



St Kevin's School Newsletter
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Our theme for this year is
ACT! EMPOWER! FLOURISH!



The lucky winners of our drawing competition, that has been running for the last two weeks are:

Junior D - Mackenzie, Milana, Tiago, Jonathan, Dante

Junior TG - Lennix, Tristan, Austin, Mya, Aria T

Middle C - Mira, Poppy, Diaz, Abigail, Hayley, Bridget, Trinity, Sophia

4/5M - Leilani, Noah, Presley, Tigger, Maeve, Samuel G

Senior C - Georgia, Sienna, Hamish

Well done everyone - your \$10 iTunes voucher is coming your way soon.

Here is a link to the drawing competition slideshow:

[DRAWING COMPETITION SLIDESHOW](#)

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that Term 3 is just about over and we have survived remote learning for the whole term. It is good to know that our preps, ones and twos will be back at school on **12th October** and we hope our year 3 - 6 children will follow soon after. We are still waiting to hear the details and be given our guidelines from Catholic Education Melbourne and the Victorian Government regarding the return to school, but once we have them I will inform the community as soon as possible. Please keep an eye on your emails and our school app during the holidays.

We do know the first week of Term 4 is home learning for all children. We have asked that families with children in years 3, 4, 5, and 6 return any workbooks and worksheets that they may have at home on Thursday and Friday this week. Please put your child's work in the tub outside the office labelled with your child's class. Please take a new exercise book if you need one from the table outside the office. If any

If any families have concerns or queries about their child's education moving forward into 2021, please don't hesitate to make a time to talk to me. I am well aware that our politicians have said that there will be no need for children to repeat the year, except for under exceptional circumstances. There is plenty of research around the ineffectiveness of children repeating a year, when the experience is similar both years - (i.e. having the same learning experiences again). In our current circumstance there is some argument that the children have not had the normal school year experience so would not be simply repeating what they got in 2020 in 2021.

It is also very clear across all schools that home learning experiences have varied enormously from family to family. Many children had family members who were able to support them and work with them through their home learning and others whose parents were trying to work from home and had less time to work with their children. Some children thrived during home learning and others struggled enormously. This has created a very uneven playing field. I am sure there are many families wondering about their child's learning, so I am happy to chat to you about what you think is best for your child moving forward into 2021. We will certainly continue to work hard to cover as much of the 2020 curriculum as we possibly can, at each child's point of need and will have assessment results and a better picture of where the children are at once they return to school. Feel free to make a time to talk to me if you feel the need. The decision about your child's 2021 education will be entirely yours.

Please check out some of the videos, photos and stories that our families have shared with us during their Home Learning over the last couple of weeks:

Ethan (5/6c), is back home recovering after His recent surgery.
We all wish Ethan a very speedy recovery.



*A lovely little radio play story Keizen (and co) have created and I thought was a standout creation. Enjoy this audio performance.
Miss Swinburne*

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZPanjDABAKX7s_f50xzkFygncC-pNbe0/view?usp=sharing

PFA:

If you are interested in being a member of the PFA in 2021 please send an email to Fiona Marini or myself as soon as possible. We have a number of our PFA members who are in their last year at the school next year and they would be very happy to train up new members to our group before they exit.

SCHOOL LEVY REFUNDS:

Please see the following message that was outlined in a letter sent to all families dated 3rd September 2020.



"Please be assured any levies that you have paid, for events that do not go ahead, will be refunded at the end of the year to those who have paid in full. We have not refunded these amounts yet in case we can go ahead with some of the programs in term 4 and then it would be very messy to have to reissue invoices. So please note refunds will be issued towards the end of the year if you have paid for events that have not occurred.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, please feel free to contact me on 9273 9999 to discuss the supports available to you."

2021 ENROLMENTS:

If you are aware of anyone who has a child starting prep next year, please encourage them to contact us for an enrolment pack. If you have a child starting school next year - feel free to access the enrolment form on our website or send me an email and I can send it to you.

SACRAMENTS 2020:

At this stage we have no news about our Sacraments for 2020 other than it is not possible to undertake them, and we have no idea at this stage when we will be able to do so. As soon as we have any clarity about when we will be able to celebrate our Sacraments we will inform you.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - NEW DATE - TBC:

We have been given a date in October for our school photos. However we are not sure if this will go ahead at this stage. We do hope we will be able to keep our date. If so, photos will be taken on Thursday 29th October. We will let you know as soon as possible if we are going ahead with our photos on this date.



TERM 3 DATES:

18th September Term 3 ends at 1.30 p.m. for staff

TERM 4 DATES:

5th October -Home Learning commences for all year levels

12th October - Year Prep, Ones and Twos commence school for Term 4

Years 3 - 6 continue with Home Learning.

All dates on our school calendar on our website and on our school app have been postponed, cancelled or are on hold at the moment.

Please make sure you have downloaded our school app, as we will use it to send important notifications and information regarding the current situation and new dates once we are advised about regulations.

Kindest regards

RE NEWS

BY SONIA COSTA

Hello Families, I hope that this newsletter finds you all well and looking forward to the school holidays.



