the next five weeks.

## **Hot Weather Policy – Summer Sport**

A reminder that if the forecasted temperature is 36° or above on any given day, all sport games and trainings are automatically cancelled. If you are unsure, ring the school after 2pm on the day to determine if session will go ahead.

## **Sports Day 2020 – Put the date in your diary!**

Our re-scheduled Sports Day 2020 will be held on Thursday 19 November from 9:15am – 1:00pm. Parents/caregivers are most welcome to attend. Students have re-commenced their preparation for the big day in their PE lessons, practising their sprints, hurdles, baton relay, team novelty games and more. A more detailed note regarding Sports Day will be distributed to the school community in Week 4.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Angel M (Year 6) on her recent achievements in her chosen sport of tennis. She is very committed to her tennis and has had a successful season with her club, Denman. Angel was part of a team that won the Southern District Tennis Association championship in Division 2 Girls. In addition, Angel also competed in 4 more tournaments recently, resulting in her being the winner in two and runner-up in the other two tournaments. Well done, Angel!

## **Jeanette Archer**

*P.E. and Sport Coordinator*

## Welcome Katrina



Hello St Raphael's School community, my name is Katrina Tucker and I have been appointed as the Marketing and Communications Coordinator. One of my aims is to ensure that St Raphael's School continues to be a quality choice school. To that end, I am busy writing our Marketing Strategy, forming partnerships with Kindergartens, instigating art projects around the school to lift our appearance and visibility from Glen Osmond Rd, and setting up our Instagram and YouTube channel. The YouTube channel is initially being set up to house 'unlisted' videos for our Kindergarten partnerships that will not be made publicly available. In the next few weeks, we will also be sending out a Parent Satisfaction Survey and I strongly encourage you to complete this so we can make the right planning decisions for next year. I am at school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and if you have any queries please don't hesitate to email me at [ktucker@raph.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ktucker@raph.catholic.edu.au)

I look forward to our continued partnership.

**Katrina Tucker**

*Marketing and Communications Coordinator*

## Finance Office

### Payment of fees

Fee statements have been mailed out to all families this last week.

Note that payment of fees is required to be finalised by the end of November.

Thank you for your immediate attention to any outstanding accounts.

Information regarding 2021 school fees was emailed to families last term. Please refer to our website to download School Fee Information 2021.

**Jodi Jansons**

Finance Officer

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## Our School Concert 2020

Well done and congratulations to our students who had a great time filming this year's Concert last Thursday 15 October.



## Canteen News



### Term 4 Canteen Menu

Our Summer Menu for this term is available [here](#) and salads and wraps are back!

### Sports Day Help Needed

If anyone is available to assist the Canteen on Sports Day, Thursday 19 November, it would be greatly appreciated. We are looking to have a sausage sizzle, together with lots of delicious snacks throughout the day. More information regarding preorders will be provided closer to the day.

Emma Alexander

## Sports Day Raffle Donations Request



St Raphael's Sports Day will be held on Thursday 19 November from 9:15am – 1:00pm at the school. To get ourselves into the spirit of this whole school event, we are asking if every family in the school can donate one or more items in their child's team colour. All items will be collected and placed into themed Sports Day colour gift baskets, which will be raffled on the day. A few basic suggestions could be a red drink bottle, a blue cap, a yellow beach ball or some green tennis balls. Be creative, with items that will excite and surprise! If donating food items, non-perishable is definitely the way to go. We could appreciate it if all items can be brought to the school by Thursday 12 November.

## Sports Day 2020



Our Sports Day will be held on Thursday 19 November from 9:15am to 1:00pm at the school. Parents/Caregivers are welcome to attend. This year we will require you to RSVP so we can account for all who may be attending. More information will be sent home to families in the next couple of weeks.



# Parish Bulletin

Please click [here](#) to read the latest Parish Bulletin.

## Congratulations Angel



Please see Jeanette Archer's Sports Report for more information on Angel's amazing achievements.

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## The Southern Cross

Please enjoy the latest edition of *The Southern Cross*.

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