



# Newsletter 18 2020

## Important Dates

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**POSTPONED**  
**Sports Day 2020**  
Thursday 19 November

**CANCELLED Little**  
**Raphs Program Visit**  
**2**  
Friday 20 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

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## From the Principal



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

As you are aware today students were sent home with their learning materials for the next week following the Premier's announcement today regarding a state wide lockdown in South Australia for the next 6 days.

For the next two days, Thursday 19 and Friday 20 November 2020 – the school will be closed except for care of the children of essential workers. These are school closure days and, as such, no online learning will be provided. This will be a good opportunity for students to have a little break.

We will have a small number of staff on site to provide supervised care to any family who requires this essential service. If your child will be present on either of these days please bring them to the front office so that we can register their attendance.

The school will remain closed in the week commencing 23 November except for the care of children of essential workers. Additional closure notification and information will be communicated to families as it is received. Information about our approach to online learning next week will be communicated to you tomorrow, Thursday 19 November.

These are unprecedented times and we will continue to keep you updated.

On a happier note, on Friday 13 November we welcomed our newest members and their families to the St Raphael's School community. We wish these families well as they begin their educational journey with us.

Thank you to all families who have generously donated team-coloured items for the raffle prizes. We were overwhelmed with donations and as a result, there are several prizes to be won. Tickets were sent home yesterday and we hope to draw the raffle at our last school Assembly on Friday 27 November.

There have been many adjustments, postponements and cancellations this year, but one thing that has been constant is our care for our students and their families.

In the next school newsletter, I will announce the 2021 Class teachers and staffing for St Raphael's School. As I have communicated previously, we will be having single stream Reception to Year 6 classes. Students will have the opportunity for a transition visit with their 2021 teachers later this term. Teachers are currently writing Semester 2 Reports and these will be sent home with students on Monday 7 December. Parents/Caregivers will also have an opportunity to discuss their child/ren's Report with teachers during the final week of term.

In the meanwhile, stay safe and I look forward to your return soon.

With every best wish,

**Mia Harms**

*Principal*



**Vinnies**  
good works

Dear Families,

Father Christmas has arrived in town and we begin the challenge of trying to celebrate the sacred when we are surrounded by the secular! While families are beginning to think about gift giving and menu items and restrictions on gatherings, parishes are planning for Christmas Masses in a COVID world.

*How many people can we fit?*

*Are we allowed to sing?*

*How do we (that includes us as a Catholic school) present as a welcoming hope filled community?*

One way that we can demonstrate that we are a faith filled community is by supporting others. We know that many charities have received a decline in donations this year and an increase in need. The Brother Michael Hamper Appeal that we support through our parish is not making hampers but this year, but they are collecting money instead. We have decided to donate the proceeds from our Sports Day raffle to this appeal and the Student Voice are also having a casual day on Wednesday 2 December for this appeal.

We will also have a Giving Tree set up in the office to support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Vinnies receive a lot of soft toys for donations and they have requested items for teenagers e.g. gift vouchers would be greatly appreciated. These can be left at the front office any time until the end of term.

#### **Celebrations**

It has been a great joy that several students from St Raphael's School have been able to celebrate their First Communion over the last few weeks. We congratulate Hugo N, Ebony N, Johnny M, Gracie N, Archie N, Jackson M and James M (who will be celebrating this weekend). As full members of the Catholic Church they will now be able to participate in celebrating Mass in a special way.

Blessings to you all,

**Sue Coghlan**

*APRIM (Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission)*



## Parish News



Please find the links below to book for Mass attendance through Eventbrite. This is for Masses from now until end of January 2021.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/parish-mass-at-st-pauls-tickets-126005968243> - St Paul's

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/parish-mass-at-st-raphaels-tickets-126010752553> - St Raphael's

17.11.20

## Performing Arts News



Students started the term with the filming of the Unity Concert. They did a fantastic job of remembering their parts after the two week

holiday break and I hope you have all had a chance to view the performance.

For the remainder of the term R/1 students have been discovering soundscapes and are creating their own version of the well known "bear Hunt" using instruments of their choice.

Year 1/2 students have been learning ostinato patterns on the boom whacker and xylophone and Year 3 and 4 students have been learning about music from Africa. They have learnt some traditional patterns on the Djembe drums and sung songs in the Zulu language.

Year 5 and 6 students have been learning drills on the Taiko drum and are working towards creating their own compositions.

The Catholic Schools Music Festival is now live on the website and will be available for another three weeks only. The performance is of a high standard and was a great opportunity for the choir to work with a professional film crew. Choir families, please check your email for login details.

