



# Important Dates

## RAA Road Safety Incursion

Friday 3 September 2021

## First Eucharist

Saturday 4 September 2021

# Assembly Class 4/5RM

Thursday 16 September 2021

## Scholastic Book Fair

Monday 6 September 2021

# Sports Day

Thursday 23 September 2021

# Assembly Class 2FC

Thursday 9 September 2021

# End of Term Three (1pm from the Oval)

Thursday 23 September 2021

# Pupil Free Day (Staff PD)

Friday 24 September 2021

31.08.21

# From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Recently, I attended a Leader's Retreat over a 3-day period. The essence of this reflective time was about ecological spirituality. We were able to focus on one particular Saint and her visionary approach way back in the 12th century. St Hildegard of Bingen was an activist, writer, poet, composer

and philosopher and someone who influenced thousands throughout her life, she was even considered by many as the founder of scientific natural history. She developed four rules to live by which are still relevant today:- 1. See possibilities – live with hope and bring love to the world. 2. Be generative – do a good deed, be productive in life. 3. Be interconnected – make decisions that brings togetherness and look for the common good.

4. Be fruitful – come alive and be filled with the holy spirit. I found the retreat very inspiring and a time of great personal reflection, a time for being thankful and an opportunity for spiritual growth. In these challenging times it certainly made me feel blessed to be able to serve this wonderful school community and be witness to the educational and spiritual growth of all our students as they experience the love of God through our wonderful staff, their friends and most importantly through their families.

#### Confirmation

Many of our Year 4 and 5 students recently celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation with family and friends in our Church. This sacrament of initiation, like Baptism, provides the students with the opportunity to confirm their baptismal promises and bring them deeper into communion with the church. It was special to witness this ceremony last week and I would like to congratulate all our candidates, thank their sponsors and families as well as thanking Fr Roy and Ms McCard and all the leaders who assisted in the preparation of this sacrament. The students will now complete the final initiation sacrament of First Eucharist over the next few weeks.

#### **Uniforms and Hats**

Already we can feel the weather beginning to change. As the days are getting longer and we see the warmer spring days appearing, we start to spend a greater amount of time outdoors.

It is a timely reminder to our school community about the wearing of the school hat. Our school uses the UV rating for the day to determine whether students need to wear a hat during Term 3. The UV is available to families on our website and provides the current UV as well as the maximum for the day. Students will need to keep their washed hat in their bag as we work through Term 3, until hats are compulsory in Term 4.

Students can start wearing their formal summer uniform from the last two weeks of Term 3 as we change seasons. The last two weeks of Term 3 and first two weeks of Term 4 is a period where students can transition from winter uniform to summer. Thank you for your support.

#### **Book Week**

Each year we look forward to celebrating book week. This year the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> year of book awards. This is certainly a remarkable achievement as they have been a big part of school life and an important way to promote books and reading for all children.

It goes without saying how popular the parade is for everyone, it is a real highlight of the week. Thank you to all families for your support as we understand how difficult it was again for parents as they were not able to be with us on site. We hope the many photos and videos made available assisted you in being part of the celebration, even though it was through a screen. Thank you to all involved and who assisted in making Book Week a wonderful celebration of many stories and books that we experience in our lives.

Watch out for our up-and-coming 'Book Fair' which will be happening very soon. More details made available on Skoolbag and Seesaw.

#### **Sports Day**

We are preparing for our Sports Day on **Thursday 23 September 2021**. Please be aware that this is the last day of Term 3 and the students will be finishing early around 1pm and will be dismissed from Daly Oval for the start of the holidays. Students who require OSHC on this day, will make their way back to school and be supervised by staff until OSHC starts at 3pm. A program of events is being organised with details around all COVID measures and will be sent out to families in the next few weeks, so everyone will be aware of any restrictions.

#### Toys and Equipment from Home

At times throughout a school year, some students occasionally want to bring to school a special toy or piece of sporting equipment to play with or share. We encourage all students to keep their special item at home, as issues can arise if the toy or item goes missing, or gets broken. If it is something for learning or a special occasion that you wish to share during class time, please contact your child's teacher to discuss.

#### **Building Update**

Each week we get closer to starting the two new building projects for our school. In the next few weeks, we hope to finalise our builder and establish a starting date for stage one. The bottom yard Sports Court plan is with council and we hope to have final approval soon.

You would by now have seen the banner on the front fence announcing to the wider community our plans for the top yard as well as the

bottom yard. We have had many positive comments and we are beginning to make preparations for moving OSHC, the Year 6 class and Italian lessons for our school to manage the change in the top yard.

