



Newsletter 17 2020

Important Dates

Indigenous Artist
Incursion Year 3 and
4
Thursday 5 November

Year 1/ 2 Assembly
Friday 6 November

School Dental Clinic
commences
Monday 9 November

Little Raphs
Program Visit 1
Friday 13 November

Sports Day 2020
Thursday 19 November

Little Raphs
Program Visit 2
Friday 20 November

Water Safety
Program
commences
Monday 23 November

Little Raphs
Program Visit 3
Friday 27 November

School Board
Meeting
Tuesday 1 December

Little Raphs
Program Visit 4
Friday 4 December

End of Year Mass
Friday 4 December

Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 9 December

Term 4 concludes
Thursday 10 December

From the Principal



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

On Sunday 1 November, we celebrated All Saints Day, a day we remembered and honoured all the saints, known and unknown. Saints are people who have done ordinary things in extraordinary ways and for some, whom the Catholic Church has formally recognised. Our first Australian Saint, Mary MacKillop, St Mary of the Cross, was canonised in October 2010. She was an educator, a social reformer and the leader of the Josephite Sisters. It was through her vision, resilience and tenacity that we have a Catholic education system today.

We too are all called to be saints. Each of us can choose to do little things in our lives to show compassion, mercy and social justice. Our children are often great examples to us by their innate goodness with one another, and their genuine concern for the 'other'. On Monday 2 November, we celebrated the Feast of All Souls, a day we remember all those who have passed. Two feast days that are very important in the Catholic tradition.

The annual Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival took place on Monday and our school was represented. A team of 45 students from Years 3 – 6 participated enthusiastically throughout the day. A special mention to Sienna C for taking the first position in the Open 1500 metre race for girls. A tremendous thank you too, to all the parent volunteers who supported us on this day and to Jeanette Archer, our supervising teachers, Anthony Sicari and David Monti, and to all our participating students who did our school community proud.

A letter will be sent home to all families detailing the events of the upcoming Annual Sports Day later this week. Parents/caregivers have been invited to attend and due to COVID –19 health regulations, parents/caregivers are required to send back an RSVP so we can account for all our visitors. During this past year it has not been possible to have parents/caregivers attend many events and we want to ensure that this day runs smoothly and is risk free for our students and for all attending. At the conclusion of Sports Day, students may go home with their parents/caregivers or they may remain at school.

Please also support the event by providing a team-coloured raffle prize donation. We hope to create a few gift baskets for our community and raffle these on the day. Thank you to the families who have already sent in their donations.

Last week an invitation was sent to families to complete the 2020 School Satisfaction Survey and to date, twenty families have completed the survey. Thank you. We want and value your feedback and look forward to receiving your responses in the next week.

On Friday 13 November we welcome our new 2021 Reception students as part of the Little Raph's Transition Program. Marianne and I have been visiting many Kindergartens and reacquainting ourselves with our newest members these past couple of weeks. We look

forward to our partnership with their families journeying with us over the course of the coming years.

With every best wish,

Mia Harms

Principal


St Raphael's School Families Satisfaction Survey 2020



Please spend a few minutes to complete our survey [here](#). We'd like to find out how you feel about our school. Your feedback will be used in our planning for next year and help us provide the best possible experience for your child[ren] and family.

If you have any queries about this survey please email Katrina Tucker, Marketing and Communications Coordinator at ktucker@raph.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your time and feedback.



We are all called to be great saints, don't miss the opportunity.

Mother Angelica

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There are many feast days in the Catholic Church that recognise individual saints. 1 November is All Saints Day, the day that we share a global celebration for all the saints that have lived at different times and in different places across the globe. They share a common faith and commitment to spreading the Good News of Jesus. What do we know about saints?

God is the one who calls people to become saints;

Saints are people who love God and others - you can't separate one from the other;

Saints show their love for God by loving others;

The love that Saints have for others is an echo, a reflection of the love that God has for others;

Saints find out how God is calling them to love by being attentive to the needs of "people in the world they live in;

The lives of Saints tell us something about God: when God calls certain people in certain situations to love in certain ways, God is telling us what is important in God's eyes;

Saints are called by God to respond to the needs of the time. Saints are not just people who lived in the past. We are all called to be saints in each new day of our lives.

What does our world need to hear from God today?

What will 21st century Saints look like?

What will these Saints do to love others and to be a sign of God's love in our world?

St Raphael... Pray for us

St Paul of the Cross... Pray for us

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop... Pray for us

Blessings,

Sue Coghlan

APRIM (Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission)

Performing Arts News



Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir 2021

The CSMF choir is open to students in Year 5 and Year 6 in 2021. It involves learning set repertoire and then performing in a massed choir at the Festival Theatre. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to perform in a professional venue and students learn many skills along the way. Choir is inclusive of all students and does not require an audition process. Students may trial choir this term, however in order to run the choir next year sign up and payment will need to be completed by the end of this year, with a minimum of 10 students involved.

Instrumental Lesson 2021

All students currently taking instrumental lessons at school have received a note regarding next year. Please return these notes as soon as possible to plan for teacher availability. If you have a child who would like to learn an instrument next year, notes are available in the office. Students who return an expression of interest will be placed on the list and be contacted by the relevant tutor in 2021 to confirm a place.