**Amanda Rugari**

*Performing Arts Coordinator*

18.11.20

## Sports Report



### **Sports Day – Postponed to Thursday 26 November**

Sports Day has been postponed and our new date is scheduled to be Thursday 26 November. As you all know, due to the school closure beginning tomorrow, this may be postponed again. Details regarding a new date will be circulated if necessary.

So, for next Thursday 26 November, your child will come to school dressed in their team colour t-shirt with their school sports shorts, white socks and sneakers, along with their school hat. Students can also decorate their hair and faces with their team colour – all to be done at home, not at school.

The modified Sport Day program will run from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Emma Alexander will be organising the Sausage Sizzle for students who have already placed their order, as previously planned. Please note there will be no other lunch options available to students from the canteen on this day. The canteen can be accessed by students at recess time as per usual.

Please be aware that Sports Day will be a normal school day and students will return to their classes at the conclusion of the event for the remainder of the day. School dismissal time will be at 3:10pm, as usual.

### **Water Safety Program in Week 7 – Cancelled**

Due to the current COVID outbreak in SA, the directive to schools is that all school aquatic programs due to take place in public swimming centres must be cancelled until further review. This unfortunately impacts on the Water Safety Program planned for students in Reception to Year 5, which was scheduled for next week, now not taking place.

### **Cricket Medallions Presentation**

The members of the Year 2/3 Master Blaster Cricket team will be presented with their participation medallions for representing our school in Terms 1 and 4. This will take place at our upcoming Year 5 Assembly on Friday 27 November from 9:00 – 9:30am, which parents are welcome to attend.

**Jeanette Archer**

*P.E. and Sport Coordinator*

11.11.20

## Casual Clothes Day



The Student Voice have noticed that, the weather's getting warmer. To help you 'keep your cool,' they will be selling Ice Cream Spiders at lunch on Wednesday 2 December for only \$1.50. (Only 1 Spider per student.) The Student Voice have deliberately made the spiders in particular colours – guess what the colours represent & receive free sprinkles on your Spider. For a gold coin [See the source image] , students will also be able to wear casual clothes on the day. All money raised will be donated to The Brother Michael Christmas Appeal, which has been part of our parish for a number of years.

The Brother Michael Appeal, is a registered charity which supports Adelaide's needy leading up to Christmas. The charity was established by the late Passionist, Br. Michael Kirgan. As well as supporting Adelaide's needy, The Br. Michael Appeal financially assists various charitable organisations overseas.

## Canteen News



### **Sports Day**

Thank you to everyone who offered to assist me in the Canteen on Sports Day. We had an unprecedented number of volunteers and it was greatly appreciated. Hopefully in 2021 we can have everyone involved again.

### **Menu Updates**

You may notice some items are dropping off the Qkr! Menu, as we are heading towards the end of the year some items will not be replenished, if you are ordering outside of Qkr! It is worth just checking at the canteen to see availability of items.

**Emma Alexander**

*Canteen Manager*





# St Raphael's School

## P A R K S I D E

### School Fees 2021

Families are reminded that School Fee Information 2021 is available now from our website.

Fee statements and Payment Schedules, including direct debit form, will be sent to families by the end of Week 2, Term 1 2021.

### Book Packs 2021

Student Book Packs and back to school information will be given to all students on the first day back to school on Wednesday 27 January 2021.

There will not be a 'Book Day' prior to school commencing as we have done in the past.

If you have any queries regarding our new fee structure, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Jodi Jansons

*Finance Officer*

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## Sports Day Raffle



Yesterday all families would have received a book of 10 Sports Day Raffle tickets. Tickets sell for \$1 each. There are some great prizes to be won and we thank you for your generosity in supporting our school.

## Swimming Week 2020

**CANCELLED**

Swimming Week 2020 has been cancelled due to the recent COVID-19 developments in South Australia.

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## Parish Bulletin



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

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## Vacation Care



# VACATION CARE

Do you require vacation care for your children during the Christmas Holidays?

[Click here to find out more.](#)

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## The Southern Cross



The latest edition of The Southern Cross

is available [here](#).

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## Postponement: Cabra Dominican College Orientation Day and New Parent Information Evening

Cabra's Year 7 Orientation Day, New Parent Information Evening and Year 8-12 Orientation Morning scheduled for this coming Thursday 19 and Friday 20 November has been postponed.

If you have any queries, please contact the College Registrar, Mrs Lee-Anne Fosdike, on 8179 2429 or via email: [lfosdike@cabra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lfosdike@cabra.catholic.edu.au)

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