During this time of construction, we understand this will impact greatly for some families if they have been using the top yard to park and do any drop offs and pick-ups. We hope to provide details around this soon so that all families are aware of how these changes will operate. Our goal is to make this all run smoothly for our families, so everyone can arrive and depart from school in an orderly and very safe manner. Thank you in anticipation.

Kind regards

Adrian Grbin

Principal

26.08.21

#### From the APRIM

#### Two Marys

Over the last two weeks we have remembered and celebrated two inspirational women in the Christian Tradition. The Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross was celebrated on the 8<sup>th</sup> August and our school community gathered for a liturgy. We recalled the strength and courage of Australia's First Saint and how our school values are founded in the life of Mary MacKillop and the Josephite charism. We also celebrated Mary, the mother of Jesus on the 15<sup>th</sup> August with the Feast of the Assumption. As the mother of Jesus, Mary offers people a model of discipleship based on faith, love and service. We are fortunate to have these two Marys for inspiration.

For more about the Confirmation & First Eucharist Celebrations and Stillness, Prayer and Wellbing Meditation .....

#### **Confirmation and First Eucharist Celebrations**

Over the last few months 30 of our children and their families have been preparing for two important moments in their sacramental life – Confirmation and First Eucharist. Last week we celebrated *Confirmation* with their families. Over the next two weeks they will receive Eucharist for the first time in a *First Eucharist* Mass. We pray for all the children and their families at this very special time.

#### Stillness, Prayer and Wellbeing

There is a strong link between wellbeing and stillness. Stillness or mindfulness is practised in many religions. One of the gifts of the Catholic Tradition is *Christian Meditation*. Several of our classes have been practising the art of Christian Meditation and they are naming a sense of peace that comes with being still and in the presence of God. If you would like to know more about Christian Meditation and how simply you can find time for this practice in your life you may find this website useful. - https://wccmaustralia.org.au/

#### Annette McCard

#### Re-enrolment for 2022

A friendly reminder to please return the reply slip as soon as possible to confirm your intention to re-enrol your child for the 2022 school year. This information is of great help as we begin the process of planning for 2022 including class structures and staffing.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Thank you for your assistance.



Come along to support and celebrate South Australia's talented youth on one of four evenings presented by the Catholic Schools

#### Music Festival.

Featured soloists, big bands, a cappella vocal groups and more exhibit an astonishing calibre of musicianship and you will be in awe of the 400-voice choir!

In September 2021, the annual Catholic Schools Music Festival will showcase 2000 extraordinary students from the ages of 10-18 years on the stage of the Theatre in the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

For information on which schools are performing on which nights, please visit <a href="http://musicfestival.cesa.catholic.edu.au">http://musicfestival.cesa.catholic.edu.au</a> Our School is performing on **Monday 20 September 2021.** 

Adelaide Entertainment Centre, Theatre Port Road Hindmarsh - 7.30pm - 9.15pm

A Reserve: \$39.00 I B Reserve: \$33.00 I School card: Any seats \$33.00 (Service & Handling Fees and Delivery Fees apply / No exchanges or refunds on purchased tickets)

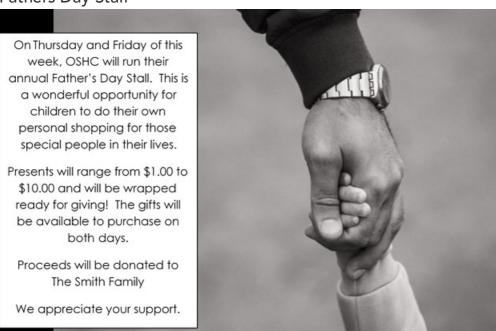
Pre-release tickets available to the Catholic school community from August 24 Tickets on sale to the general public from midday, September 2 Tickets available through TICKETEK

Due to the COVID-19 environment, ticket sales will be capped at 75% of the seating capacity. The wearing of masks will be communicated closer to the time based on SA Health advice in place at the time. Should any performances be cancelled due to COVID-19, all ticket purchases will be fully refunded.

You may not know these students personally, but if you wish to be thoroughly awe-inspired & uplifted, then an evening out with Adelaide's future entertainers is one you won't want to miss!

For further information please contact Music Festival Production Coordinator Samantha. Taylor@cesa.catholic.edu.au

#### Fathers Day Stall





# TENNIS OPEN DAY

**SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2021** 

**42 JENKINS AVE, ROSTREVOR** 

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