Amanda Rugari

Performing Arts Coordinator

From the Director of Learning



Moderation

This week our teaching staff travelled to Stirling to engage in moderation conversations with our colleagues from St Catherine's School and St Joseph's School, Kingswood. Each school staff have been engaging in professional learning about standards-referenced assessment – that is using the Achievement Standards of the Australian Curriculum to both inform learning design as well as assist with assessment decisions.

Whilst our focus is primarily on learning growth and progress for our learners, teachers are required to make a decision about the level of achievement for each learner two times per year in relation to A-E grades for reporting purposes. These decisions are made based upon learning evidence in relation the Achievement Standards. It is important when making these decisions that we are consistent and accurate and that is why moderation conversations with colleagues who teach the same year level are important.

Our teachers appreciated the opportunity to engage in professional conversations with colleagues and, going forward, this will become a regular part of our professional learning to ensure consistency and accuracy of assessment decisions.

For your information the Achievement Standards are available on the Australian Curriculum website – follow the links below.

[Achievement on a Page – Foundation](#)

[Achievement on a Page – Year 1](#)

[Achievement on a Page – Year 2](#)

[Achievement on a Page – Year 3](#)

[Achievement on a Page – Year 4](#)

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[Achievement on a Page – Year 6](#)

Marianne Farrugia

Assistant Principal Director of Learning

Sports Report



Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival

On Monday, 2 November, 45 students from Year 3-6 participated in the annual Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival at Athletics SA Stadium. Students had been training for a number of weeks leading into the carnival with before school trainings. We were competing in the second top section across all Catholic Schools in SA, with the opposing schools providing very tough competition on the day.

All members of the team put forward their best efforts, with both our boys and girls finishing a gallant 8th overall. One of the highlights of the day, was a strong and courageous win in the Open Girls 1500m race by Sienna C (Year 5). Sienna led from the front for the entire race, maintaining a strong pace throughout. She went on to also win the 400m and came second in 800m. A massive achievement considering the long distances you had to cover, Sienna!

Well done to the following athletes who placed in their event: Jessica S (2nd, 4th), Rebecca S (2nd), Savannah D (2nd), Max L (2nd), Mia K (2nd, 4th), Angela M (4th, 4th), Ada L (3rd, 4th), Alessandro C (2nd, 4th), Brodie S (3rd), Jackson M (4th).

Congratulations to all of the members of the 2020 Athletics Team, who 'gave it their all' on the day: Jessica S, Ella B, Ivy H, Luella R, Jemima M, Luca L, James M, David M, Ethan T, Nicholas P, Mia K, Savannah D, Natalia S, Gracie N, Holly K, Max L, Aiden B, Sidney D, Roman R, Joshua R, Sienna C, Angela M, Rebecca S, Ada L, Naomi T, Alessandro C, Zane G, Archie N, Xavier R, Johnny M, Lucas S, Chloe B, Angel M, Edwina R, Millie R, Alice K, Hannah E, Pallas H, Yafa El K, Jackson M, Brodie S, Cormac R, Mitchell B, Liam B and William W.

Many thanks to the following parents who volunteered as officials for the day: Emma Read, Luke Read, Kylie Neal, Joanne Ryan, Adriana Calvanese, Connie Kost, Julie Rechichi, Sally McIntosh, Phil Buttfield and Niklas Ljungberg.

Finally, many thanks also to my colleagues, Anthony Sicari and David Monti, for assisting with supervision of the team on the day. A great team effort!

Sports Day

Sports Day is fast approaching on Thursday 19 November. Later this week a note will be sent home with your child with all of the details you will need regarding this whole school event. Please take the time to read it, so you will be familiar with all the requirements needed for a successful day. Parents / caregivers will be most welcome to attend.

Water Safety Program

In Week 7, all students from Reception to Year 5 will participate in the annual Water Safety Program at Unley Pool (outdoor). Later this week, you will receive a note with all the details of the program, including consent /medical forms that must be completed and returned to school by the end of Week 6.

Soccer Achievements – Alessandro and Sienna

Year 5 twins, Alessandro and Sienna, have been doing extremely well in their chosen sport of soccer recently. Alessandro has juggled three SAP (Football SA) Trials as well as two Club trials to make the West Adelaide JPL U12 Squad and he was selected for both! Sienna is in her second year of state selections and she too was selected for the U12 Boys West Adelaide JPL team. Congratulations, Alessandro and Sienna!

Athletics Carnival 2020



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Canteen



Term 4 Canteen Menu

Our Summer Menu for this term is available [here](#).

Sports Day Help Needed

If anyone is available to assist the Canteen on Sports Day, Thursday 19 November, it would be greatly appreciated. We will be having a sausage sizzle, together with lots of delicious snacks throughout the day.

Emma Alexander

Canteen Manager

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Finance Office

Payment of fees

Payment of fees is required to be finalised by the end of November.

Thank you for your immediate attention to any outstanding accounts.

Please note that outstanding accounts after this date will be actioned in accordance with the schools fee policy and may be forwarded to our debt collection agency unless a prior agreement has been made with the school for alternate payment arrangements.

Jodi Jansons

Finance Officer

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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 would appreciate if all items can be brought to the school by Thursday 12 November.

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Borrowing Books



The final week for students to borrow books from the Resource Room and Loft is Week 6 of this term. All books must be returned by the end of Week 7 - Friday 28 November.

Parish Bulletin

Please view the latest Parish Bulletin [here](#).

Well done!



Year 5 siblings, Alessandro and Sienna, have been doing extremely well in their chosen sport. To find out more, please go to Jeanette Archer's Sports Report.