Currently I have no news regarding when we will be able to celebrate any of the Sacraments. The sacramental team will meet early next term, and in line with all the guidelines, we will endeavour to prepare a timeline and dates outlining when the possibility of celebrating these Sacraments may occur. I will keep you informed as soon as decisions are made.

<https://www.stkevinsparish.org.au/childrens-gospel-reflections/>



Father Gerry has asked that I remind you of the parish website which has fabulous articles, children's activities and a Weekly Nourishment link. Click on the above link and it should take you to the Family Page.

Each week in the **Family Page and Fun Worksheets** section of the website there are links to that weekend's **Gospel** activities. There are two gospel links: one for the juniors and one for the seniors. These activities can be downloaded and printed or just viewed. These worksheets will help the children understand the gospel message for that particular reading.



Windows is an uplifting story of how humanity has pulled together during the Coronavirus pandemic. Written from Patrick's own experience of having to leave the family home due to his son's Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, **Windows** shows how five kids from different parts of the world connect and draw strength from their communities from behind the safety of their own windows. Heartwarming, hopeful and surprisingly funny, **Windows** will resonate with families all over the world and become a

valuable time capsule of what life was like in 2020.

Windows *Click on the link and you can listen to this beautiful story.*



Wishing everyone a very happy, safe and restful holiday. Enjoy the spring weather. Looking forward to seeing everyone back at

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Home Liked Following Share Send Email

Our school app is up and running on apple devices. If you already had the app you will need to make sure that it has been updated to the latest version. If you don't already have it you can download it here:

St Kevin's Apple App - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/st-kevins-lower-templestowe/id875118272?ls=1>

The app will still continue to work on Android devices.

Keeping Connected

St Kevin's Church Newsletter

<https://www.stkevinsparish.org.au/weekly-newsletter/>

Keep well and safe everyone.

God bless

Fr Gerry



WELLBEING FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND BEYOND

Please see this wonderful website that Ms. Swinburne has shared with us to help with our wellbeing during the holidays and into term 4. It has some wonderful calming resources that can be used for all ages. It is really great.

<https://sites.google.com/cnugd.k12.ca.us/cnugdvirtualcalmingroom/home>



WHITEFRIARS
CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR BOYS



Meet the Principal

Register now for our virtual
Question and Answer session with
Principal Mark Murphy at bit.ly/WFCTour

Applications for Year 7 2022 close October 2020.
To apply, please visit bit.ly/WFCApplication

info@whitefriars.vic.edu.au | 9872 8200

Message from Our Lady of Sion

Critical Orientation dates for the grade 6 students who are commencing at Our Lady of Sion in 2021.

Year 7 2021 Parent and Student Information Evening – Thursday 12 November, commencing 7:00pm

Year 7 2021 Sion One Day – for those students who are the only one from their Primary School commencing at Sion in 2021 – Thursday 19 November, 9:00am to 11:00am

Year 7 2021 Orientation day – Friday 20 November 9:00am to 3:00pm

Our commencement date for our 2021 families is yet to be finalized.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ONLINE WEEKEND

If you are spending time together, but feel the distance between you ...

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND A WEEKEND IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNICATION IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME

This VIRTUAL Weekend gives couples the chance to sleep in their own beds and check-in on kids or animals during meal times.

Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing!

The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Couples from regional areas may find this option ideal.

Next weekend is on 9-11th October 2020.

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au



MARCELLIN COLLEGE

Marcellin College is a leading Catholic Secondary School for boys established by the Marist Brothers in 1950.

OPEN FOR ENROLMENT

YEAR 7 2022 APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Friday 09 October 2020

Offers notified 27 November 2020

See website for more details



PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
27/08/2020 | Register Here:
<https://bit.ly/2PGjbPQ>



Enrolment enquiries T + 61 3 9851 1512 W marcellin.vic.edu.au

Kids' Sadness About COVID-19

May Look Like:

Anger

"This stupid remote doesn't work!"

Resisting the "new order"

"I'm not doing four math problems! I'm only doing one!"

Tiredness

"I don't want to go for a walk. I'm too tired!"

Numbing Out

("Just 30 more minutes on the iPad!")

Displaced frustration

"I didn't want lasagna for dinner. I wanted tacos!"

Boredom

"I'm bored" = code for "I'm sad"

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WE OFFER DELIVERY

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Bakers Delight Macedon Plaza is now offering deliveries every day to our local area (see map below or online).

Orders can be made online or over the phone.

A special discount of 10% is also being offered to parents/friends/teachers of St Kevins Primary School!

Enter the Coupon code: **STK10%** and select **St Kevins PS** as your school to get your discount online or mention the code and school for over the phone orders.

For all the details and to place your order visit: <https://bit.ly/bdmp-deliveries> or call 9850 4822.

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Year 7 2022
Applications close
Friday 9th October 2020

Upcoming Virtual Tours
27 August 4:30pm
2 September 4:30pm
9 September 4:30pm
14 September 4:30pm
8 October 9am

Book your place online
www.clc.vic.edu.au

